

Minute of Meeting Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 14 June 2017	18:00	Gryffe High School, Old Bridge of Weir Rd, Houston PA6 7EB,

Present: Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Natalie Don, Councillor Alison Jean Dowling, Councillor Jim Harte, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Colin McCulloch, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor James Sheridan

Chair

Councillor Don, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

B Stewart, Bishopton Community Council; S Clark, Bridge of Weir Community Council; M Dundas, Brookfield Community Council; A Cameron, Erskine Community Council; J Taggart, Erskine; I Cameron, Houston & Killellan Kirk; R McNally, Erskine Community Association; M Alam, Scottish Youth Parliament; and A Johnstone, Brighter Bridge of Weir.

Community Planning Partner

Inspector C Glass, Police Scotland.

In Attendance

C Dalrymple, Regulatory and Enforcement Manager, M Hendry, Community Safety Hub Manager and A McNab, Transportation Manager (all Community Resources); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance (Lead Officer), D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Apology

Councillor Kerr.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a non-financial interest in item 5 of the agenda in relation to the application for Local Area Committee (LAC) funding submitted by Klas Care as the applicant was known to her and indicated that, as she viewed the nature of the interest to be insignificant, she would remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Sheridan declared a non-financial interest in item 5 of the agenda in relation to the application for LAC funding submitted by Inchinnan Bowling Club Junior Section as he was a member of Inchinnan Bowling Club and indicated that it was his intention not to take part in any voting thereon.

Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 16, Councillor Don intimated that she proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering the applications from Changing Stages, Renfrewshire District Scouts, Johnstone Pipe Band and Lamont Farm at the beginning of the multi-area applications and that the application by the Girls Brigade Renfrewshire Division be heard before the application by Phoenix Flyers.

1 Community Safety and Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2017.

The report provided information on Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; and a spotlight on the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 Street Stuff Annual Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the continued development of the Street Stuff Programme and seeking an award of £5,000 for 2017/18 to contribute towards the costs of additional activity sessions within the LAC area including attendance at local gala days and fetes.

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 it was proposed 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:

(a) That the continued development of the Street Stuff Programme as detailed in the report be noted; and

(b) That £5,000 be awarded to the Street Stuff Programme for 2017/18 to contribute towards the costs of additional activity sessions within the LAC area including attendance at local gala days and fetes.

3 Open Session/ Key Local Issues

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) intimated that no questions had been submitted for consideration.

DECIDED: That it be noted that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

4 Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC budget for 2017/18, totalling £143,514 consisting of £102,935 General Grant Fund and £40,580 Youth Challenge Fund. The appendix to the report detailed the expenditure committed by the LAC in 2016/17.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Audrey Doig having declared an interest in the following request for funding remained in the meeting and did not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Klas Care C.I.C. – Refurbishment of community building – Awarded £9,250

Erskine New Interest Group – Christmas lunch and trip – Awarded £750

Langbank Bowling Club – Replacement of old mower – Awarded £2,000

Bishopton Parish Church - Replacement of heating system

Councillor Don, seconded by Councillor J MacLaren, moved that Bishopton Parish Church be awarded £5,000.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, moved as an amendment that the application be declined.

On a vote being taken, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Audrey Doig, Don and J MacLaren.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Campbell, Dowling, Harte, McCulloch, Nicolson and Sheridan

4 members having voted for the motion and 6 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Linwood Elderly Forum – Theatre trip – Awarded £2,000

Houston Community Council – Environmental improvements – Awarded £5,000

Houston Community Council – Christmas enhancement project – Awarded £5,000

Brighter Bridge of Weir - Environmental enhancements – Awarded £2,500

Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association – Social events – Awarded £1,500

Bishopton Primary School Parent Council – Creation of outdoor sports area – Awarded £10,000

Active Communities Scotland Limited – Feelgood about You courses – Awarded £2,350

Active Communities Scotland Limited – Girls on the Run classes – Awarded £1,530

Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum – Hall fees – Awarded £500

Bridge of Weir Community Council – Replacement Xmas lights – Awarded £1,000

Brookfield Community Council – Playground equipment for older children – Awarded £10,000

Houston Play Park Improvement Group – Redevelopment of Ardgryffe Park – Awarded £9,999

Erskine Festival Committee – Erskine Gala day – Awarded £4,000

Community Action for Erskine – Volunteer training

Councillor Don, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved that Community Action for Erskine be awarded £5,000.

Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Dowling, moved as an amendment that Community Action for Erskine be awarded £10,000.

On a vote being taken, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Audrey Doig, Don, J MacLaren and Nicolson.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Campbell, Dowling, Harte, McCulloch and Sheridan

4 members having voted for the motion and 6 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Inchinnan Historical Interest Group – Provision of education pack – Awarded £4,000

Gryffe High School PTA – Theatre refurbishment project – Awarded £8,000

Erskine Youth Council – Drop-in sessions for young people – Awarded £6,070

Glen Art – Veterans Support Programme – Awarded £5,000

Houston Old School Trust – Provision of dance studio facilities – Declined

Linwood Scout Group – Hall lets and storage facility – Awarded £3,426.80

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in relation to the following application for Local Area Committee (LAC) as she was an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure and indicated her intention to leave the meeting and not to take part in any voting thereon.

Renfrewshire Leisure Active Schools – Lunch and after schools clubs – Awarded £9,763

SEDERUNT

Councillor Audrey Doig returned to the meeting prior to the following request.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Sheridan having declared an interest in the following request for funding remained in the meeting and did not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Inchinnan Bowling Club Junior Section – Bowling equipment for schools project – Awarded £1,550

Erskine Community Council – Provision of Xmas lights – Awarded £5,000

Erskine Community Council – Provision of planters – Awarded £5,000

Erskine Community Council – Provision of road signage – Declined: to be met from departmental resources.

MULTI-AREA

Changing Stages Drama Group – Assist with costs of drama highlighting mental health and addiction issues – Declined

Renfrewshire District Scouts – Help with cost of additional uniform – Awarded £162.58

Johnstone Pipe Band – Piping tuition in schools – Awarded £5,000

Lamont Farm – Running costs – Awarded £2,000

RAMH – No Substitute for Life – Suicide awareness event – Awarded £376

Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club – Costs of ice hire – Awarded £689

Greensyde Carers – Tracksuits for members training with Mildale Athletics Team – Awarded £96

The Wynd Centre – Provision of youth counselling service - Awarded £1,200

The Wynd Centre – Provision of adult counselling service – Awarded £1,200

RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group – Provision of presentation equipment – Awarded £119.99

The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion – Events and activities – Awarded £150

Phoenix Activities Group – Craft based activities for people with mental health issues – Continued

Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club – Assistance with increasing ice costs

Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Audrey Doig, moved that Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club be awarded £1,000.

Councillor Dowling, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment that Community Action for Erskine be awarded £689.

On a vote being taken, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Audrey Doig, Harte and Sheridan.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Campbell, Don, Dowling, J MacLaren, McCulloch and Nicolson.

3 members having voted for the motion and 7 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Paisley Guitar Group – Promotion of guitar to people with mental health issues – Declined

St James Orchestra – Accommodation costs

Councillor J MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Begg, moved that St James Orchestra be awarded £200.

Councillor Dowling, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment that the application be declined.

On a vote being taken, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Audrey Doig, Harte, J MacLaren and Nicolson.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Campbell, Don, Dowling, McCulloch and Sheridan.

5 members voted for the motion and 5 members voted for the amendment. There being an equality of votes cast, the Convener used her second and casting vote in favour of the amendment.

Renfrewshire Access Panel – Provision of disability access assessments – Awarded £1,000

Rainbow Turtle – Provision of education programme – Awarded £500

Girls' Brigade Renfrew Division – Training, hire of premises and transport – Awarded the balance of the remaining budget.

Phoenix Flyers – Maintenance and improvement of training facilities – Continued

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s – Cost of bowls, buses and team clothing – Continued

Renfrewshire Youth Voice – Production of 'Positive about Youth' awards – Continued

C Change Scotland – Outreach work for people with learning disabilities – Continued

Paisley & District Scout Association – International camp in Poland – Continued

PACE Theatre Company – Package of support for disadvantaged young people to join PACE – Continued

Feis Phaislig – provision of traditional music tuition – Continued

Basketball Paisley – Provision of basketball coaching programme – Continued

Shopmobility Paisley & District – Insurance – Continued

Paisley YMCA – Digital maker space for young people – Continued

DirectDevitt Comedy and Management Productions CIC – Criminal justice and mental health workshops for young people, subject to conditions to be agreed with the Director of Children's Services – Continued

Fitting-in – Health programme for young people deemed to be 'at risk' – Continued

Renfrewshire Sports Network – Pilot community games event – Continued

Loud 'n' Proud – Production of 'The Bungalow' musical including training for young people – Continued

Renfrewshire Council Youth Services – Development of Youth Commission in Mental Health – Application withdrawn

Rays of Hope – Activities for members of a cancer support group - Continued

The Breastfeeding Network – Support and volunteer costs – Continued

Walking Tours on Wheels – Promotion of themed tours in Paisley and surrounding area – Continued

6 Timetable of LAC Meetings to December 2017

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the timetable of LAC meetings to December 2017.

DECIDED: That meetings of this LAC be held on 30 August and 29 November 2017 at 6.00 pm in venues to be agreed by the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Convener.