

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE PAISLEY SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY, 2015**

Councillors E Devine, Mack, McGurk, Henry and McCartin.

Councillor Henry, Depute Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

R Knox, Charleston Tenants' & Residents' Association; H Muir, Foxbar Resource Centre; S McLean, Glenburn Community Forum; J Creighton, Glenburn Tenants' & Residents' Association; D Polson, Greater Foxbar Community Building; E McWaters, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum and F Dolan, Thursday Club.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Inspector Noonan, Police Scotland and Dr C Johnston, Renfrewshire CHP.

IN ATTENDANCE

M Corrigan, Community Resources Enforcement Manager (Community Resources); M Cross, Arts & Museums Manager (Children's Services); D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); and A McMillan, Head of Resources (Social Work) (Lead Officer).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Glen, Cameron and M Macmillan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

Prior to commencement of the meeting Councillor Henry advised the Local Area Committee (LAC) that Shirley McLean, Glenburn Community Forum, was this year's recipient of the Pat McCarthy Memorial Trophy, an annual award which recognised work and commitment in Paisley's Glenburn community. The LAC congratulated Ms McLean on her award.

1. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNER UPDATE

(a) Community Safety and Public Protection

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing an overview of the activities of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership, consisting of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies for the Paisley South LAC area during the period 1st October to 31st December, 2014.

The report contained statistical information which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as well as Community Resources (Community Safety and Wardens Service).

The report provided information on the work of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership and included a spotlight focus on a particular area of public protection activity related to gender-based violence. In addition, Appendix 1 to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable in relation to the five LACs between 19th January and 31st March, 2014.

The Convener drew attention to the instances of gender-based violence within wards five and six and asked Police Scotland to highlight the work of Renfrewshire's Gender-Based Violence Strategy Group within these wards at a future meeting of the LAC.

DECIDED:

- (a) That Police Scotland highlight the work of Renfrewshire's Gender-Based Violence Strategy Group within wards five and six at a future meeting of the LAC; and
- (b) That the report otherwise be noted.

2. OPEN SESSION / KEY LOCAL ISSUES

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

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

3. PAISLEY SOUTH LAC ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley South LAC annual report 2014/15, which was appended to the report. The report set out a number of key achievements of the LAC over the previous 12 months, in particular in relation to the number and level of grants awarded, community planning partner reviews for 2014/15 and feedback from a number of the key projects supported by the LAC.

By way of an update to the CHP's activities during 2014/15, Dr C Johnston provided further information in relation to the CHP's development plan for Renfrewshire and the care of older people.

DECIDED: That the Paisley South LAC Annual Report 2014/15, as appended to the report, be noted.

4. TIMETABLE OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO MAY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley South LAC timetable to May 2016.

The report proposed that, taking into consideration the ability of the convener to call a special meeting if the need arose, the LAC meetings be programmed for 25th August and 17th November, 2015; and 16th February and 17th May, 2016.

DECIDED:

- (a) That meetings of the Paisley South LAC be programmed for 25th August and 17th November, 2015; and 16th February and 17th May, 2016; and
- (b) That the venue and time for these meetings remain as the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House at 6.00pm.

5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS – BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley South LAC budget for 2014/15.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the expenditure committed by the LAC to date together with available budgets.

The report advised that the LAC had also received funding from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund and details of the expenditure committed to date together with remaining balances were contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources, in consultation with the Convener, to award the balance of remaining funds in the LAC's budget 2014/15 should a suitable application be made this financial year.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Paisley South Local Area Committee would be held in the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House, Paisley on 19th May, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.