



Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
5th November 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>5th November 2015</u>	Phil Traish. Chairperson. Rosaleen Reilly Vice - Chairperson Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Iain McCowan Rita Connelly Laura Hendry Donnie MacInnes William McCready Jo McIntyre
<u>Apologies</u>	Rita McGettigan
<u>Visitors & ERC Cllrs Visitors</u>	PC Kris Gilliland. Police Scotland

1. **WELCOME** Chair – Phil Traish
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

N/A

3. **POLICE REPORT** October 2015

- 7. Assaults 1 serious investigation is ongoing,
- 21. Reported thefts (cars, House breakings etc) 4 detected.
- 18. Vandalism 4. Detected,
- 17. Disorder 15. Detected.
- 8. Car Offences.
- 5. Drug Detections. All detected
- 10. Miscellaneous Offences.

Overall there was 46 Detections.

It was also highlighted that how quick it took the Police to apprehend the 18yr old who had phoned the Bomb Hoaxes.

Again it was highlighted about the lack of street lighting at the Glasgow Road Roundabout.

Is there any update on the Festive Patrols over Christmas and New Year period, at the moment that information is not available at this time?

Other incidents highlighted with a possible assault in Aurs Rd.

Parking on the pavement at Newton ave, Mothers were having problems with prams etc especially at the refurbished properties, this is an obstruction and can be reported.

It was again highlighted about the parking on the Main st, cars are parked directly in front of the traffic lights leaving little or no room to access the Health & Care Centre, this area has been problematic since the Centre opened especially with the new Traffic Light system. It is the responsibility of ERC Road and Transportation deal with any traffic signage.

There was again a discussion on the problems at Carlibar Park and the lack of adequate CCTV coverage. Update in Secretary Report.

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

Minutes approved by CCllr Connolly seconded by CCllr McCowan.

5. Matters Arising

There was general discussion about the recent Community Council Elections held by ERC,

There was 6 Community Council set up, out of a possible 11.

Breakdown of identified area of addresses were unavailable.

Barrhead was limited with Publicity of the elections; ERC staff were in Asda for a week prior to the final date.

Limited information was held within The Foundry, request for information was occasionally unknown by members of staff.

An open event was also held in Eastwood House In August.

There was a clear lack of information and open events in Barrhead this may be responsible for reduced numbers applying.

It was also pointed out that out of 16 Community Councillors on 3 took up the offers to attend community engagement events, which was open to everyone since the last elections

6. Chairman's Report

There is a lot of publicity within Renfrewshire to form a People's Assembly; there will be a public meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7pm in the Methodist Central Hall, 2 Gauze st Paisley PA1 1EP.

Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Planned work for the external area, remaining at the Foundry

With regards to start date, we expect a site start on **Mon 16th November.**

Phase 1 works would run right up to the Christmas Holidays (5 ½ weeks) with all works completed with the exception of the slabbing/seating units. These outstanding areas will still be prepared (kerbed/sub-base etc.) and fenced off ready for the materials to be delivered with the works being completed in January. The first phase would still be opened to provide parking and allow Phase 2 works to commence immediately after the holidays with Phase 3 works following (5 ½ weeks total after holidays).

The contractor is Advance Construction Ltd. They will be picking up the remaining 'hands' and these will be re-installed on site. I would like to discuss some sort of community involvement when the 'hands' are going back in. The contractor is happy to discuss this with us. Could you have a chat with the community council about this – the event would likely be early in the New Year.

I was commented on again about the central walkway into the Foundry and the entry and exit of cars, will request a new map.

Old Toilet was also removed and scrapped. from the Main st, could this equipment be re-sited, contact the council on the matter.

The former entrance to the Sport Centre was re-sited at Arthurlie Football club.

Signage being insufficient at the Foundry

The car park redevelopment planned for an external Totem pole type illuminated sign to be installed - I am assured these works start this month. The plan was this pole would identify the facilities etc. on offer, I'll check with the Council property service this is still included as the budget was reduced.

Further update

I have identified that the Car Park works includes a sum for an exterior sign and I am meeting with Pats colleagues on Friday 23rd to progress this as well as some other aspects in relation to the Car Park.

I have asked for some window type adhesive signage to be designed this will include Partner Logo's etc. with the aim to improve customer understanding of what is in building.

I have made the offer for the Employability or Business partners to locate a "pop-up" type display / information point in the entrance foyer to increase public awareness of services.

Auchenback Demolition

There has been meeting about the new building and plans are progressing. I understand that there have been bats in the building and the Council have been unable to do anything whilst they have been nesting. The nesting season is over and the Council are working with '*National Heritage*' (I may have the wrong name – but they are the environmental and natural protection agency) to get permission to move forward with the demolition. Alan Hook Principal Officer in Building Services is happy to talk to you if you or the group want more information.

Circle of Hands

The current situation is that we have had a successful tender return for phase 2 of the Foundry and are currently assessing the returns. We should know in a week or so who the successful contractor is and we can then arrange a pre-start meeting.

Once the contractor is appointed, we can chat about the possibility of representatives of the Community Council meeting with us / and or the Contractor (when on site) to discuss the circle of hands.

Rena & Rosaleen will meet in the new year.

Early years Collaborative group

This mums and toddlers group that meets in the Museum on a Thursday morning was set up after a request from young mums under 25 who have gone through our pre natal and post natal programmes, and asked for a mums and toddlers group for young mums who are under 25. These mums had negative experiences of going to other mother and toddler groups and did not feel included, therefore asked for a group for mums under 25. This group has only been running for 6 weeks and staff put out leaflets advertising the group but unfortunately made an error in not putting on the leaflets it was for under 25's, which led to a couple of older mums coming with their children. Suzie Smith, the community worker apologised to the two mums and explained the group was for under 25's. I also spoke to Amanda Wilson, who was one of the mums who turned up, and explained that this group was run by Young Persons Services who work with 12-25 year olds and staff had made an error in not putting under 25's on the leaflets. These leaflets have now been withdrawn and new ones will go out with the correct information.

In addition to this, I did agree to speak to the community planning team about helping Amanda set up a separate group as she informed me there were 9 mums wanting to go to a mums and toddlers group, so I have phoned Amanda and left a message for her to contact me to arrange a meeting with myself and Kellie Miller from the community planning team to progress this further. I hope this clarifies the situation, and can only apologise at the confusion caused by an error.

A group is now being set up within the ARC on a Monday morning for a trial period.

Vandalism at Carlibar Park

The request for a CCTV camera is based on the number of Police & Council reports, which is discussed every Monday morning with a joint meeting, a review of the site has taken place with a view to taking action. This was on 5th October 2015.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2015

A ceremony will be held at 2.30 pm in Cowan Park, Barrhead and the United Services

A Club have advised me that the Parade will depart from their premises at 64, Paisley Road at 2.00 pm.

In the event Donnie could not attend, he nominated William who would attend in his place.

Missing Bus Shelters

There have been a few bus shelters missing over the past weeks, Glasgow Road & Aurs Rd at St John's Church, the secretary contact SPT stated that the kerbs are being improved for better access for customers entering or exiting public transport. However they said that there was a delay with ERC, I had said the Aurs Rd looked completed, they said they would chase up the work to have the shelter reinstated as this area is quite open to the elements of the weather and is used by many elderly passengers.

It was felt by members that there was not enough room for cars, however it was pointed out that the reason for this was parked cars, as passengers sometimes have to walk into the middle of the road to access.

Co-options to Barrhead Community Council

8.1 The new rules state that members of the Community who wish to be co-opted should complete a nomination form which will be checked through the election process by ERC prior to co-option, once the paperwork is received by the secretary, notice of any proposed co-option must be intimated to all community Councillors 14 prior to the next meeting when the matter will be raised and decided.

8.2 They must consent to being co-opted.

8.3. They have agreed in writing that they will at all times comply with and uphold the terms of this scheme, the constitution of community councils and the Code of Conduct for Community Council Members by signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the meeting where their co-option is approved.

8.4 No later than one week prior to the meeting at which their co-option is to be voted on, they have provided the secretary of the community council (who will then circulate it to members in advance of the meeting) a statement of no more than 250 words and no mentioning any other individual, setting out the reasons why they wish to be co-opted, their relevant experience, how they propose to improve their community and their priorities if co-opted, which statement will be made publicly available.

We have one Co-option ongoing since 1st October 2015 for Mrs Mary Lawson from Arthurlie & Springhill area, the co-option will be voted at the next meeting on the 3rd December 2015;

I received an email from Rachel Johnston also from the Arthurlie & Springhill area; I passed her details to ERC who have sent her all the details for completion.

2 Nomination form were given out at the meeting, only one named person was given this being Alan McDonald from the Auchenback area.

I asked the meeting about McGill's bus service being invited to attend the meeting; I further requested who we should invite to attend for next year from February – June meetings.

To invitations for next year.

McGill's Bus Service

Housing Medical case submissions, how decisions are made.

Housing service provision for tenants in the form of repairs and other services.

7. Treasurers Report

None

8. Committee Reports:

a. Health.

CCllr Reilly is a representative for the CC, she is on the Health & Social care which is the Integrated Joint Board consists of 4, Councillors, 4 NHS Board Members, Doctor, Medical adviser & a Pharmacist, these are the only people with voting rights. She is also the Chair of the Public Partnership Forum (PPF) she is also on the Strategic Planning Board, where services put forward are approved.

b. Planning & Licensing

It was noticed that the shop clothes 4 you was now up for sale.

It was agreed that this is looked at when new members join;

9. Reports from Delegates to external bodies & Misc reports.

N/A

10. Area Forum

It was agreed to hold off nomination until new members join from any identified area.

11. AOCB

Rachel Johnston & Alan McDonald, proposers must be from their own neighbourhood.

Completed documents should be sent to East Renfrewshire, for checking.

It was asked about previous people who were interested, the secretary had kept contacted with both people, one person responded, they were also informed of the election process.

Iain & William have an interest in the planning sub group, which is held as and when required.

Questions was asked about elected members attending the meeting, as we have had only had one elected member in attendance.

Band F is again lacking in funding as their funding was stopped by ERC – CHCP we should be supporting this group, there is not a group like this in Barrhead, they have taken three people from the Kirkton Service, a service which has not kept up to its original remit when they moved from Neilston

Band F worked 3 days a week until funding was stopped, they now have one afternoon per week, it was agreed to send a letter about lack of support in the form of funding to Julie Murray.

Unfortunately other services are under threat with Bonnyton - Barrhead Resource Centre.

The Neilston Memorial is being opened on Saturday everyone was invited by Cllr O Kane.

Barrhead Memorial –Cowan Park

It is now the right time to start up the sub group to have completely upgraded and look for Funding, and invite Parks department to discuss further.

Again it was highlighted that elected members are advertising where & when their surgeries are held and they do not turn up.

Elected members must also have a code of conduct to follow which is not being adhered to, the only one which has evidenced their attendance is Cllr Devlin.

There was also an enquiry on access to youth Clubs, there is one in the Museum in Barrhead.

Due to cuts in budgets all other groups were not continued.

The Foundry has had success with you people.

The James McGuire building has been lying empty since Work ER moved into the Foundry in February / March time, however it has been noticed that there is some activity within the building, we will need to keep an eye on the future of this community building.

Date of next meeting 3rd December 2015 at 7pm