

Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 09 November 2015	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, Lead Officer and Head of Public Protection; J Lynch, Head of Property; C Thorpe, Corporate Asset/Energy Manager, and S Marklow, Assistant Policy Manager (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; and J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities.

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

M Higginbotham, and C MacDonald (both Renfrewshire Council); and D Shannan, Forestry Commission Scotland.

APOLOGIES

S MacDougall and L Feely (both Renfrewshire Council); R Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; P Nelis, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; J Still, Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership; C Roxburgh, West of Scotland University; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest intimated.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 31 August, 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection relative to further proposed revisions to the Single Outcome Agreement which were detailed within the report.

Discussion took place on the impact measure "% of the vehicle fleet which uses alternative fuels, such as electricity". The Board agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting relative to the wider use of electric vehicles by SPT.

DECIDED:

(a) That the proposed changes to the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Single Outcome Agreement as detailed within the report be agreed;

(b) That the performance against impact measures highlighted within the report be noted;

(c) That the performance measures being used to support delivery of the headline indicators included in the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Single Outcome Agreement be agreed: and

(d) That it be agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the wider use of electric vehicles by SPT.

4 CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN

C Thorpe gave a presentation relative to an update on the Carbon Management Plan.

The presentation highlighted the drivers for the plan; outlined the aims, targets incentives, compliance and progress to date. Details of current projects and the benefits

of creating a fuel supply chain were outlined.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP UPDATE ON PROGRESS

A report was submitted by the Greener Transport Sub-Group relative to the progress made by the Sub-Group in achieving the high level priorities of the Board. The Minute of the meeting held on 22 September, 2015 was attached as an appendix.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 SPOTLIGHT ON FORESTRY COMMISSION

A presentation was given by D Shannan relative to the work carried out by the Forestry Commission.

The presentation outlined the management structure of Forestry Commission Scotland and the area that it covered. The work being undertaken on the Forest Estate and the plans and strategies in place was highlighted.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 VACANT AND DERELICT LAND DATABASE

S Marklow gave a presentation on the Vacant and Derelict Land database which was developed in order to establish a completed GIS layer to put on Local View which highlighted land identified for vacant, business and industrial use. Members were given a demonstration of the database and were advised that the database would be kept up-to-date with vacant land that could be identified for stalled spaces.

DECIDED: That Sharton be thanked for the hard work and creativity in producing the database and the contents of the presentation be noted.

8 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection 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.

9 STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection updating members on the Stalled Spaces Scotland applications. The report advised that five applications for funding had been considered at the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting. Three of these applications had been approved and the Board, awarded £6,307 of funding:

- Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR), West End Paisley: £2,400 awarded;
- Loud n Proud, Paisley: £2,007 awarded;
- West End Community Council, Paisley: £1,900 awarded

The application from I Am Me Scotland had been approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for £2,000 for a filming project on a derelict mill site in the Johnstone area however Architecture & Design Scotland had added a number of conditions to this application which were currently being addressed with the applicant prior to the release of the funds. A fifth application from West College Scotland was declined as it was felt that the project was not focused on a stalled space and more partnership working with the local community was required for it to be successful.

A further 3 applications were seeking funding totalling £7,136:-

- Renfrewshire Development Trust;
- Kilbarchan Community Council; and
- Environmental Training Trust.

After discussion, the Lead Officer asked that the stalled spaces applications be approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Office and Convener. It was agreed that that details would be confirmed at next meeting together with information on further award applications received.

The report advised that representatives from Engage Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire Council were currently in the process of discussing applications from five community groups and would continue to work with them in the completion of their applications.

DECIDED:

(a) That the applications be approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Office and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received;

(b) That the report be noted.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board would take place on Monday 1 February, 2015 at 10am.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.