

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

| MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 10th January 2024 at 7.00pm | 10/01/2024 |
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| <p>Present: William Burns Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Nicola Green; Sam Finney and Marlene Finney (Local Residents); Councillor Graeme Clark (Renfrewshire Council) and Alan Garrett and Siobhan Burns (Renfrewshire Wardens Service - until end of Item 2 only)</p> <p>Apologies: Thomas Higgins; Luke Humberstone; Kirsty Lowe, Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Moira Treanor Julia Watt; Councillors Neill Graham and John McNaughton (Renfrewshire Council); Lorraine Hannah (Wise Group)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/Chair: Gaynor Corry</p> | |
| <p><i>In view of the unavoidable absence of the Chair, Andrew Ramsay, the Secretary invited nominations for a member to take the Chair. As there were no nominations or a volunteer, the Secretary suggested that Gaynor Corry as the other remaining office-bearer be invited to chair the meeting. This was agreed without dissent.</i></p> <p>1. Acting Chair's Welcome & Opening Comments</p> <p>Gaynor Corry, in her capacity as acting Chair, welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of 2024.</p> <p>Before proceeding to consider the items on the agenda, the acting Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year</p> <p>It was announced that, unfortunately, on that afternoon, the scheduled speaker, Lorraine Hannah, had intimated that, due to an emergency, she would again be unable to come along to the meeting. Should Lorraine get back in touch this can be re-scheduled at some point/</p> | |
| <p>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</p> <p>In the absence of a representative(s) from Police Scotland, the A/Chair invited the representatives from the Wardens Service to address members.</p> <p>Siobhan Burns delivered a brief overview of the Wardens' activities over the preceding month.</p> <p>Over that period between 13th December and 9th January there had been 32 patrols around the area. Reports had included two in relation to dog fouling and two abandoned vehicles.</p> <p>In relation to dog fouling, it was pointed out that this appears to be a particular problem at the moment around the Greenlaw area. The Wardens reminded members that it is important that this issue is reported to them, wherever it might arise, with as much information as possible to help identify errant dog-owners. Reports can be made by telephone to 0300 300 0380 or by email to wardens.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk.</p> | Noted |

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| <p>Reports can be made anonymously.</p> <p>Regarding disposal of dog waste, it was highlighted that the bins in East End Park are overflowing. In response, it was mentioned that this would likely be due to the downtime over the festive period, but employees will likely catch up with emptying the bins shortly.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, the A/Chair thanked the wardens for updating members.</p> <p><i>[Alan Garrett and Siobhan Burns left the meeting at this point]</i></p> | |
| <p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th December 2023</p> <p>The Secretary highlighted an omission from the previous minute so advised that on page 3 there should be inserted (after the minute re Lorraine Hannah's proposed visit) the following text:</p> <p><i>Consultation re Local Plan Formulation – Visit by Planning Officer</i></p> <p><i>While Kevin Dalrymple, Development Plans & Housing Strategy Team Leader has been unable to attend the meeting this evening due to illness, he will be in touch early in the new year regarding arrangements for a workshop session for all Community Councils on the preparation of LDP3 and Local Place Plans.</i></p> <p><i>Notwithstanding, he has indicated that he would still be prepared to come along to a future Community Council meeting, if members wish.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretary advised that he has suggested to the officer that a daytime workshop may exclude a number of interested Community Councillors so this should be borne in mind when making arrangements for the workshop.</i></p> <p><i>After discussion, it was agreed to note the Section's intention to organise a workshop but also to invite Mr. Dalrymple to come along to the meeting in February.</i></p> <p>It was also pointed out that Margaret Cowie's name had been omitted from the sederunt although she had been present at the meeting. The Secretary agreed that was correct and apologised for these inadvertent omissions/</p> <p>Subject to inclusion of the necessary revisions, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Christine McLellan and having been duly seconded by Margaret Cowie, those were formally approved without dissent.</p> | <p>Approved subject to incorporation of amendments</p> |
| <p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 13th December 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>Community Council Election/Membership</i></p> <p>As intimated at the last meeting, Linda Murning has tendered her resignation</p> | |

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| <p>from the Community Council, as she and her husband. the Rev John Murning, will shortly be moving out of the area.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council have been notified accordingly and an updated membership list is awaited in due course reflecting this and Catherine Scally's recent co-option.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p><i>Consultation re Local Plan Formulation – Visit by Planning Officer</i></p> <p>While Kevin Dalrymple, Development Plans & Housing Strategy Team Leader was unable to attend the meeting on 13th December, he has agreed to come along to the meeting due to take place in February.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p><i>Short-Term Letting Licences Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Hearing re application by Boutique Home Style Ltd re 27 Glasgow Road, Paisley PA1 3PA</i></p> | |
| <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, a meeting of the Regulatory Functions Board has now been convened for 17th January, at which time the Board will consider the application and representations in relation to the application for a Short-Term Lettings License for subjects at 27 Glasgow Road.</p> <p>That will take place in person rather than virtually or hybrid.</p> | <p>Continued pending further feedback.</p> |
| <p>While Andrew, Jean and Christine had provisionally indicated that they might be available to attend, now that the date has been notified it turns out they will not be able to do so.</p> <p>The Secretary has therefore sent a written submission, which may or may not be deemed competent, but has been submitted for consideration. That simply augments the terms of the Community Council's original objection along the same lines as those that were submitted in response to the other applications.</p> | |
| <p><i>Reprofiling of Speed Tables in Arkleston Road</i></p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, appropriate representations had been made to Gerry Hannah, a copy of which had been circulated to members for information.</p> <p>The only acknowledgment so far received simply advised that an officer will investigate our enquiry and will provide an update when they return in the new year.</p> | <p>Continued pending further feedback.</p> |
| <p><i>Speeding Concerns re Seedhill Road</i></p> <p>As agreed, in conjunction with representations made in relation to the speed tables in Arkleston Road, Renfrewshire Council has been asked if the speed survey conducted in February 2022 survey could be redone sooner rather than later to see if this changes the level of priority that can be afforded to</p> | <p>Continued pending further feedback.</p> |

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| <p>Cllr Clark explained that the Labour Group's Environment Spokesperson, Cllr Chris Gilmour, has met with Gerry Hannah regarding the proposals. While Mark Higginbotham is the officer coordinating this project, there is understood to have been around 80 responses to the recent consultation, which officers are in the course of reviewing.</p> <p>While these plans have not yet been formally submitted elected members on the relevant Policy Board, local Councillors are believed to be opposed to the proposals.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that an update will be provided once feedback has been received.</p> | |
| <p>5. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>Police Scotland Estates Review Proposed Closure of Police Stations</i></p> <p>As Kirsty Lowe had highlighted towards the end of the year, there is understandable concern brewing over the proposed closure of 30 Police Stations across the Police Scotland estate, including the offices at Paisley Mill Street and Ferguslie Park.</p> <p>It was suggested that members can decide whether to discuss this at this stage or wait until the formal consultation is underway before taking a considered view. In view of the number of members absent, the discussion should be deferred until such time as more members have an opportunity to participate.</p> <p>Cllr Clark spoke briefly on this issue, explaining that while the current sites locally at Mill Street and Ferguslie Park are among those earmarked for possible closure, Police Scotland is looking for identify an alternative site in the town for a new facility as the current estate is no longer fit for purpose. No site has been identified as yet so a further update is awaited in due course.</p> <p><i>Email from Dave Low Democratic Services Manager/Election Manager, Renfrewshire Council Scottish Government Consultation - Democracy Matters</i></p> <p>Email with link to the Scottish Government's Democracy Matters Phase 2 consultation - Local Governance Review. Any responses to the consultation should be submitted directly to the Scottish Government by their deadline of 28 February 2024</p> <p>https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/democracy-matters</p> <p><i>Email from Julie Barron Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy - Stakeholder Update (Community Councils</i></p> <p>Forwarding email from SPT re update on their Regional Bus Strategy</p> <p>SPT reported their Case for Change to their Partnership Board in September</p> | <p>Continued pending further feedback.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p>2023. The Case for Change consolidates and updates their evidence base of bus-related issues in the region, drawing upon work already carried out for their Regional Transport Strategy as well as further analysis and engagement with local authorities and bus operators earlier this year. The Case for Change can be accessed on their new bus strategy website.</p> <p>https://www.spt.co.uk/about-us/what-we-are-doing/regional-transport-strategy/bus-strategy</p> <p>SPT is working with their consultants to consider different ways of delivering an improved bus network for the west of Scotland. This includes looking at new models now available to Local Transport Authorities in Scotland, including SPT, for franchising, directly operating bus services and partnerships. They will report on the findings of this work at the SPT Partnership Board meeting in March 2024.</p> <p><i>Email from Julie Barron Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council CCs Webinar with Open University Scotland – Thurs 18th January 2024 @ 6pm</i></p> <p>Delivered by Page Munro, Partnerships Manager at the Open University in Scotland, this webinar will introduce the numerous ways that the Open University (OU) can support Community Councils (CCs) across Scotland. The OU and the Improvement Service have worked in partnership to create a dedicated skills portal for CCs in Scotland. Using feedback from CCs on the type of skills they would like to gain, the portal provides a curated selection of free OU short courses that include courses in areas such as digital skills, business skills, sustainability and finance and fundraising. In this webinar, we will provide an overview of the portal and how it can be used to support skills development within CCs. They will also provide a more general overview of the work of the OU in communities across Scotland and share information about funding opportunities that might be of interest to CCs and people in their local areas. Those interested in participating in this this webinar can register on this link:</p> <p>https://forms.microsoft.com/e/BMDzXYQr31</p> <p><i>Email from Sarah MacLeod Williamsburgh Housing Association Proposed Tenant Participation Event</i></p> <p>Email from Sarah Macleod, the recently appointed Tenants Participation Officer at Williamsburgh Housing, advising that they will be hosting an event for their tenants, whereby they will be out in their communities giving Tenants an opportunity to engage and find out what matters to them. The hope is this event will take place in March at some point.</p> <p>Sarah wondered if that is something local Councillors might drop in to meet local residents at the same time.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that he has suggested that once WHA have a particular date in mind that she contact the local elected members on Renfrewshire Council to check their availability.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p><i>Email From Skyler Ridewood</i> <i>RIG Arts</i> <i>Local Survey</i></p> <p>Email advising that Skyler has taken on Rebecca's role at RIG Arts as coordinator until next October and is looking to gather some ideas for what people would like to do in our Community Arts Space and within the wider community. To gather this information, he has compiled a short five-minute survey for Paisley and Seedhill community members (residents and those who work locally) to complete.</p> <p>A link to the survey can be found here.</p> <p><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) - January Newsletter</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the latest Newsletter, which can be found here</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>6. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer explained that, as per her reports at recent meetings, the balance at the bank stands at £2962.68, with no transactions over the preceding month.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>7. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Councillor Graeme Clark</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark took the opportunity to provide a report to members covering various issues. He mentioned that he has received a number of representations regarding pavement parking, which he has passed on the relevant officers.</p> <p>Concern has also been raised about on-street parking in East Lane, which is becoming fairly congested, with associated safety issues especially given the nursery and construction traffic entering and emerging from the Loretto Construction site there. Concerns surrounding parking in the area can be reported to 0300 300-0380.</p> <p>Cllr Clark reported that last month there had been a protest at the SPT headquarters in Glasgow calling for more mandatory control over provision of bus services.</p> <p>Finally, given the tough financial constraints facing Renfrewshire Council and with the authority's budget imminent, he is seeking views/ideas for what people consider should be regarded as spending/revenue priorities. This led to a discussion about the contentious Brown Bin permit levy, although it was pointed out that this charge brings in over £1m in revenue.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 14th February 2024 at 7.00pm</p> | |