



**Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council
7th February 2019**

7th February 2019	<u>Present</u> Rosaleen Reilly. Chairperson. Rosemarie McInally. Vice Chair Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Laura Hendry. Rita Connelly. Mary Lawson. Harry Sinclair.
<u>Apologies</u>	Phil Traish.

Visitors & ERC Cllrs Visitors	PC. Jeffries, PC Currie Police Scotland, Pippa Smith (Barrhead News) Jack Harkness (McGill's Commercial Manager) Jim Smith (Barrhead Depot Manager) Dermott McGonigle (ERC Transport) Vincent McCulloch (ERC Community Council Liaison officer)
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1. **WELCOME** Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

4. **POLICE REPORT.**

Police Report. Read by attending Officer

There were various comments and discussions about areas of concern within Barrhead.

5. **McGill's Bus Service**

Jack Harkness gave an update on the situation announced by McGill's Bus Service: closure of the Company Garage in Murial st Barrhead.

Garage

Due to lack of investment in maintaining the garage over the years, there is an ongoing discussion on the future of keeping the garage at its present location or moving to either Inchinnon or Johnstone garage which has had a massive upgrade and is more suitable, no decisions have been made at this time concerning the garage, we will be updated at the next meeting.

Local Services

McGill's held their hands up to all the problems which have happened over the previous months:

- 51 Buses running 2/3 at a time, an unreliable service, people often late for work, appointments etc, should be a 10 minute service.
- McGill's stated that yes buses has been of due to maintenance problems which has affected services badly, however road works in the past and in the coming months will continue to affect the service which is outwith McGill's Control
- Buses breaking down on a daily basis, it was stated this was due to an extremely cold winter with older buses. However this was not an acceptable answer, to date have not had a bad winter.
- Amount of 26 services to Nethercraigs. It was stated that this route is more profitable route than any other service, also have newest buses.
- Attitude of drivers to passengers is currently at a high level; McGill's stated that passengers must at all times report this sort of behaviour, with attitude or abuse from drivers, must at all times be reported to the garage manager, who will investigate all reports made. Unless reports are made, and they are not aware of any problems with drivers. It will continue to the problem
- Overall McGill's did accept responsibility for all the problems over the past months with bus services & maintenance problems, 2/3 year old buses are been put into service in March this year.

- **51 Service** will continue with a better service and introducing a loop service, they will no longer be using Oakbank Drive as a waiting area.
- **54 Service** will continue with the same service.
- **52 Service** will continue with a slight change to the 3rd & 2nd last service as bus continues to arrive late into the garage due to traffic issues.
- **Closure of Garage** Discussions are still ongoing about the Garage Decisions will have to be made at some point;

However McGill's have invited themselves back for our 7th March meeting to update us on any decisions made.

The Chair Thanked Jack & Jim for their input to the meeting.

- Dermot McGonigle Transport Manager for ERC stated that the Council also work will McGill's, there main responsibility is for Bus Stops, Shelters etc are in working order, SPT Subsidise the 103, & 395 services, subsidised funds are now under threat of being be removed, which stop these much needed services, were advised to contact Local Elected Members etc to have these much needed services kept in service.
- It was also highlighted that Mearns Village cannot access transport from Mearns to Barrhead, the 395 has serviced Mearns with final destination being East Kilbride which is an hourly service for many years, Barrhead also has the same problems accessing the Mearns area, and this may change when the back road to Mearns is completed.

6. Community Council Election Process

All Community Council are up for Elections this October 2019.

Nominations paperwork will be available from August 2019.

(When all elected Community Councillors step down)

Barrhead have 20 spaces available, 5 places from each of the 4 areas.

There was a lengthy discussion about vacant places from various areas, however we were informed about Associated members being invited into the Community Council, something we were not aware of. (Attached)

Next Network event in Eastwood House on 27th February 2019.

6. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

Minutes approved by CClrs Connelly, Seconded by CClrs McInally.

7. Matters arising

n/a

8. Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Building Standards -December 18, 84 HOUSES Blackbyers Road /Grahamston Rd closing
1/1/2019.

Building Standards (Shanks Park) 19th Feb 2019

Beat the Street. Fun Initiative Barrhead & Newton Mearns 15th February – 29th March 2019
ERC.

Changing Places (Toilets) letter from Mr McMenamin.

Thank You from Zurich Insurance.

All about Barrhead, Funding and Training opportunities.

Barrhead Market Proposal.

Community Plan (National Survey)

All about Barrhead (Awards)

1/1/2019. Parking Restrictions Springfield Road 17th February (8am -5pm)

Tackling Schools Run, East Renfrewshire.

Community Resilience and Local Business project.

Strathclyde RTS (A New Regional transport strategy.

Contacted Safety Office Claire Reid about CCTV

Holocaust Memorial event.

9. Chairman's Report

Attended, You're Voice, Health & Social Care, and Strategic Planning & Care Governance Report. The Chair has resigned from all groups within Community Care & Health Partnership.

10. Treasurers Report

Funds in Bank Account £663.16.

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

12. Committee Reports:

Health. Self Directed Support clients to be re-assessed on the service they already receive, the question is who is actually doing the assessments.

Planning & Licensing

Include me 2 have a Planning application for the James McGuire Building, concern was raised about the existing cells & Fireplace within the building that they will not be removed, to check with Include me 2 group on the matter.

15. AOCB

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