

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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| <p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 10th April 2024 at 7.00pm</p> | <p>10/04/2024</p> |
| <p>Present: William Burns; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Catherine Scally; Moira Treanor; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Sam Finney and Marlene Finney (Local Residents); Councillor John McNaughtan; (Renfrewshire Council); Sgt Craig Marshal and PC Ali Kayani (Police Scotland)</p> <p>Apologies: Thomas Higgins; Luke Humberstone; Kirsty Lowe; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Julia Watt; Councillor Neill Graham (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Christine McLelland</p> | |
| <p>1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Comments</p> <p>In the scheduled absence of the Chair, Christine McLellan as Vice Chair welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the April meeting.</p> | |
| <p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>As there were no representative(s) available from the Wardens Service the V/Chair invited the representatives from Police Scotland to address members.</p> <p>Sgt Marshall introduced himself as one of the new Community Policing Team Sergeants, having recently relocated from Ayrshire and also his colleague, PC Kayani as a member of his team.</p> <p>The Sergeant went on to outline the Crime Statistics since 13th March. These included :</p> <p>Thefts 14 reported 3 detected Theft from motor vehicle 1 reported 0 detected. Housebreaking 2 reported 1 detected Vandalism 9 reported 4 detected. Assaults 12 reported 6 detected. Drug offence 1 reported 1 detected Offensive weapons 1 reported 1 detected Driving Offences 5 reported 3 detected.</p> <p>A discussion then took place regarding the statistics reported and other issues of concern around the area.</p> <p>An issue was highlighted about dangerous driving and illegal and irresponsible parking around the Garthland Lane area. This is an issue that has been raised with the Wardens who have had a visible presence at the locus of late. The Sergeant pointed out that parking has been decriminalised, so this is indeed a matter for the Wardens Service.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> |

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| <p>If there are a number of complaints regarding moving traffic offences at any particular locus then this might possibly be monitored by Roads Policing</p> <p>In relation to pavement parking, Cllr McNaughtan mentioned that the legislation has not been enforced as yet as consultants are looking at potential sites where exclusions might possibly apply. A report is expected by the Autumn.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place regarding enforcement of the new Hate Crime legislation. The Sergeant explained that across Scotland the Police are receiving around 4 complaints a minute. However, it has to be borne in mind that the legislation simply consolidates offences that hitherto were spread across other statutes and the only difference is that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, which came into effect on 1st April this year, only adds age as a protected characteristic.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the lively discussion, the Sergeant said that while resources are limited, he will try to send officers to future meetings. However, if there are any particular issues that require attention between meetings, then the Secretary can pass those on to the Community Sergeants via the relevant mailbox and a response will follow at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>The Vice Chair thanked the officers for their informative input.</p> <p>[Sgt Marshall and PC Kayani let the meeting at this point]</p> | |
| <p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Diane Watt and having been duly seconded by Margaret Cowie were formally approved without dissent.</p> | <p>Approved</p> |
| <p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March 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 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Hearings before Regulatory Functions Board on 13th March & 28th March</i></p> <p>The following applications were considered at the meeting of the Regulatory Board on 13th March. The respective outcomes are also noted:</p> <p>Applicant: Brian Soutar - both applications granted for a period of three years</p> <p>Flat 5 14 Kilnside Road Paisley PA1 1SJ & Flat 5 10 Kilnside Road Paisley PA1 1SJ</p> | <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p>Applicant: Carol-Anne Brown – consideration of application continued. Outcome to be notified in due course.</p> <p>Flat 5/1 1 Abbey Place Paisley PA1 1AU</p> <p>Applicant: Gordon Duncan - both applications granted for a period of three years</p> <p>1/2 54 Kilnside Road Paisley PA1 1RN & Flat 3/1 47 Cochran Street Paisley PA1 1JZ</p> <p>In relation to the application considered at the Regulatory Functions Board on 28th March.</p> <p>Applicant: Mohammed Asif Khan - application granted for a period of three years</p> <p>Flat 1/2, 8 Clarence Street, Paisley, PA1 1PT - RN00082P</p> <p>As before, it was agreed that there seems little point in incurring the expense of seeking legal advice with a view to challenging these decisions.</p> <p>Road Safety Issues</p> <p>The Secretary reported that feedback is awaited from Fiona Muir, the Council's Road Safety Officer, following the discussion that took place at the last meeting. However, hopefully, she will be able to come along to the next meeting with a substantive update.</p> <p>In the meantime, as alluded to at the meeting, as there has been no feedback regarding the Construction Traffic Management Plan for the Dykebar development, a formal request has been made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 for a copy of that or confirmation when that is likely to be available.</p> <p>That has been duly acknowledged and a substantive response had only just been received on this morning. In their response Renfrewshire Council sets out its position as follows</p> <p><i>"I can advise that no conditions have been approved to date and as such no Construction Traffic Management Plan has been received.</i></p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Council does not know when the applicants will submit such details."</i></p> <p>This response was regarded as disappointing as the requirement for a Construction Traffic Management Plan is clearly stipulated in Condition 17 of the findings by the reporter, Mr. J. Alasdair Edwards.</p> | <p>Noted pending further developments.</p> |

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Formulation of Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) and Local Place Plans

Following the information sessions that took place last month, the Chair had prepared a brief discussion paper as the basis for deciding how best to proceed with preparing a Local Place Plan. This had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

As well as the discussion paper, some additional material in this connection had also been distributed, as follows:

Email from Renfrewshire Council regarding the formulation of LDP3. They want to understand what people think about the places where they live, work and visit in Renfrewshire, so they can prepare a people-centred Local Development Plan that is shaped by local communities and other stakeholders.

They are running a 'Have your say on Renfrewshire's places' survey so everyone has an opportunity to express their views on the places that are important to them.

[Click here to access the survey and have your say.](#)

Call for Ideas They have also issued a Call for Ideas survey where they invite stakeholders to submit their ideas and proposals for specific sites within Renfrewshire. We want to know what ideas you have for shaping Renfrewshire over the next 10 to 15 years.

[Click here to access the survey and submit your ideas and proposals.](#)

Forwarded Email from Community Map Scotland It's been just over a year now since they launched their Community Map Scotland project, giving Community Councils in Scotland access to our digital mapping software.

One of the core aims was to help communities start to build their Local Place Plans, but we've seen the software used for many different themes, including climate planning, local events and resilience planning. It's been great to see the way mapping has been used to such great effect to draft the designs for local areas.

The annual subscription to access the software for a Community Council covering an area this size would be £200. However, it was explained that Community Map Scotland offers a free trial period before the fee is incurred.

It was also pointed out that Renfrewshire Council has various mapping options on their website.

Copy of Renfrewshire Council's PowerPoint presentation on Development Plan and Local Place plans

After discussion, it was agreed in principle to establish a sub-group of perhaps 4-5 member to look at the feasibility of preparing a Local Place Plan and the matter was continued until the next meeting so that members can decide if they might be in a position to participate.

Continued to next meeting to determine composition of sub-group.

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| <p><i>Email from Claire Guthrie o/b Gerry Hannah Head of Climate, Public Protection & Roads Environment Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council Proposed Improvements of Junctions at Paisley Town Centre</i></p> <p>Further to reports by Councillors at recent meetings, an email has been received from Gerry Hannah advising that they are no longer progressing their proposed plans in relation to the junctions at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasgow Road, Mill Street, Gauze Street and Incle Street • Gauze Street, Cotton Street and Lawn Street <p>This is due to Bus Partnership funding from Transport Scotland no longer being available.</p> <p>They will continue to liaise with SPT and bus operators on measures which support improved use of public transport.</p> <p>In conclusion, thanks have been extended to everyone who had taken time to provide feedback and share their views.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>6.Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>Keegan & Pennykid Annual Insurance Renewal</i></p> <p>The annual renewal of the Community Council's insurance cover is due by no later than 1st May, and the renewal premium for the coming 12 months is £98.56 (The premium for 2023/2024 had been £96.37).</p> <p>It was moved by William Burns and seconded by Margaret Cowie that the renewal premium be approved. There being no objection to this proposal, it was duly carried so the Treasurer confirmed that she would arrange to remit the agreed renewal premium to Keegan & Pennykid.</p> <p><i>Email from Colin Hunter Environmental Health Manager (Public Health) Environment Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council Proposed Improvements of Junctions at Paisley Town Centre</i></p> <p>Email with consultation draft of Renfrewshire Council's Air Quality Action Plan Update 2024.</p> <p>In summary, there have been no exceedances of air quality objectives within Renfrewshire since 2019. We are therefore in the process of considering revocation of all three of our Air Quality Management Areas however remain committed to ensuring air quality improvements within Renfrewshire through the development of this AQAP Update.</p> <p>As a statutory consultee they are looking for any comments that stakeholders may have on this AQAP Update and would ask these are returned to e-prot.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk no later than 12th April 2024.</p> | <p>Approved for payment</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p>It was pointed out that the actual consultation paper is 69 pages long and to expect organisations such as Community Councils to collaborate to consider this in just over two weeks is unreasonable.</p> <p><i>Email from Julie Barron Committee Services Officer, Renfrewshire Council SPT Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy - Consultation on Recommended Options</i></p> <p>Forwarded email from SPT advising that the consultation on their recommended options to deliver the future bus network is now open.</p> <p>SPT is recommending that take forward two principal bus reform options as basis for the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy, specifically local services franchising and Bus Service Improvement Partnerships (BSIP) as set out the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019. A further recommendation is consideration of small-scale municipal bus company(ies) aimed at providing socially necessary services in parts of the region where private operators are currently very limited.</p> <p>SPT is seeking to understand the extent that stakeholders agree or disagree with our recommended options and the reasons for these positions. This consultation feedback will help inform the framework within which they develop the detailed bus strategy over the next year.</p> <p>Please go to https://www.spt.co.uk/about-us/what-we-are-doing/regional-transport-strategy/bus-strategy/ for more information on the consultation and how to respond via our online questionnaire.</p> <p>The deadline for responding is midnight Monday 13 May 2024. It was agreed that rather than the Community council submit a considered response, members were welcome to submit proposals in a personal capacity to offer a breadth of opinion.</p> <p><i>Community Planning Refresh Of Membership Of Renfrewshire Local Partnerships</i></p> <p>Email forwarded by Christine, as our Partnership Representative setting out the procedure for refreshing community membership of Local Partnerships</p> <p>Each Local Partnership is comprised of elected members representing wards within the Local Partnership area, and an equal number of community representatives. The community representatives are comprised of the chairs of active Community Councils, and the remaining places are filled by community representatives who are selected by the standing members of the Local Partnership.</p> <p>The next Local Partnership meeting to be held in April will be the last meeting of the current Community Representatives and will be immediately followed by a meeting to appoint new Community Representatives.</p> | <p>Noted – members invited to respond in a personal capacity.</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) Updates</i></p> <p><i>Disrupting Digital Dumpers – SEPA tackles online waste criminals with new digital pilot - further detail can be found here</i></p> <p>March Bulletin ‘Setting our priorities for the next three years’ can be found here</p> <p><i>Consultation on Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs) for Flood Risk Management in Scotland 2024 – see here. See also appended email – attachments can be provided if required.</i></p> <p><i>Waste Data for Scotland – can be found here</i></p> <p><i>Celebrating British Science Week - special focused update can be found here</i></p> <p><i>Email from Gerry Devaney Secretary of Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Country Park Spring FCMRP Update</i></p> <p>Email with latest update from FCMRP, which can be accessed here</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>7. Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>The Treasurer explained that, as per her report at the last meeting, the balance at the bank remains at £2662.68, with no transactions during the preceding month. The next report should reflect payment of the insurance renewal.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>8.Any other Business</p> <p>There were no additional items of business for consideration.</p> | |
| <p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.00pm</p> | |