



**Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>  Rosaleen Reilly Chairperson. Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Laura Hendry. Treasurer. D MacInnes. Rita Connelly. Mary Lawson. William McCready Phil Traish.
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Rita McGettigan.

<b>Visitors &amp; ERC Cllrs Visitors</b>	<b>PC David Nicol (Police Scotland) Farkhanda Chaudry Corporate Equalities Unit. Harry Sinclair (Observer)</b>
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1. **WELCOME** Chair – Rosaleen Reilly  
Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
Cllr Convery

4. **POLICE REPORT**  
Police Report (attached)

PC Nicol read through the up to date report which always opens further discussion & debate with a variety of questions which were all answered by the Officer in attendance, all relating to the issues on Anti Social Behaviour on the main st.

The Police have a new problem solving team to work with these young people at early stages of intervention; this has been ongoing for several months.

Another 2 incidents were discussed with the Officer, one of the incidents took place in Auchinback and was reported to the Officer in attendance.

The second report was discussed, an elderly resident was woken up by someone banging on her bedroom window several times in the middle of the night, the resident called 999 to report the incident, however Police responded 30 minutes later, had they responded immediately the culprit would have been caught.

Question, are people who are constant offenders with drugs (possession) arrested, any stop and search where drugs are found will be reported to Procurator Fiscal, and all Drugs are confiscated

Police were thanked for their attendance and report; the chair commented that she liked the new full comprehensive report.

## **5. Keep Safe**

Farkhanda Chaudry from the Corporate Equalities Unit to speak about the Project.

The Initiative was started by Police Scotland & Renfrewshire Council which has proved to be very successful.

Police Scotland are now working with East Renfrewshire Council and the Project I AM ME which supports people with disabilities by raising awareness of the Keep Safe project which is being piloted in Barrhead by asking businesses if they have suitable space to have a chair and 2 members of staff. Businesses are Disclosed and Trained prior to approval of the service required, they will have a sticker displayed to say that they are part of I AM ME project, in the event there is a vulnerable person who feels anxious or ill can enter any premises with the sticker displayed and get the help they need.

They are hoping to Launch the Project in January 2018 and hopeful of having at least 15 Businesses on board, a new app has been developed to alert people where the I AM ME businesses are located.

There is ongoing discussion with various Businesses.

Farkhanda was thanked for her input on the Project.

## **6. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting**

Minutes approved by CCIr Connelly & seconded by CCIr Hendry.

## **7.Matters Arising**

Tommy Kelly has been in contact to look for new modern frames suitable to a new modern building.

Derek Simpson has been working jointly with Tommy and Secretary, he gave a presentation on various Frames etc, the Community Councillors have chosen a white border with a black frame, this will now be taken back to Framers which will allow the work to be completed, hopefully we will see them in the reception area of ERC office early in the new year.

Cllr Convery Apologised for not sending in apologies.

## **8.Secretaries Report & Correspondence**

1. Interim Election Information, with scheduled times and dates from start to finish of the Election process.
2. Consultation Launch on Building Scotland's Low Emissions ones.
3. Making Places (Funding)
4. Planning training for Community Councillors.
5. Local Development Plan.
6. Barrhead Bid, Halloween / Christmas Lights information.
7. Lorraine McMillan (Annual Performance Report online)
8. Carlibar Bridge update, Bridge has been purchased, it will take 8 weeks – colour is Gold picked by children at Carlibar Primary.
9. Data Protection Registration.

### **Interim Election Information.**

There was active discussion surrounding the information received, especially for co-opted members, which stated that they would have to resign prior to the election process, the co-optee decided to remain in this instance.

Mr Harry Sinclair had applied to become a community council round about May / June time, with no response.

Mr Sinclair was proposed to be co-opted  
Proposed by CCllr Reilly & Seconded by CCllr MacInnes and declared a member of Barrhead Community Council from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017

All information was copied by the Secretary and distributed to all members.

Barrhead Community Council is now in the process of Interim Election from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Michael McEwan from ERDA will be invited to attend the December meeting.

A request was put into Roads department to ask when the Glen st Bridge will be completed, report at the next meeting.

### **9. Chairman's Report**

Attended a Your Voice Training session, on Health & Care Centre, the Chair stated that the training was excellent, Done by Paul Hays from the Health Council.

Common Good Land, ERC are duty bound to provide all information on all Common Good Land held In East Renfrewshire.

### **10. Treasurers Report**

Funds in Bank Account £744.87.

We had recently been informed that unspent funds are no longer returned to ERC.

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11. Report from Delegated to External Bodies & Misc Reports.

### **12. Committee Reports:**

#### **Health.**

Greenhouse cafe is now opened in the Health & Care Centre.

Health & Social Care Partnership.

Mearnskirk Hospital has 70 beds for elderly patients who are not serviced in mainstream hospitals, at the moment there are 12 vacant beds, however the hospital is owned by Walker & Company who are not going to renew their Lease by January 2019, which means that ERC have the responsibility to find places for all patients.

Winter Planning review for unplanned admission to hospital, Strategic Plan has stated that it's going to be a difficult times ahead with the cutbacks expected in the budget.

#### **Planning & Licensing**

N/A

### **12. AOCB**

It was agreed to invite the Leader of the Council Tony Buchanan to come along to the next meeting to discuss the coming budget.

It was also agreed to invite Stephen Larkin from Unison.

Former Community Councillor John Farrell has passed away after a long illness, a card to be sent to his wife & family.

Cllr Convery left the meeting, an issue was raised concerning lack of attendance of some elected members, the Council has contacted ERC on two separate occasions on the matter, it was recently stated the Community Councils is one of their approved duties. After much discussion it was decided that ERC to be contacted on the matter.

There was a discussion concerning the Shopping Centre post which are now wrapped in yellow, Barrhead Community Council on several occasion over the, past couple of years, had reported this matter to the Elected Member about the Health & Safety concerning the bottom of the post which had perforated the bottom of most post, we had been told it was difficult to make contact with the owners of the Centre, however this is now being looked at by the Barrhead Bid.

Conflict of Interest, a letter was received concerning a conflict of interest of two Community Councillors who are also on the board of Barrhead Housing Association, it had been stated that they had not lodged a conflict of interest on any of the previous minutes, after discussion it was agreed that as there was no discussions had taken place concerning Barrhead Housing Association on any agendas for many years, the sender will receive the response with the policy on conflict of Interest of Community Councils.

Barrhead Community Council also has a standard agenda item of Declaration of Interest.

CCllr MacInnes & McCready will lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

RAMH is moving to the Disability Centre and leaving Lowndes st Building

Meeting closed at 8.36pm.

**DONM 2nd November 2017**

Please Note

If possible can we have the minutes passed on Thursday before we leave the meeting

Thanks Rena

## Matters Arising

Bins on main st have been dealt with by Environment Services.

Phil Daws Letter, re: television.

Thomas Kelly Portraits.

### Correspondence September 2017.

1. Scottish Community Centre.
2. Scottish Sentencing Council ( focussing on public perception of Youth Crime and youth offending)
3. Climate Challenge Fund.
4. Community Choices fund for 17/18 is open for applications.
5. Police Scotland 2016 consultation the final Strategy was put before parliament on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.
6. Invitation to Public Exhibition for Taylor Wimpy ( Springfield Rd)
7. I am Me, (Safe Zones) have requested to attend BCC (November)
8. Portraits received an email about frames for portraits.
9. Phil Daws. Television cannot be installed for various reasons.
10. Kirking of the Council (St Aiden's Episcopal Church Clarkston 27<sup>th</sup> August. 2017
11. Barrhead Men's shed, (Doors open day on 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> September)
12. Seniors together Event at Voluntary Action 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017
13. Invitation to attend Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, Launch of East Renfrewshire. Held in Jackton East Kilbride. Rena & Laura Attended.