



**Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council
3rd May 2018**

<u>3rd May 2018</u>	<u>Present</u> Rosaleen Reilly. Chairperson. Rosemarie McInally. Vice Chair Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Laura Hendry. Treasurer. William McCready. Rita McGettigan. Harry Sinclair. Rita Connelly. Phil Traish M Lawson.
<u>Apologies</u>	Cllr Aitken, D MacInnes, M Lawson, R McGettigan,

Visitors & ERC Cllrs Visitors	SGT Boyle, PC Nicol (Police Scotland) Michael Pegg, Craig Brisco, 9 Centre Post Office) Niall Christie (Barrhead News Reporter) Paul Mcilvenny (Include me 2)
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1. **WELCOME** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

4. **POLICE REPORT**

Police Report was circulated to all members.

Question: Concern was raised about the amount of fires within the area.

Why were cars in the Auchenback area being clamped, this is done by DVLA, if vehicles have no tax they will be clamped, if tax is not paid vehicle will be removed.

Police also continue to monitor the Main st.

Officers were thanked for their attendance.

5. Closure of Main st Post Office

There was a report in the Barrhead News about the closure of the Main St Post Office, The Chairperson & Secretary met with the reported of the Barrhead News (Niall Christie) to discuss the closure and look at other option, it was suggested that the Post Office could be housed within the James McGuire Building, however all Post Offices need retail services to survive, we were then contacted by Michael Pegg owner of the Barrhead Centre Post Office to discuss the closure, as he was upset that it was not included in the report that there are another 2 Post Offices with the Main one being at Barrhead Centre, however it was stated by Craig Brisco that the removal of the type of Post Office we have at this present time will never be replaced, another shop owner has already applied to have a smaller type Counter for postal service, The Barrhead Centre Post Office is now the only fully functioning office in Barrhead.

The Secretary highlighted to Michael Pegg that the Community Council view was of concern to the customers who used the Main st Post Office, especially the elderly, within Barrhead Main st all other services are only minutes away, Health & Care Centre, ERC Offices, Chemists, Foundry, Bank and other services.

Now customers need to go to Barrhead Centre, cross the road to access Public Transport to then go back to the Main st.

Main st Barrhead is the Hub of Barrhead and the busiest, now that is broken.

6. Include me 2

With the discussion in the Barrhead News concerning the Post Office Closure and the James McGuire Building being mentioned, Paul

Mcilvenny requested to come along to the Community Council to discuss the Future of the James McGuire Building which possible could have included the Post Office as there is adequate Disability Access to allow this to happen

Include Me Club have been working on a feasibility project based upon the James McGuire Building over the past 6months. Working alongside East Renfrewshire Council and elevated Member we have been exploring the potential use of the building, reopening it to the public both as a community hub and social enterprise where it will create training and employment opportunities for our members with additional support needs and disabilities. The social enterprises will be public facing, open to the public to engage with the members and organisation and generate small income that will cover the running costs of the project and create employment placements for our members. We've focused on this due to the rising numbers of disbands people out of work, out of training. Which is increasing year on year? The space will be reopened, using the many features and heritages of space. The office space upstairs will be used to accommodate and facilitate third sector partners and start ups. We are in the process of working with a architect and business advisor to prepare the plans to submit to East Renfrewshire Council next week.

Paul answered all relevant questions and brought along plans for the Community Council to view, Paul was thanked for his input.

7. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

Minutes approved by CCllr Connelly & Seconded by CCllr McInally.

8. Matters Arising

Official Opening

Once again the Official opening has taken Place at the New Sir Harry Burns Centre with no invitation to the BCC.

I recognise that members may have been involved in the consultations about facilities they might want to see in the new build, and of course there are opportunities in the building for community activities. As such I am sure Mrs Devlin, Head Teacher of Arthurlie Family Centre, which

operates in the centre, will be happy to show the facilities available to you and any other members of Barrhead CC who wish to do so. Please do contact Vickie directly to make arrangements that will be suitable for all; she will be delighted to show you and others round.

You will be well aware that many people are invited to take part in consultations in relation to education facilities throughout the Council area, but those invited to official openings are by necessity small in number. To my knowledge and those of my colleagues, we have not at any point invited community council members to the official openings of any education facilities, but there is no intention to slight anyone and I apologise if anyone has taken offence. .

9. Secretaries Report & Correspondence

Contacted Shona Fraser on the matter of housing application for Caplethill Road / Cross Stobs.

Anything on the North East side of Caplethill Rd Renfrewshire, the border runs down the centre of Caplethill rd. I had a look at Renfrewshire's website but couldn't see anything recent.

10. Chairman's Report

Community Council Networking event, was attended by the Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer, however the invitation was open to all members, the had all previously been notified by email by Liaison Office Vincent McCulloch, the event was attended by 4 Community Council out of 10, next meeting. : 5th September / 5th December. 2018

We also discussed Participatory Budgeting, now to be named Community Choices mainstream funding.

11. Treasurers Report

Funds in Bank Account £639.86. Administration Funds have been received from ERC.

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

13. Committee Reports: Health.

Your Voice ER, There is a open meeting at Thorntree hall to look at Moving Forward together.

Health Centres, Receptionists will refer patients the appropriate Service, Podiatry, Dentist, Mental Health.

Planning & Licensing

There Bunzl site consultation event was changed to another date. Both members of the planning group now receiving information from planning.

14. AOCB

It was noted that the monument at Centenary Court at Barrhead Centre has been vandalised.

Middle Island bricks removed on Main st outside Iceland.

Secretary to contact ERC on the matter, ask about CCTV on Main st and Barrhead Centre where cameras are situated.

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