

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Petitions Board

| Date                | Time  | Venue                  |
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| Monday, 22 May 2023 | 14:00 | Remotely via MS Teams, |

MARK CONAGHAN  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Councillor Stephen Burns (Convener): Councillor Michelle Campbell (Depute Convener):

Councillor Jennifer Adam: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor David McGonigle: Councillor Jim Paterson: Councillor Ben Smith:

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## Items of business

### Apologies

Apologies from members.

### Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Annual Report of Petitions Received and their Outcomes</b> | <b>3 - 6</b>  |
|          | Report by the Director of Finance & Resources.                |               |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Petition - Storie Street Parking</b>                       | <b>7 - 11</b> |
|          | Report by the Director of Finance & Resources.                |               |



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**To:                Petitions Board**

**On:                22 May 2023**

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**Report by:    Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading:      Annual Report of Petitions Received and their Outcomes**

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## **1.      Summary**

- 1.1    The annual report highlights petitions considered by the Petitions Board during the period November 2021 to May 2023 during which the Board met on five occasions.
  - 1.2    The Board met on 8 November 2021, 31 January 2022, 28 March 2022, 29 August 2022 and 7 November 2022 and considered seven petitions in total.
  - 1.3    Three meetings of the Board were cancelled due to lack of business within the reporting period. These meetings had been scheduled to take place on 20 June 2022, 30 January 2023 and 20 March 2023.
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## **2.      Recommendation**

- 2.1    That the Report on petitions received and their outcomes, be noted.
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## **3.      Background**

- 3.1    Seven petitions were considered by the Petitions Board during the period covered by this report. Details of the petitions received and their outcomes are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

#### **4. Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial** – none
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** - none
4. **Legal** – none
5. **Property/Assets** – none
6. **Information Technology** - none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - none

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** - none
10. **Risk** - none.
11. **Privacy Impact** - none
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – not applicable

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|   | Subject of Petition                                       | Outcome  | Updates/Progress  |
|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | Parking at Gartmore Road                                  | That the petition be referred to the relevant Director with the recommendation that the petition be adopted and a further recommendation that the Director also undertake a review of the travel corridor from the roundabout junction at Barrhead Road to Penilee Road at Queen Elizabeth Avenue.                                       | Draft traffic order prepared and about to undergo its first consultation, including being posted to those listed on the petition. We await the results of an origin destination survey to inform the review of the travel corridor.   |
| 2 | Ralston Community Sports Centre                           | That consideration of the petition be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow members to consider the petition and the additional points raised at the meeting.  | The petition was superseded by the Community Asset Review process which took place and resulted in the transfer of Ralston Community Sports Centre to Kelburne Hockey and Community Sports Club being refused at a meeting of the Community Asset Transfer Review Sub-committee on 22 March 2023.           |
| 3 | Traffic Calming Measures, Kilbarchan Road, Bridge of Weir | That the petition be referred to the Director of Environment & Infrastructure with the recommendation that the Director (a) repair the defective speed camera; and (b) undertake further surveys on usage of the road with a view to initiating a project to design traffic calming measures to alleviate the problem on Kilbarchan Road | Kilbarchan Road was added to the workload of the consultant investigating the Village Safe Walking Initiative. Surveys of the location and residents were undertaken and draft feasibility designs produced. Approval to revert back to the petitioner and seek funding for detail design now being sought. |
| 4 | Cycle Lane, Johnstone                                     | That no further action be taken in relation to the Petition.   | N/A   |
| 5 | Alleged Anti-social Behaviour - Foxbar Crescent, Paisley  | That no further action be taken in relation to the Petition.   | N/A   |

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| 6 | Traffic Calming Measures, Kilmaolm Road, Bridge of Weir | That the petition be referred to the Director of Environment & Infrastructure and the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board for further consideration. | Police Scotland's Safety Camera Unit has committed to supply a mobile camera unit but has not as yet put a date on that. A speed survey was undertaken in October last year and the site's score compiled. The site now lies third on a list of priority sites for consultant design when funds allow. When we have commissioned and received a draft design, the community will be consulted.                                     |
| 7 | Funfairs - Robertson Park, Renfrew                      | That the petition be referred to the Director of Environment & Infrastructure for further consideration.   | <p>The following measures were agreed and now have been implemented in relation to subsequent requests for funfairs in Robertson Park.</p> <p>1.Reduce the period that fairs are allowed to operate from two weeks to a maximum of one week.</p> <p>2.Positioning of any fair should be along the middle path and not towards the houses.</p> <p>3.Standard maximum noise level requirements will be dropped to a lower level.</p> |




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**Report by:    Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading:       Petition - Storie Street Parking**

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## **1.       Summary**

- 1.1    The Council has agreed procedures in relation to the submission of petitions including parameters for determining valid petitions and those areas where petitions would not be valid.
- 1.2    All valid petitions are to be submitted to the Board for consideration and a summary report is to be prepared on any petitions which are not considered to be valid in terms of the procedures. It is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.
- 1.3    A petition containing 32 signatures has been received from Ms M Letford in the following terms: -

“Please find attached a petition with regards to our situation on Storie St, as you can see all residents agree there is an issue with the parking, we are the only street in the area which does not have parking bays either for parking permits or paying. We also have a double yellow line which means no parking during the day, this was placed recently after one resident complained! So residents then have to drive around the area to find a bay available for permits. I understand that the bays are not just for permit holders only but for all public to use when coming into town, but the issue is you have people using them to park their cars and head off to work for the day! Which leaves the residents with very little parking spaces! Some of the residents have also been hit with parking fines when parked on the street they live in, when they can’t get a space anywhere else and have no option but to park on the street. An example would be one Saturday afternoon at 4.45/5, 7 residents were issued parking fines! We are not asking for parking bays on both sides of the street but and least one side and the double yellow removed, this would not cause any congestion to the street as canal terrace

has bays on one side which is a smaller road. We would be grateful if someone from the department would come out and assess the situation and a solution be resolved.

### **Storie Street Residents Parking 46-69A & 46-69B: Petition 2023**

Aiming to resolve the issue with parking for residents regarding the double yellow lines and markings which are creating major issues for ALL residents.

We propose for the yellow lines and markings to be removed and replaced with parking bays for resident parking with permit only.

Please sign below to show your support:”

- 1.4 The Transportation & Development Manager has provided a response to the concerns raised in the petition and where appropriate suggested actions to resolve them as outlined below: -

“Storie Street lies in Zone 2 of the Paisley Town Centre Permit Parking Scheme. The scheme was created to enable residents to park on-street without charge, in parking bays where other people have to pay. The scheme balances the needs of residents and visitors to the town centre by providing shared parking spaces. The double yellow lines ban parking and loading at all times and are placed to ensure through traffic has a free path at all times and that safe visibility is always available at junctions. The single yellow lines are active during the day from Monday to Saturday, allowing parking overnight and on Sundays. The Pay and Display parking spaces have a 4 hour maximum stay and a ‘no return within 1 hour’ restriction to prevent all-day parking. The parking restrictions in Storie Street and its surrounding area were first introduced in 2005 and have not changed since, although they are refurbished from time to time.

I am sorry that the petitioners are finding it difficult to park on the street close to their homes. It must be remembered that the road is a public space and available to all but I also realise private off-street parking is not generally available in the area. The road performs many functions, the primary one being to provide an uncongested route for traffic flow, important to the effective working of the road network. If parking space can be accommodated, it is placed where it is safe and does not cause an obstacle. This often limits how much parking space can be allowed. However, since 2005 conditions on the roads have changed and I consider that the restrictions can be re-assessed to better serve the residents. Officers will assess the feasibility of providing more Pay and Display parking spaces and changing the maximum stay period to make more spaces available to residents.

The Council is presently working on a Renfrewshire-wide traffic order to consolidate all its restrictions so any changes to current traffic orders are frozen until this is complete. Thereafter, any possible changes to Storie Street may be promoted through the usual traffic order process. However, as this process is open to public objection, I have to warn the petitioners that any changes cannot be guaranteed.”



- 1.5 The role of the Board is to consider the petition and take the appropriate action in respect of the petition which will be one of the following:
- (a) that no action is taken, in which case the reasons will be specified and intimated to the petitioner;
  - (b) that the petition be referred to the relevant director/and or policy board for further investigation, with or without any specific recommendation; or
  - (c) refer the petition to another organisation if the petition relates to that organisation. The principal petitioner, together with one supporter has been invited to attend the meeting.

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## **2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Board considers the petition.
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## **3. Implications of the Report**

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- 4. **Legal** – none
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12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – not applicable

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### **List of Background Papers**

- (a) Background Paper - 1 Petition

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