

Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 12 May 2016	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Kelly, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, J Sharky, M Sharkey and Williams.

CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

I Williams, Environmental Training Team; J James, Beechwood Community Centre Management Board; J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; H Dykes, Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council; J Bunton, Paisley North Community Council; J Carson, Paisley West & Central Community Council; M Fernie, Ralston Community Council; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; W Colquhoun, West End Seniors Forum; and O Nadeem, Scottish Youth Parliament.

IN ATTENDANCE

C Robertson, Community Safety Manager (Community Resources); A Morrison, Head of Regeneration, N Yardley, Project Manager City Deal, A Anderson, Project Manager City Deal, A Moulson, Town Centres Project Manager and E Troup, Conservation Officer (all Development & Housing Services); and J Lynch, Head of Property Services (Lead Officer), D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

In terms of Standing Order 16, the Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 6 of the agenda after item 1 of the agenda.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors M Sharkey and J Sharkey declared an interest in item 7 of the agenda in relation to the application for Local Area Committee (LAC) funding submitted by Renfrewshire Youth Voice and indicated their intention not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION - PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing a progress update on the activities of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire and Community Safety Partnership carried out in the Paisley North LAC area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2016.

The report provided information on Paisley North community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents and a spotlight on the work of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 STREET STUFF ANNUAL REPORT/FUNDING REQUEST

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources seeking an award of £5,000 funding for the Street Stuff Programme.

The report intimated that Street Stuff had been delivering activities in Renfrewshire since 2009, during which they had contributed to a sustained reduction in reported youth disorder and anti-social behaviour. Over the last few years the LAC had been keen to consider funding additional activities within their area which would allow additional sessions to be programmed within communities that were not identified at a Renfrewshire level as areas that had a particular problem with anti-social behaviour or children living in poverty. Given the scale of the core programme the report requested that a contribution of £5,000 per LAC area be considered, which was similar to the contribution in previous years. This funding would contribute to the costs of delivery of up to two activity sessions per week within the LAC area, through the peak summer, autumn and spring months, as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes.

DECIDED: That £5,000 be awarded to the Street Stuff Programme to contribute towards the costs of additional activity sessions within the LAC area as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes.

3 **OPEN SESSION/ KEY LOCAL ISSUES**

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that one issue had been raised by Councillor K MacLaren relative to the process for the award of grants by the LAC. Councillor K MacLaren was given the opportunity to speak on this issue.

Councillor J Sharkey suggested that Councillor K MacLaren's comments be submitted as part of any future review of LACs. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That Councillor K MacLaren's comments be submitted as part of any future review of LACs.

4 **GLASGOW & CLYDE VALLEY CITY DEAL - CLYDE WATERFRONT & RENFREW RIVERSIDE AND GLASGOW AIRPORT INVESTMENT AREA**

A Anderson, Project Manager – City Deal gave a presentation on the Clyde Waterfront & Riverside project and the Glasgow Airport Investment area.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **PAISLEY 2021 - UPDATE**

The Town Centres Project Manager gave a presentation on Paisley's bid to become UK City of Culture 2021.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2016/17, totalling 121,040 consisting of £77,870 General Grant Fund, £13,000 Paisley Common Good Fund and £30,170 Youth Challenge Fund. The appendix to the report detailed the expenditure committed by the LAC in 2015/16.

It was noted that the total value of grant applications to be considered at this meeting of the LAC exceeded available budget resources.

DECIDED: That the report be noted

7 **APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to applications received for local area committee funding.

DECIDED: That the applications for funding be determined as follows:-

SINGLE AREA

8th Paisley Boys Brigade – Educational trip to London – Declined

Active Communities (Scotland) Limited – Jingle Bell Fun Run – Awarded £2,780

Active Communities (Scotland) Limited – ‘Feel Good about Youth Club’ – Awarded £4,275

Cameron Dance Group – Running costs and assistance towards costs of annual display including costumes

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Williams, moved that Cameron Dance Group be awarded £2,200.

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, moved as an amendment that the application by Cameron Dance Group be declined.

In terms of Standing Order 30 the Convener intimated that the vote would be by a show of hands.

On a vote being taken, four members voted for the amendment and four members voted for the motion. There being an equality of votes cast the Convener used his second and casting vote in favour of the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

Harmony Pensioners Group – Weekly meeting costs

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Williams, moved that Harmony Pensioners Group be awarded £1,600.

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Lawson, moved as an amendment that Harmony Pensioners Group be awarded £1,300.

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On a vote being taken, four members voted for the amendment and four members voted for the motion. There being an equality of votes cast the Convener used his second and casting vote in favour of the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

Oakshaw Residents’ Association – Community notice board – Awarded £1,400

Paisley Abbey Scouts – Assistance towards centenary camp – Awarded £900

Paisley North Community Council – Holiday and family activity programmes

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Mylet, moved that Paisley North Community Council be awarded £4,000.

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Williams, moved as an amendment that the request by Paisley North Community Council be declined.

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On a vote being taken, four members voted for the amendment and four members voted for the motion. There being an equality of votes cast the Convener used his second and casting vote in favour of the amendment. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Paisley West & Central Seniors Forum – Assistance towards rent, cost of speakers and a fitness instructor – Awarded £600.

Ralston Community Games – Ralston Games – Awarded £7,100

St John Ogilvie Primary School Parent Partnership – Library – Continued

MULTI-AREA

Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire – Create a centre where Africans in Renfrewshire can access information and tailored services – Awarded £1,153.50

Basketball Paisley – Consolidation and development of the ‘hot hoops 9’ basketball project in Renfrewshire Primary Schools – Awarded £876.80

Brahead Junior Ice Hockey Club – ice costs – Awarded £350

Breastfeeding Network – Provision of breast feeding peer support including the training of new volunteers – Awarded £1,417.40

Cat Rescue Service – Feed, care for and neuter/spay feral cats - Declined

C-change Scotland – Dates-mates Renfrewshire friendship and dating project for adults with learning disabilities – Awarded £2,000

Coats Memorial Church – Boiler replacement programme

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved that Coats Memorial Church be awarded £13,000.

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor M MacLaren, moved as an amendment that the request by Coats Memorial Church be declined.

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On a vote being taken, four members voted for the amendment and four members voted for the motion. There being an equality of votes cast the Convener used his second and casting vote in favour of the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

Cornerstone Drop-in Centre – Utility costs and insurance for drop-in befriending and meal service – Awarded £375

Create Paisley – Creative programmes for young people – Awarded £8,981.15

Double H Lunch Club – Provision of lunch to elderly members – Awarded £233.33

Erskine Community Allotments – Upgrading of access road - Declined

Feis Phaislig – Traditional music tuition for young people – Awarded £1,294.20

Feguslie Cricket Club – Erection of groundsman's garage - Declined

Ferguslie Cricket Club – Purchase of tractor - Declined

Fitting-in – Health project for 5 to 18 year olds including information on illegal and legal drug taking, drinking and healthy eating – Awarded £1,156

SEDERUNT

Councillor Williams left the meeting prior to consideration of the following LAC funding application.

Forever Young – Exercise, relaxation and creative arts classes – Awarded £1,600

Greensyde Carers – Development of safe leisure garden at the Milldale Centre – Awarded £100

I Am Me Scotland – Part funding of mobile cinema – Awarded £2,000

Kelburne Hockey Club – Promotion of hockey and hosting of tournament – Awarded £1,000

Lamont Farm – Running costs - Continued

Lound 'n' Proud – Production of show to be held in the SECC Glasgow – Awarded £2,200

Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation – Open cricket sessions for schools and the community

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Lawson, moved that Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation be awarded £2,500.

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment that the request by Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation be declined.

In terms of Standing Order 30 the Convener intimated that the vote would be by a show of hands.

On a vote being taken, three members voted for the amendment and four members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

PAGGS – Cost of attendance at international camp – Awarded £2,453

Paisley & District Scouts – Attendance of 22 young people at Blair Atholl Jamboree 2016 – Awarded £1,250

Paisley Chess Club – Purchase of chess equipment – Awarded £442.50

Paisley Pens Writing Group – Assistance towards tutor costs and trip to Edinburgh Writers Museum – Awarded £759.26

Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club – Part funding of ice time – Awarded £1,600

Paisley Sea Cadets – Assistance towards cost of annual summer camp – Awarded £889.30

Parkrun UK – Establishment of a weekly park run session in Linwood - Continued

Phoenix Activities Group – Tutor costs, equipment and craft materials – Awarded £1,325

Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Training Club – Purchase of toilet and new storage container for equipment – Awarded £1,000

Rainbow Turtle – School educational project including fairtrade producer visit – Awarded £1,900

RAMH – No Substitute for Life – Assistance towards cost of event to offer information and positive interventions to diminish the threat of suicide – Awarded £400

Rays of Hope – Cancer support group running costs – Awarded £1,960

Renfrewshire Access Panel – Installation of phone line and office running costs – Awarded £1,226.20

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s – Coach hire, uniforms, presentations and entrance fees – Awarded £600

Renfrewshire Deaf Group – Provision of a social club for volunteers with interpreters – Awarded £600

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities – Cost of drop-in centre – Awarded £4,382.50

Renfrewshire Seniors Forum – Empowering and informing older people in relation to the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary elections - Declined

Renfrewshire Sports Network – Implementation of Renfrewshire's new sports strategy – Awarded £2,400

Renfrewshire Visual Impaired Forum – Rent and running costs – Awarded £300

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Sharkey and Councillor J Sharkey, having declared an interest in the following request for funding took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Renfrewshire Youth Voice – Assistance towards Positive about Youth awards – Awarded £820

Scottish Afro-Caribbean Festival – Cultural parade and lead-up community activities – Awarded £5,000

Shopmobility – Support service delivery and meet all regulation obligations – Awarded £494

St James' Church Friendly Hour – Hire of mini bus to enable older people to attend meetings – Awarded £400

St James' Orchestra – Rehearsal accommodation costs – Awarded £340

Stanley Athletic AFC – Provision of football holiday camps and re-branding of the club to a soccer academy – Awarded £1,236

Sweeney's Gym – Relocate to new premises – Awarded £4,975

The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion – Upgrading of Brigade HQ – Awarded £2,000

The Wynd Centre – Cost of adult counselling service – Awarded £1,000

The Wynd Centre – Cost of youth counselling service – Awarded £1,000

Twist and Hit Cheerleaders – Community engagement through cheerleading

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Mylet, moved that Twist and Hit Cheerleaders be awarded £2,000.

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment that Twist and Hit Cheerleaders be awarded £5,000.

In terms of Standing Order 30 the Convener intimated that the vote would be by a show of hands.

On a vote being taken, three members voted for the amendment and four members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

YMCA Paisley – Mobile digital youth ihub to deliver iEnterprise – Awarded £2,996.50

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Paisley North LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 18 August 2016 in Renfrewshire House.