

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm	21/02/2024
<p>Present: William Burns Gaynor Corry; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore, Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Moira Treanor</p> <p>Attending: Nicola Green; (Local Resident); Councillors Graeme Clark and John McNaughton; (Renfrewshire Council); Chris Don (Renfrewshire Wardens Service - until end of Item 2 only); Kevin Dalrymple (Development Plans & Housing Strategy Team Leader, Renfrewshire Council) and Alan Williamson (Strategy and Place Manager, Renfrewshire Council – both until the end of item 3 only)</p> <p>Apologies: Margaret Cowie; Thomas Higgins; Luke Humberstone; Kirsty Lowe Diane Watt; Julia Watt; Councillor Neill Graham (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 rescheduled February meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</p> <p>In the absence of a representative(s) from Police Scotland, 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, between 10th January and 21st February, there had been 116 patrols around the area. Reports had included eight in relation to dog fouling; two abandoned vehicles; one relating to grafitti; and one regarding control of dogs (attack by a dog on another)</p> <p>In relation to dog fouling, it was highlighted that this appears to be a particular problem around Kilnside Road.</p> <p>The Warden took the opportunity to remind 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 irresponsible dog-owners who are not picking up their animals' waste. Reports can be made by telephone to 0300 300 0380 or by email to wardens.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk. Such reports can be made anonymously.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed regarding abandoned vehicles; particularly at East Buchanan Street and Garthland Lane.</p> <p>The Warden explained that suspected abandoned vehicles can be reported on Renfrewshire Council's website here</p> <p>Abandoned cars causing an obstruction can be reported to the Police on 101</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>

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<p>It was pointed out that in some areas, particularly in proximity to the Airport, some motorists leave their vehicles for prolonged periods while on holiday to avoid the cost of using long-stay car parks.</p> <p>There is also an ongoing problem in relation to cars parking on the road beside the building occupied by the Mirin Medical Practice at 3 Glasgow Road. This exacerbates chaotic traffic movement at the locus. The Warden confirmed that he has noted this and will check that the road markings there are conspicuous.</p> <p>It was observed that illegal/inconsiderate parking outwith the town centre may well become increasingly prevalent with the recent increase in parking charges.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report the Chair thanked the Warden for updating members and his participation in the ensuing discussion.</p> <p><i>[Chris Don left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p>3. Local Development Plans/ Place Plans</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the officers from Renfrewshire Council, Kevin Dalrymple (Development Plans & Housing Strategy Team Leader) and Alan Williamson (Strategy and Place Manager) and thanked them for coming along.</p> <p>Before inviting the Officers to address members, he explained that they had been invited along to explain what input Community Councils can have to the development of the Renfrewshire Development Plan (LDP) as that is the crucial strategic scheme that underlies development planning.</p> <p>The Chair then handed over to the officers to explain the process for formulating the LDP.</p> <p>Kevin Dalrymple briefly introduced himself and his colleague who is the Council's Strategy and Place Manager</p> <p>A copy of the slides for the presentation was circulated.</p> <p>It was explained that the development plan guides the future use of land by setting out where development or changes in land use should happen and where it should not. The current statutory development plan for Renfrewshire consists of the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021.</p> <p>NPF4 was prepared by the Scottish Government and is a long-term plan for Scotland delivering sustainable, liveable and productive places. It sets out a national vision along with spatial principles, regional priorities, national developments and national planning policies. The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan was adopted by the Council in 2021 and sets out the spatial strategy that guides the future use of land and preservation of assets in Renfrewshire.</p> <p>The 2021 Local Development plan can be accessed here.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council is beginning extensive and ongoing engagement and</p>	Noted

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consultation on the preparation of the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan. This is to gather feedback, focus on priorities and empower people to shape the plan, our places and communities. Input and feedback is invaluable for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan for Renfrewshire.

The Development Plan Scheme (DPS) sets out the timetable and key stages for preparing the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (LDP). It provides an explanation of what the development plan for Renfrewshire is; a timetable for the preparation of Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3); a statement outlining when, how and with whom consultation will take place during the plan preparation process.

The Council's Development Plan Scheme 2023 can be found [here](#).

The Officer then went on to explain the purpose and process for the formulation of Local Place Plans (LPP); a relatively new concept following the enactment of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. This allows local communities to address issues specific to their local area/environment. Information sessions for Community Groups who might be interested in formulating a Local Place Plan are being organised and will take place in the near future with daytime and evening sessions to allow those interested to participate.

It was explained that an LPP need not address every issue in a particular area but will allow Community Councils to highlight issues and suggest solutions to local concerns, e.g. traffic/transport; scope for introduction of control zones for short-term-letting; suggestions for land-use at specific locations.

Expressions of interest in participating can be submitted online by Community Councils up until May this year.

Proposed Local Place Plans must be lodged with Renfrewshire Council by May 2025 and those will be taken into consideration when preparing the Local Development Plan.

The Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/1022 on Local Place Plans can be found [here](#)

A lively discussion then took place in relation to the points raised in the presentation.

It was suggested that once the LDP has been formulated, Renfrewshire Council should seriously consider including an Executive Summary for ease of understanding and navigating through the plan.

Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked Kevin Dalrymple and Alan Williamson for their helpful and informative input.

[Kevin Dalrymple and Alan Williamson left the meeting at this point]

Following the officers' departure, members agreed that the Secretary should submit an expression of interest in the Community Council potentially formulating a Local Place Plan for Paisley East & Whitehaugh

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<p>4. Election of Vice Chair</p> <p>Whilst acknowledging that it is only on rare occasions that the Chair is unable to attend to preside over meetings, it was agreed that it might be appropriate to fill the post of Vice Chair, which has been vacant since the resignation of John Bell.</p> <p>Nominations were invited from members.</p> <p>Robert Moore nominated Christine McLellan, and this was seconded by Andrew Ramsay. Christine McLellan accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There being no other nominations and no dissent expressed to the election of the sole nominee, Christine McLellan was duly elected to serve as Vice Chair until the next AGM in October 2024.</p>	<p>Appointment of Christine McLellan as Vice-Chair agreed.</p>
<p>5. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Christine McLellan and having been duly seconded by William Burns, those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>6. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2024</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>Short-Term Letting Licences</i> <i>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982</i> <i>Hearing re application by Boutique Home Style and others</i></p> <p>Following the Secretary's written submission, to augment the terms of our original objection, Renfrewshire Council's Licensing Section came back to say that having sought advice it seems that this would not be competent.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the current legislation under which they operate, the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, does not entitle an objector to lodge written submissions for a hearing in support of an earlier objection. Objectors are given the opportunity to attend a hearing, but when they do so they are not able to speak about concerns which go beyond what was in the submissions they made in their original objection.</p> <p>The Licensing Section have also since advised that at the meeting on 17th January, the application by Boutique Home Style for a Short-Term Letting Licence was granted for a period of 3 years.</p> <p>Their letter advises that objectors have a right of appeal and if we wish to proceed along those lines, we should consult a Solicitor. It was previously suggested that the Community Council should not spend funds pursuing a legal appeal, especially as that would effectively bind us to proceed along those lines for every application that is granted. The earlier responses received from members tended to concur with that view and as no opposing views were expressed, this was deemed to be agreed.</p> <p>Meanwhile, as anticipated, the other applications are shortly due to be</p>	<p>Continued pending further feedback.</p>

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considered at a meeting of the Regulatory Functions Board

Those applications are as follows:

Applicant: Brian Soutar

Flat 5 14 Kilnside Road Paisley PA1 1SJ
&
Flat 5 10 Kilnside Road Paisley PA1 1SJ

Applicant: Carol-Anne Brown

Flat 5/1 1 Abbey Place Paisley PA1 1AU

Applicant: Gordon Duncan

Flat 1/2 54 Kilnside Road Paisley PA1 1RN
&
Flat 3/1 47 Cochran Street Paisley PA1 1J

The Secretary has responded to the Licensing Section to say that while the Community Council will consider having a member(s) appear at the meeting of the Regulatory Functions Board, if possible, there is no particular preference regarding the mode of attendance, in terms of virtual, hybrid or in person. However, as before the Community Council simply cannot commit to being represented at the meeting. If no one is available to attend the meeting once a date has been set then the Community Council would be content for our representations to be considered on the basis of our previous written objections dated 18th October. Those responses have been duly acknowledged.

As alluded to by Cllr Clark in passing at an earlier part of the meeting, it seems that the Board is not able to consider potential issues that might or might not transpire at each property but will consider whether or not the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

It has since been intimated that the outstanding applications will be considered at a meeting of the Regulatory Functions Board now scheduled for the 13th March. It was tacitly agreed to allow the objections to run their course.

***Reprofiling of Speed Tables in Arkleston Road
& Speeding Concerns re Seedhill Road***

Following the previous representations made to Gerry Hannah, an email was received from Fiona Muir, the Council's Road Safety Officer, apologising that the Community Council's concerns have not been addressed. The officer has advised that she will now be taking this forward and given that a previous meeting has taken place, she has suggested that another one is arranged to recap on what was discussed and she can hear first-hand the concerns and matters that have been raised in the past.

The officer has also offered an apology that she has no further updates at this time. However, given that some time has elapsed she would like to ensure that

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she understands all the points of concern. At the same time, the officer has made it clear that she will not be able to offer detailed answers when the meeting takes place as she will need to look into what options the Council has to address the issues but will look into those in the meantime.

The Secretary reported that after liaising with the Chair, he had written to the officer extending an invitation to attend the meeting on 13th March. The officer has come back to say that she will endeavour to attend the March meeting if she is able to arrange childcare and hopes to confirm her availability in the course of the week.

Meanwhile, the Secretary has asked the officer to arrange for the relevant colleague to address the issues raised in relation to the reprofiling of the speed tables in Arkleston Road. When carrying those out, Finco had failed to ensure that surface water is able to drain away from the edges of the tables, so it is still accumulating there. This will require attention sooner rather than later and certainly before the suggested meeting takes place. The Secretary has also reiterated that there does not appear to have been reasonable oversight by the Council in relation to the works carried out at public expense. A response is awaited in relation to this aspect and members will be kept informed of developments.

Police Scotland Estates Review Proposed Closure of local Police Stations

It seems that, in December, Police Scotland had launched its National Conversation about their Estates Review. They don't appear to have contacted Community Councils, at least locally – which they could have done readily via the Local Authority, so the Secretary had not picked up on this by the time of the January meeting.

Some background information can be found here <https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2023/december/police-scotland-launches-consultation-and-engagement-on-proposed-estate-disposals/>

There is also a link there to their Engagement Hub where the consultation pages can be found.

The broader consultation on the Estates review can be found here <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/52e22ece/> with the relevant survey at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/52e22ece/consultation/subpage.2023-10-02.6118550819/>. This is open until 31st July.

However, the questionnaire on the local proposals can be found at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/estates/e8b1f606/> This is only open until 31st March and is the one that the Community Council should respond to if members so wish.

After discussion, the consensus was that the Secretary should respond to the consultation along the lines that while noting the assurance that Police Scotland

Agreed terms in which to respond to the consultation.

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<p>will not close the Mill Street office until a new location is confirmed in Paisley, it is felt that this needs to go further. It is considered that local residents need an explicit undertaking that at least the existing facility at Mill Street will remain open until a new site is identified, developed and operational. The new site needs to be visible in the Paisley Town Centre area and accessible to the public 24 hours a day.</p>	
<p>7. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>Email from Julie Barron Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council Appeals Training with the Planning & Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA)</i></p> <p>Forwarded emailed from the Improvement Service referring to an event that was organised by the DPEA before the festive break regarding Planning Appeals, which community councils had been invited to attend. The materials from that event have now available</p> <p>The Secretary having checked back, it appears that we were not informed of this event at the time.</p> <p>However, members might find the resources at the undernoted links, of some interest.</p> <p>Planning Appeals Training with the DPEA (14th Dec 2023) - YouTube Link</p> <p><u>Guidance</u></p> <p>Reporters' Guidance Notes How to appeal guidance Guidance on taking part in planning appeals and other cases</p> <p><i>Email from Euan Gray Senior Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council Survey re Community Transport For Community Councils</i></p> <p>Renfrewshire Community Transport is an exciting, emerging new initiative, and they want to understand how this service could best support you and your organisation.</p> <p>If members of community groups use local transport to attend activities and appointments or if organisations require to hire buses from time to time, Renfrewshire Community Transport consider that this initiative will be helpful.</p> <p>The email included links to brief surveys - one for group activities and one for individual needs – which closed on 31st January.</p> <p>On the wider issue of public transport, Cllr Clark mentioned that McGills are in the course of reviewing their timetables, which may result in a reduced frequency of some services as the proposed bus lanes in the town centre are not going to be implemented.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>Email from Fiona Cunningham</i> <i>Service Coordination Officer</i> <i>Environment Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>Garden Waste Collection Permit Renewal</i></p> <p>The 2024/25 garden waste collection service will begin on Monday 1 April 2024 and residents need to purchase a new permit to ensure they continue to receive a collection for their garden waste.</p> <p>Permits can be purchased at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/garden-waste-collection.</p> <p>If someone does not have internet access, they can call 0300 300 0380, visit their local library to use the public computers to apply online or pick up a paper application form which should be returned with payment to Renfrewshire House.</p> <p>If possible, the online form should be used for all applications.</p> <p>The cost of the permit remains £40 and is valid until 30 April 2025.</p> <p>Anyone receiving full (100%) or severe mental impairment council tax reduction will not be required to pay. They, or someone on their behalf, should apply online in the normal manner and follow the steps within the application form or call 0300 300 0380 if additional support is required.</p> <p>The exemption applies to one permit only and they will need to pay if they wish to have any additional permits.</p> <p><i>Emails from Gerry Devaney</i> <i>Secretary of Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Country Park</i> <i>Update regarding FCMRP & Community Asset Transfer - Tandlemuir.</i></p> <p>Email with January update from FCMRP.</p> <p>Following upon that there was a further update from FCMRP following attendance at an event staged by the Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust on Saturday 27th January. The event was to launch the group's consultation process with regard to the Community Asset Transfer of the Tandlemuir Estate within the Regional Park.</p> <p><u>Lochwinnoch Community Trust Tandlemuir Consultation day Sat 27th Jan 2024</u></p> <p>Representatives from Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park were pleased to attend, not only to promote the group and the Regional Park but lend their full support to the Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust and their aspiration to own and manage the Tandlemuir Estate. This is a fantastic opportunity for the local community to safeguard and improve the farm and the surrounding land by investing funding and involving the existing farmer and local community in its improvement.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council have already sold off part of the park in the form of its headquarters, Barnbrock Farm. This community asset was sold off to a private buyer without consultation with the community. An asset that could have been</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>kept within community ownership and used to benefit the park and the communities it serves.</p> <p><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) February Newsletter</i></p> <p>Can be found here</p> <p>SEPA are also seeking views regarding a simpler, more integrated system for environmental regulation.</p> <p>That document can be accessed here</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer explained that, as per her reports at recent meetings, the balance at the bank till stands at £2962.68, with no transactions over the preceding month.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>9 Any other Business</p> <p><i>Councillor Graeme Clark</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark took the opportunity to provide a brief report to members covering some local issues.</p> <p>Firstly, he mentioned that he has managed to get Housing to adjust the timing of the service access on the door entry system at Williamsburgh Council following complaints by constituents there.</p> <p>As touched upon earlier in the meeting, as funding is no longer available for bus lanes in Paisley Town Centre, those and the proposed junction "improvements" are no longer going ahead.</p> <p>OneRen are currently processing outstanding parking refunds for users at the Lagoon who are entitled to two hours free parking at the facility. A Registered Vehicles Scheme has since been introduced in an endeavour to facilitate this concession.</p> <p>On a separate issue at the Lagoon, the café has unfortunately been closed resulting in members of staff losing their jobs.</p> <p><i>Tribute to Secretary</i></p> <p>Before closing the meeting, the Chair took an opportunity to pay tribute to the Secretary for his work on behalf of the Community Council. In recognition of this, he moved that the Secretary be given an honorarium of £300. This was seconded by Catherine Scally. As there was no dissent expressed to this proposal, it was agreed, The Treasurer confirmed that she would arrange to make the agreed payment.</p> <p>The Secretary thanked the Chair and members for their kind gesture.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed that the Secretary be given an Honorarium</p>

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10. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 13th March 2024 at 7.00pm	