

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm</p>	<p>13/12/2023</p>
<p>Present: William Burns Gaynor Corry; Kirsty Lowe; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Nicola Green; Linda Gray; Caroline Wallace; Sam Finney and Marlene Finney (Local Residents); Councillor John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council); PC Jamie Birch (Police Scotland) and Chris Don (Renfrewshire Wardens Service) [both until end of Item 3 only]</p> <p>Apologies: Thomas Higgins; Luke Humberstone; Moira Treanor Julia Watt; Councillors Graeme Clark and Neill Graham (Renfrewshire Council); Kevin Dalrymple (Development Plans & Housing Strategy Team Leader - Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	
<p>1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Comments</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of 2023.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to illness, the scheduled speaker, Kevin Dalrymple from Renfrewshire Council is unable to come along this evening. However, this will be addressed again later in the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair invited the Police representative, PC Jamie Birch, to address the meeting.</p> <p>PC Birch briefly introduced himself, explaining that he does not cover the local area but had been assigned to come along as his colleagues attached to the local Community Policing Team were on dayshift.</p> <p>The officer then went on to provide an overview of the local crime statistics since the last meeting on 8th November, summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Assault 1 Breach of the Peace 2 Thefts 5 Instances of Shoplifting 1 Instance of damage to a vehicle & driving off 3 Breaches of Bail Conditions 2 Instances of Vandalism <p>In general, while there tends to be a lot of suspicious activity in the run-up to the festive period, so far it does not seem quite as prevalent this year.</p> <p>A discussion took place during which the officer was asked if the vandalism figure reflected the damage at the Peace Garden in Barshaw Park some weeks ago and if any progress had been made with the investigation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm</p>	<p>13/12/2023</p>
<p>PC Birch advised that he did not know but he would pass this to the appropriate colleague to update Friends of Barshaw Park.</p> <p>At the same time, the officer explained that while the Police have been deploying quad bikes, which can be particularly useful in patrolling open expanses such as parks, those cannot be used in the dark.</p> <p>Following the discussion, the Chair thanked PC Birch for his informative input. The officer agreed to stay on for the next item as there may be issues in relation to which the Police and Community Warden have a common interest.</p>	
<p>3. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</p> <p>The Chair invited the representative from the Wardens Service to address members.</p> <p>Chris Don delivered a brief overview of the Wardens' activities over the preceding month.</p> <p>Over that period there had been 57 patrols around the area. Reports had included 6 in relation to dog fouling; 2 other incidents involving dogs and 1 instance of antisocial behaviour by youths.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, the Chair thanked Mr Don for updating members following his attendance at the previous meeting.</p> <p><i>[PC Birch and Chris Don left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>4. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th November 2023</p> <p>It was noted that Diane Watt's name had been inadvertently included in the sederunt while she was also correctly recorded as having submitted apologies prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Subject to amendment of that part, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Jean Ramsay and having been duly seconded by Gaynor Corry, those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved subject to incorporation of amendment</p>
<p>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 8th November 2023</p> <p><i>Where appropriate, in relation to this and the subsequent item, members were referred to copy documents that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Co-option of Catherine Scally/ Community Council Membership</i></p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, Catherine Scally has been co-opted as a member of the Community Council</p> <p>The relevant form was submitted to Renfrewshire Council following that meeting and while that has been received, it has yet to be processed and</p>	

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm	13/12/2023
<p>approved. However, that should merely be a formality so Catherine was welcomed back as a member of the Community Council</p> <p>Meanwhile, the Chair has been informed that Linda Murning, who was elected in September, intends to stand down as her husband, The Rev John Murning of Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, is retiring from the ministry in February. As they will not be living within the Community Council area, she feels that it is wrong to start something which she cannot see through.</p> <p>Linda has apologised and wishes the Community Council well in its endeavours.</p> <p>Members hope that John is looking forward to his forthcoming retirement and that they both go on to enjoy their new home.</p> <p>While on the subject of membership, the Secretary reminded members that there are several members who are currently unable to attend meetings due to ill-health and work commitments. The Secretary expressed the hope that they will be able to come along to meetings at some point in the not-too-distant future and wished the individuals concerned all the best in the meantime.</p> <p><i>Lorraine Hannah</i> <i>Partnership Executive - Wise Group</i> <i>New Scottish Government Funded Service for Renfrewshire</i></p> <p>As she was unable to come along last month due to ill-health, Lorraine has agreed to come along to the January meeting.</p> <p><i>Applications For Short-Term Letting Licences Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982</i></p> <p>Following the objections lodged in respect of the various applications, a hearing is currently in the course of being arranged in relation to the first application for the proposed short-term let facility at 27 Glasgow Road.</p> <p>A date has yet to be set for this hearing before members of the Regulatory Functions Board and their initial contact was to give prior notice and to establish the parties' preferred method of participation, i.e virtual, in person or perhaps hybrid.</p> <p>Three members have indicated that they may be able to appear to speak to the Community Council's objection though this is clearly subject to the timing and their availability at the time the hearing is due to take place.</p> <p>However, it has been pointed out to the Licensing Section that it is rather unfair to expect volunteers with other commitments, including work, to commit to attending a daytime meeting at some unspecified date in the future. Moreover, there will be more of these hearings coming up and the Community Council is unable to ensure that a representative will be available to attend each and every one to speak to the objections lodged.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Continued pending notification of the date of the hearing by the Regulatory Function Board</p>

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm

13/12/2023

The Secretary explained that he had approached the Licensing Section to ask if a written submission might be allowed at these hearings. They have since advised that all objections that have been received timeously will be in the Information Pack that the Board members receive for the meeting for consideration whether interested parties are in attendance or not. The Regulatory Functions Board will consider these when hearing the application.

Once the application has been assigned to the meeting, a formal letter inviting will be issued with an invitation to attend the meeting. The formal letter is sent out at least 16 days before the meeting by first class mail, Recorded Delivery and emailed where they have an email address. It will be open to us to send a representative to the meeting, in whatever format is decided to hold it, if we are available to attend on the date set for the hearing. Parties intending to send a representative are expected to provide their name and contact details prior to the meeting.

It was pointed out that there is really not much more the Community Council can say in addition to the detailed objection that members had agreed to use as a standard response at the last meeting.

Cllr McNaughtan, who is Convener of the Council's Regulatory Functions Board took an opportunity to outline to members the procedures surrounding these hearings. Potentially, depending on the running order, representatives can wait some considerable time before they are called.

It was agreed to await notification of the date for the meeting before confirming if anyone will be in attendance.

Reprofiling of Speed Tables in Arkleston Road

Following commencement of the works mentioned at the last meeting, the Chair had highlighted to Cllr Clark concerns surrounding the manner in which the work was being carried out, the apparent lack of oversight by the local authority and the futility of reprofiling the tables when an alternative measure(s) were requested.

The Chair went on to provide an update following completion of the works.

When carrying those out, Finco have failed to ensure that surface water is able to drain away from the edges of the tables, so surface water is accumulating there.

It was agreed that in conjunction with the Chair, the Secretary should write to Gerry Hannah to highlight the following:-

- 1) That no alternative measures were considered and put back to the Community Council for its views on potential alternatives;
- 2) The failure by Finco to ensure adequate drainage at the reprofiled tables and the need for urgent rectification; and
- 3) The apparent lack of oversight of the contractor and the works

Secretary to follow up with Gerry Hannah in collaboration with the Chair.

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm</p>	<p>13/12/2023</p>
<p><i>Speeding Concerns re Seedhill Road</i></p> <p>As highlighted at the previous meeting, concern was raised regarding vehicles speeding on Seedhill Road, particularly the long, relatively straight stretch between Kilnside Road and Hawkhead Road.</p> <p>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure were subsequently asked if resources could perhaps be made available at the earliest opportunity to monitor driver behaviour at this location with a view possibly to putting calming measures in place.</p> <p>A response was received from Kenny Bonella at Renfrewshire Council subsequently replied in the following terms:</p> <p><i>“A week long speed survey was carried out on Seedhill Rd in February of 2022. This was scored as per the council Road Safety Policy, which takes into account a wide variety of other criteria in addition to speed. The scores achieved were sufficient to add it to the list of sites where traffic calming would be investigated as funding becomes available. Unfortunately, there are other sites above it on the priority list, and I am unable to say when it will be investigated further”</i></p> <p>A copy of this response has since been sent to the resident who highlighted this issue.</p> <p>A valid point has been raised that when the speed survey in question was conducted in early 2022, many people were still working from home so this might not reflect the current situation so may have to be updated.</p> <p>It was agreed to put this back to Gerry Hannah when writing to him regarding the reprofiled Speed Tables at Arkleston Road.</p>	<p>Secretary to follow up with Gerry Hannah.</p>
<p>5.Secretary’s Report</p> <p>The Secretary recapped on the various items of substantive correspondence that had been received since the previous meeting.</p> <p><i>Paisley East Local Partnership</i></p> <p>At the AGM, Andrew, in his capacity as Community Council Chair, had opted not to take up the automatic appointment as representative on the Paisley East Partnership so it was proposed that consideration of the appointment be continued to a future ordinary meeting of the Community Council.</p> <p>At that time, Christine McLellan had intimated that she may be interested in representing the Community Council at the Local Partnership Meetings.</p> <p>As she has since confirmed that she would be keen to take on this role and as no other members have expressed an interest, Christine’s appointment as the Community Council’s representative at Partnership Meetings was formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Agreed to confirm appointment of Christine McLellan as CC on Paisley East Local Partnership.</p>

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm	13/12/2023
<p><i>Proposed Road Improvements</i> <i>Paisley Town Centre – Gauze Street at Lawn Street and Incle Street/Mill Street</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the detailed plans for the circulated for discussion and to representations and observations that have been received from others in relation thereto.</p> <p>The consultation period ends at 4pm on 22nd December.</p> <p>A lively discussion then took place regarding the rationale for and implications of the proposed changes.</p> <p>Members expressed concern about the haphazard and hasty approach to consulting on these proposals. Some residents only appear to have received their letters recently and some people have had no word at all. While that this is not a statutory consultation, with prescribed timescales, it was felt that if this was a genuine attempt to gauge the views of those likely to be impacted by the proposals then, especially given the impending festive period, the timescale afforded to make representations should have been longer.</p> <p>It was therefore suggested that the consultation deadline should be extended to 31st January 2024 to allow residents to gather their thoughts and formulate their response?</p> <p>A question was raised about the Council's apparent failure to comply with consultation timescales set out in Planning legislation. However, it was pointed out that these proposals would not likely require planning permission, as such, but a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would probably be necessary to bring any proposals into effect.</p> <p>Turning to the specific proposals, a number of concerns were raised, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The potential impact on businesses situated at the corner of Glasgow Road and Mill Street, at the current slip road in terms of deliveries etc. Is it feasible to have a loading bay situated on a designated bus lane?• The proposals to remove the slip road restrict a left hand turn from Glasgow Road into Mill Street will likely tempt motorists to turn off at Kilnside Road, or perhaps down other roads further east along Glasgow Road, which will exacerbate congestion on Seedhill Road. It may also tempt motorists to use Christie Street/Millar Street and the Lagoon Car park as a 'rat-run' giving rise to concerns about pedestrian safety thereabouts.• The proposals to remove the slip road restrict a left hand turn from Glasgow Road into Mill Street will also significantly increase traffic flow and congestion on the now two-way branch of Cotton Street, which is less suited to heavy traffic than Mill Street.	<p>Representations to be submitted in response to the Consultation by the Secretary in collaboration with the Chair.</p>

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm

13/12/2023

- The volume of traffic, including HGVs, displaced from Mill Street to Cotton Street could have implications for the structure of the flats that have been built there since the demolition of the old Council North Building
- Improvements to pedestrian safety on the slip road at Ince Street could be implemented more effectively by installing a crossing there rather than removing the slip road completely.
- Adequacy of space on the pedestrian reservations on the middle of Ince Street and Mill Street
- Potential for damage to St. Mirin's statue on relocation.
- Possible impact on the conservation area.
- It is not clear to where the installation of the Bus/Taxi lane will displace vehicles that park on that stretch of Glasgow Road, often ignoring daytime restrictions.
- It is also unclear if the width of that stretch of Glasgow Road can safely accommodate a Bus/Taxi Lane and two adjacent lines of westbound traffic.

It was agreed that in collaboration with the Chair, the Secretary would submit representations to the consultation along these lines in advance of the closing date.

Boundaries Scotland

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries – Publication of Provisional Proposals for Constituencies

Following submission of representations in relation to the proposals, a public inquiry has been set up for 14th December to consider concerns surrounding changes to constituencies in the Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire council areas.

Members were referred to a copy of report submitted to Renfrewshire Council in June 2023 setting out how the proposals affect constituencies in the Renfrewshire council area (Paisley and Renfrew, Renfrewshire South and Renfrewshire West)

Noted

As none of the proposals materially affect the area covered by the Community Council, no representations have been made in relation to those.

Email from Kathryn Murray Renfrewshire Council Provost's Awards 2024

Members were referred to an e-mail received from Kathryn Murray advising that Provost Lorraine Cameron is searching for Renfrewshire's community heroes as nominations open for the 2024 Provost's Community Awards.

The Community Awards nomination period is always one of the highlights of the

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm	13/12/2023
<p>Provost's year because she gets to hear about all the fantastic achievements and work taking place in communities across Renfrewshire.</p> <p>These awards present an opportunity for local people to put forward those who go above and beyond and who often go unrecognised for their efforts.</p> <p>There are now five categories open for nominations and those are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Arts and Culture Award (sponsored by Renfrewshire Council)</i> - <i>Community Group (sponsored by City Gate Construction)</i> - <i>Community Volunteer (sponsored by Glasgow Airport Ltd)</i> - <i>Employee of the Year (sponsored by UNISON Renfrewshire)</i> - <i>Sport Award (sponsored by ACRE Industrial)</i> <p>Nominations can be submitted at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/provostawards2024</p> <p>The deadline for entries to all categories is Friday 5th January 2024</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Renfrewshire Community Council Forum</i></p> <p>Before her retirement, Anne had sent an email to remind members that the Forum had last held meetings on 5 June 2023 and copies of the minutes of these ordinary and special meetings had been sent for members' interest. Those had previously been circulated to members as part of the September bundle.</p> <p>At that time, it had been agreed to hold future meetings on 28 August and an AGM on 27 November 2023, when guest speakers from Renfrewshire Council would come along to discuss the Cost-of-Living Crisis and Community Asset Transfer respectively. Due to illness, the guest speaker on the Cost-of-Living Crisis was unable to attend and the meeting on 28 August was cancelled.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the AGM scheduled for 27 November has also been postponed. Further information will follow in due course.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><i>Email from Catherine Evans Public Engagement and Participation Manager Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry</i></p> <p>Email forwarded from the Renfrewshire Community Council mailbox sharing some information about the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry's listening project – <i>Let's Be Heard</i>, The Inquiry is seeking input and support and they had included an information sheet which provides more detail on how to get involved in <i>Let's Be Heard</i></p> <p><i>Let's Be Heard</i> invites everyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Scotland between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022 to share their experiences with the Inquiry. <i>Let's Be Heard</i> is the main way in which people can contribute to the Inquiry and aims to give a voice to as many people across Scotland as possible.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm</p>	<p>13/12/2023</p>
<p>The closing date for the national engagement phase of <i>Let's Be Heard</i> is 20th December 2023. The pandemic affected people in different ways, so it is important that they reach and hear from as many different people as possible.</p> <p>Let's Be Heard Sharing Scotland's COVID experience (covid19inquiry.scot)</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Festive Closing Times etc.</i></p> <p>Information on the availability of Renfrewshire Council services over the Christmas and New period, including how to access services online, how and when residents can call, and emergency contacts.</p> <p>This information is also available on the Council's website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/festivehours2023.</p> <p>Please pass this information on and direct them to the website in the first instance.</p> <p>For information on preparing for the winter period and for emergencies, visit www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/RenReady.</p> <p><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) December Newsletter</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the latest Newsletter, which can be found here</p> <p><i>Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park November Newsletter</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the latest Newsletter, which can be found here</p> <p><i>Accounts Commission November Newsletter</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the latest Newsletter, which can be found here</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer explained that as per her report at the last meeting, the balance at the bank on 29th September remains at £2962.68. This reflects receipt of the annual Administration Allowance from Renfrewshire Council amounting to £845 and payment of the agreed £300 donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Sherwood-Greenlaw Church</i></p> <p>Catherine Scally reported that while the Rev. Murning will be retiring in February and the congregations at Sherwood-Greenlaw and St. Marks will be</p>	

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm	13/12/2023
merging, the Church building at Greenlaw Avenue, where our meetings are held, will likely still be available for use for community events for the time being. However, at the present time, arrangements for the combined congregation and the future of the Church buildings has yet to be determined.	Noted pending further developments.
8. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 10 th January 2024 at 7.00pm	