

## **Minute of Meeting**

### **Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Thursday, 05 March 2015	10:00	Hospitality Suite, St Mirren Football Club, 75 Greenhill Road, Paisley, PA3 1RU,

## **APOLOGIES**

J Wilby, Representative (Forum for Empowering Communities); G Tarvit, Sustainability & Climate Change Manager (Keep Scotland Beautiful); J Downie, Chief Superintendent (Police Scotland); S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources (Renfrewshire Council); J Still, Head of Administration (Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership); J Binning, Principal Policy Officer (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport); and C Devine, Head of Resource Management (Zero Waste).

### **1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 17th December, 2014.

**DECIDED:** That the minute be approved.

### **2 ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

#### **GR.02.10.13(4B) – ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE**

S Marklow advised that the land database was now established but it was unable to identify land less than 0.1 hectares. It was agreed that contact be made with Engage Renfrewshire to discuss possibility of putting the database on to the Renfrewshire 2023 website; to engage further with local groups to identify small areas of land; and to look into the possibility of creating a temporary internship to identify land less than 0.1 hectares within Renfrewshire town centres.

#### **GR2204.12(4) – MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE**

The Lead Officer advised that support was now being provided to the Greener Communities and Greener Transport Sub Groups to assist with developing and achieving targets. It was agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the progress of the two Sub Groups.

#### **DECIDED:**

(a) That it be agreed that contact be made with Engage Renfrewshire to discuss possibility of putting the land database on to the Renfrewshire 2023 website;

(b) That further engagement takes place with local groups to identify small areas of land;

(c) That Development & Housing Services look into the possibility of creating a temporary internship to identify land less than 0.1 hectares within Renfrewshire town centres;

(d) That it be agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the progress of the two Sub Groups; and

(c) That the Rolling Action Log be otherwise noted.

### 3 ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING TEAM (ETT)

A presentation was given by I Williams highlighting the type of work undertaken by the Environmental Training Team; the recruitment of volunteers/trainee placements; what they were trying to achieve; and the community benefits.

Councillor Devine thanked I Williams for coming to the meeting and giving his presentation to the Board.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

### 4 GREENER RENFREWSHIRE INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT AGAINST TARGETS

There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to progress reported against the targets set for the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

The report advised that further work would be undertaken to refine the detail of the performance and to make proposals to the Community Planning Partnership Board scheduled for 24th June, 2015 about how progress could be monitored in future and to submit a revised Single Outcome Agreement, based on the indicators contained within the report.

**DECIDED:**

a) That the performance against impact measures as highlighted within the report be noted; and

b) That it be noted that further work with partners would be undertaken to refine the detail of the indicators and submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

### 5 GREENER COMMUNITIES UPDATE ON PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Greener Communities Sub Group relative to progress made so far in delivery actions endorsed by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board. The report highlighted that the Sub Group were in the process of identifying new members; that a Greener Audit was underway to identify current activity and future plans by greener led community groups working within Renfrewshire; and work was continuing on the greener pledge

**DECIDED:** That the progress made in delivering the previously agreed actions as contained within the report be noted.

### 6 STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to the Stalled Spaces project which aimed to improve town centres by bringing derelict, vacant or underused land, collectively known as stalled spaces, back into positive use while it was lying unused or awaiting development.

The report advised that a formal grant application was submitted to Architecture and Design Scotland (A&DS) for £10,000 and agreement had been received from the Council at the Planning and Property Policy Board to provide £10,000 match funding from the Local Green Networks funding. It was intended that the full grant of £20,000, would be overseen by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, with assistance being provided to potential applicants and successful projects by the Greener Communities Sub Group and Engage Renfrewshire.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## **7 BUILDING SAFER GREENER COMMUNITIES**

There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to the Building Safer Greener Communities Programme. The report advised that the Director of the Safer Communities Directorate at the Scottish Government had written to the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Council looking for formal agreement for the Council to participate in the Building Safer Communities National Programme, as one of seven initial locations across Scotland.

**DECIDED:** That progress made so far with the Building Safer, Greener Communities project be noted.

## **8 STREET STUFF**

A presentation was given by C Robertson and S Gallacher highlighting the work of the project; the achievements so far; and how the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board could help with the project.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

## **9 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive's Service which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## **10 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD - AUGUST 2015 TO NOVEMBER 2016**

There was submitted a proposed timetable for meetings of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for the period August 2015 to November 2016.

**DECIDED:** That the timetable of meetings until November 2016 be approved.