

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<b>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East &amp; Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm</b>	<b>13/03/2024</b>
<p>Present: William Burns; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Kirsty Lowe; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore, Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Nicola Green; (Local Resident); Councillor John McNaughtan; (Renfrewshire Council); Brian McLaughlin and Gemma Morrison (Renfrewshire Wardens Service - until end of Item 2 only); Fiona Muir (Road Safety Officer, Renfrewshire Council – until end of item 3)</p> <p>Apologies: Thomas Higgins; Luke Humberstone; Catherine Scally; Moira Treanor; Julia Watt; Councillors Graeme Clark and Neill Graham (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	
<p><b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Comments</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the March meeting.</p>	
<p><b>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>In the absence of a representative(s) from Police Scotland, the Chair invited the representatives from the Wardens Service to address members.</p> <p>Brian McLaughlin briefly introduced himself and his colleague, Gemma Morrison, before delivering a brief overview of the Wardens' activities over the preceding few weeks.</p> <p>Over that period, between 21<sup>st</sup> February until 11<sup>th</sup> March, some 41 additional Community Safety Patrols, both mobile and on foot, have been conducted around the area. Reports had included four in relation to dog fouling; two noise nuisances involving barking dogs; one instance of assisting a member the public with a noise complaint in Kilnside Road and one requesting a hypodermic needle uplift in Gauze Street.</p> <p>In relation to dog fouling, there had been targeted dog-fouling enforcement around Mansionhouse Road, Greenlaw Avenue and Anchor Wynd.</p> <p>As always , reports about dog-fouling can be made by telephone to 0300 300 0380 or by email to <a href="mailto:wardens.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk">wardens.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk</a>. Such reports should include as much information as possible to assist Wardens in identifying the perpetrators but can still be made anonymously.</p> <p>A further discussion then took place regarding abandoned vehicles during which the process for dealing with such reports was outlined.</p> <p>It was mentioned that a notice has now been put on the suspected abandoned vehicle in Garthland Lane</p> <p>Supected abandoned vehicles can be reported on Renfrewshire Council's website <a href="#">here</a> so that those can be investigated and appropriate action taken.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>

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<p>Abandoned cars which are causing an obstruction should be reported to the Police on 101</p> <p>It was pointed out again that not all vehicles remaining in situ for prolonged periods are actually abandoned and, on occasions, some motorists leave their vehicles for prolonged periods to avoid the cost of using long-stay car parks.</p> <p>It was highlighted again that illegal/inconsiderate parking outwith the immediate town centre area may well become increasingly prevalent following the recent increase in parking charges.</p> <p>A query was raised about people parking in a Disabled Parking Bay who are not entitled to do so. However, it was pointed out that if there is no Disabled Parking Plate on display there then it cannot be enforced.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report the Chair thanked the Wardens for updating members and their participation in the ensuing discussion.</p> <p><i>[Brian McLaughlin and Gemma Morrison left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p><b>3. Road Safety Concerns</b></p> <p>Following previous correspondence reported at the last meeting, Fiona Muir, the Council's Road Safety Officer, has kindly come along to the meeting.</p> <p>In the meantime, in anticipation of this meeting Cllr Clark had written to the officer to ask what steps they or Department have taken already to ascertain the extent of the speeding issue in Seedhill Road and what plans the department has in place to counter what the local community clearly sees as a safety issue.</p> <p>In response, the officer had written back to Cllr Clark referring to the previous correspondence from her colleague on this issue, and went on to explain as follows:</p> <p><i>"Since this last correspondence, myself and managers have agreed to look at the priority list and put out to tender a bid for consultants to assess and investigate design at these locations. At this time, I cannot confirm if Seedhill will be included within this first round of assessments. As you will be aware, budgets and funding have not been confirmed from Scottish Government and until we are more aware of how the landscape will look, we will then be able to progress accordingly.</i></p> <p><i>With speeding and I will be highlighting this again at the meeting, speeding is first and foremost a Police matter. Police Scotland are the only authority who have powers in dealing with this kind of behaviour and any incidents should be reported to them by calling 101.</i></p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Council is fortunate to have a speed survey programme to enable us to look at Traffic Calming and implement designs where there is need. At the meeting, I will be discussing this process in line with our Road Safety Policy which is the criteria we work towards. This criteria is in place for safety and for</i></p>	<p>Noted pending further developments.</p>

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*us to install traffic calming for where there is need. In some cases, installing traffic calming can cause more harm. This is not the case here however, we have to look at the bigger picture and this is why an assessment criteria was formed.*

*I'm sure most will agree that driver behaviour seems to be declining and less ownership and accountability seems to be taken on board across our roads. Given the volume of traffic at this location and the proximity of shops and schools, this is very busy for all road users. In order for our roads to be as safe as possible, we all have to take responsibility when utilising our networks. Speeding is on the rise and most complaints are now coming to the Council. Whilst we would like to address this issue with enforcement, we simply do not hold the powers to do so."*

The Chair invited the officer to address the meeting.

The officer briefly introduced herself and explained that following correspondence with the Secretary in recent months she felt it would be appropriate to come along to hear the Community Council's concerns firsthand. While she would not be able to offer immediate answers or solutions, the officer indicated that following the meeting she would be happy to make further enquiries and liaise with appropriate colleagues to see what, if anything, can be done to tackle the issues and mitigate these concerns.

A lively discussion then took place, during which the officer was provided with a concise history recapping the longstanding issues affecting Arkleston Road and how the most recent reprofiling of the speed tables following resurfacing of the road has been less than satisfactory.

This was compounded by the shoddy way in which the work had been executed, resulting in surface water gathering around the edges of the reprofiled tables. Moreover, in this regard members had been concerned by the apparent lack of oversight by the authority over the contractors commissioned to carry out the work.

In relation to the situation at Seedhill Road, it was confirmed that the situation is being monitored for potential measures.

However, in general terms, the landscape has changed significantly in recent years and the Council is trying to do what it can with the limited resources available.

The pressing need for rephasing the traffic lights at the junction of Glasgow Road/Arkleston Road/Hawkhead Road was again highlighted, as it has been on a number of occasions in the past.

The Community Council is also concerned about the traffic and consequential safety issues on local roads that are likely to arise from the development of the Dykebar site. While we have previously requested a copy of the Construction Traffic Management Plan that has never been provide

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<p>Concern was also raised regarding the adequacy of space on the pedestrian reservation on the island separating the lanes on Mill Street.</p> <p>While outwith the immediate area, it was pointed out that the road markings at the roundabout on Renfrew Road are in need of renewal.</p> <p>Following the discussion, Fiona Muir thanked members for this insight and confirmed that she would take these points away to see what can be done. She will try to come along to the meeting in May with an update though if any feedback is available in relation to any of the issues raised before then, she will let the Secretary know.</p> <p>Members and the Chair thanked the officer for coming along to listen to the Community Council's concerns.</p> <p><i>[Fiona Muir left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p>It was pointed out that there was an error on Page 9 under the report by Cllr Clark, insofar as the allusion to "<i>Williamsburgh Council</i>" should instead read "<i>Williamsburgh Court</i>".</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that was the case and apologised for this inadvertent typo.</p> <p>Subject to inclusion of this amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by William Burns and having been duly seconded by Christine McLellan, those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved subjected to amendment.</p>
<p><b>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b></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><b><i>Short-Term Letting Licences*</i></b> <b><i>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982</i></b> <b><i>Hearing re application by Boutique Home Style and others</i></b></p> <p>As per the correspondence previously circulated, the Secretary highlighted that a further application, which was not included with the others due to be considered the meeting at the meeting of the Regulatory Functions Board on 13th March, has now been scheduled for consideration at the next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>That application is as follows:</p> <p><b><i>Applicant: Mohammed Asif Khan</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Flat 1/2, 8 Clarence Street, Paisley, PA1 1PT - RN00082P</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary went on to report that in the interests of consistency, he had</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p>already replied to the Licensing Section to say that the Community Council shall not be attending or represented at the meeting, so we are content for our representations to be considered on the basis of our previous written objection dated 18<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p><b><i>Police Scotland Estates Review Proposed Closure of Local Police Stations</i></b></p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, a response has been submitted to the proposals on the Police Scotland website and a copy of the submission has been circulated to members for information.</p> <p>The key point in the consultation response was:-</p> <p><i>“While noting the assurance that ‘We will not leave this building until a new location is confirmed in Paisley.’ we feel that this needs to go further. It is considered that we need an explicit undertaking that at least the existing facility at Mill Street will remain until a new site is identified, developed and operational. The new site needs to be visible in the Paisley Town Centre area and accessible 24 hours a day”</i></p> <p><b><i>Email from Andrew Hannah Renfrewshire Council Information Sessions re Local Place Plans and LDP3</i></b></p> <p>As mentioned by the officers who were in attendance at the last meeting, Renfrewshire Council is hosting two sessions to inform Community Councils and Community Development Trusts on preparing Local Place Plans and how they can get involved in Renfrewshire’s Local Development Plan 3. There will be one session hosted in the afternoon and one in the evening.</p> <p>The sessions will take place at the following times and locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7-8pm - Johnstone Town Hall (Carlile Suite), 25 Church St, Johnstone PA5 8EG.</li> <li>• Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 1:30-2:30pm - Lagoon Leisure Centre, 11 Christie St, Paisley PA1 1NB.</li> </ul> <p>For members expressed the preference for attending the evening session and one for the afternoon session the following day so the Secretary confirmed that he would notify the Department accordingly</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council has advised that they can also offer 1-to-1 sessions with individual groups, if so desired.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that following the last meeting he had also submitted an expression of interest about the Community Council possibly participating in the formulation of a Local Place Plan for the area.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments.</p> <p>Secretary to register interest of proposed attendees.</p>

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<p><b><i>Email from Fiona Cunningham Service Coordination Officer, Environment Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council Reminder regarding Garden Waste Collection Permit Renewal</i></b></p> <p>Reminder that the 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>The deadline to guarantee that permits will be with residents before the start of the new years' service was 11 March 2024.</p> <p>Permits can still be purchased after 11 March 2024, but this may lead to a delay in their bin being collected until they receive the household receives its sticker(s).</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>6. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><b><i>E-mail from Maggie Morison Inchinnan Community Council/Inchinnan Community Development Trust National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) Community Liaison Proposal</i></b></p> <p>Inchinnan Community Council along with Inchinnan Development Trust spoke at a recent parliamentary event hosted by Planning Democracy 'National Planning Framework 4 Is it Working for People and Planet?'.  They are now asking colleagues within Renfrewshire Community Councils to lend their support to this necessary work by contacting your MSP for their support and input (see email below).  They have also provided a briefing document and the community led report of how NPF4 is performing so far, along with a 2-minute highlights <u>video</u> of the event.</p> <p><b><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) Record number of Flood Alerts and Warnings issued this winter.</i></b></p> <p>Bulletin can be found <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><b><i>Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited Exhibitions at The Art Department, Paisley</i></b></p> <p>Details of forthcoming exhibitions at The Art Department, Paisley</p> <p><b><i>Email from Julie Barron Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council Invitation to SGN's business planning consultation workshop - Wednesday 24th April 2024</i></b></p> <p>Email from forwarded from the Community Council Mailbox from Scottish Gas Networks</p> <p>SGN are keen to extend an invitation to their RIIO-GD3 business planning</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>consultation workshop to share early thoughts and proposed initiatives for our 2026-2031, RIIO-GD3 business plan. This event aims to foster collaboration, share important updates, and gather feedback from key stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Keynote Address</i> – Hear from Mark Wild OBE, SGN’s Chief Executive Officer as he discusses some of our recent activities and progress against our current business plan. Find out what energy challenges we’re all facing and how SGN is planning for the next five years with these in mind.</p> <p><i>Interactive Panel Discussion:</i> The afternoon session will delve deeper into our Future of Energy, Vulnerability and Environmental strategies with presentations from Tony Green, SGN’s future of Energy director and Maureen McIntosh, SGN’s Director of Customer Service.</p> <p><b><u>Event Highlights</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain insights into SGN’s latest thinking as they prepare for the upcoming price control.</li> <li>• Engage in meaningful discussions with industry experts and fellow stakeholders.</li> <li>• Provide your valuable input during the Q&amp;A session.</li> <li>• Network with peers and build connections within the gas network community.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Western Desert Recce Group Whitehaugh Barracks</i></b></p> <p>In anticipation of his absence from the meeting, Cllr Clark had emailed the Secretary to advise that under the Place Based Investment Fund Projects 2023/24, it has been agreed to support the Western Desert Recce Group in their restoration of the Whitehaugh Barracks and Garages into a museum to the sum of £80,000.</p> <p>Specifically, this funding is intended to be used for immediate repairs to the garage block enabling the buildings to become wind and watertight for occupation and for activity to commence.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>7. Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer explained that, as per her reports at recent meetings, the balance at the bank now stands £2662.68, following payment of the agreed honorarium to the Secretary</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>8. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b><i>Town Centre Junction Improvements</i></b></p> <p>Further to Cllr Clark’s comments at the previous meeting, Cllr McNaughtan reported that at the last Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board it was announced that due to the anticipated funding no longer being available, the plans have been abandoned.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p><b><i>Renfrewshire Community Council Forum (RCCF)</i></b></p> <p>The Chair updated members with a brief report following the recent meeting of the Forum at which a new Management Committee was elected.</p> <p>Members were pleased to note that Gaynor has again been re-elected to the RCCF Management Committee for a further term.</p> <p><b><i>Paisley East Local Partnership</i></b></p> <p>Members were advised that the next meeting of the local partnership, on which the Community Council is represented by Christine, is due to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm</p>	