

Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 01 April 2016	10:00	CMR 3, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, J Lynch, M Higginbotham, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; and J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

IN ATTENDANCE

K Cuthbert, S Graham, J Brown and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); and T McGrory, Loud n Proud.

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

APOLOGIES

S MacDougall, Renfrewshire Council; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; 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 1 February 2016.

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 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR THE GREENER AGENDA**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the development of the Strategic Action Plan for the Greener Agenda.

The report indicated that four sub-groups had been established, each led by relevant partners and supported by key officers. A large number of cross-cutting issues had been identified between the work of the Greener Housing Sub-Group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group and it was proposed therefore, that these groups be merged to form one sub-group under the remit of Carbon Management. The priorities of the group would address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as the issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.

The report also noted good progress had been made by the Greener Transport Sub-Group and Greener Communities Sub-Group action plans.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that the Housing Sub-Group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group be merged to form one Sub-Group under the priority of Carbon Management; and

(b) That the strategic priorities which had been agreed within the Greener Transport Sub-Group and Greener Communities Sub-Group action plans be noted.

4(a) **STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland project.

The report indicated that community groups had been invited to apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. It was noted that 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based. Applications were approved

by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities Sub-Group. The Board had now allocated its total funding budget of £20,000 to nine projects across Renfrewshire to fund a range of projects in growing and planting, live music, art, and filming.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) To note that further reports on the progress of the projects funded by Stalled Spaces Scotland would be submitted to future meetings of the Board.

4(b) UPDATE ON LOUD N PROUD STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND PROJECT

Thomas McGrory, Manager, Loud n Proud, gave a presentation relating to the Loud n Proud Stalled Spaces project. The presentation gave a brief overview of what they were trying to achieve; summarised the outcomes; and highlighted future events.

A general discussion followed which centered around the lessons learned from the project and better promotion of these types of events.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAMMES

A report was submitted by the Housing Asset and Investment Manager, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) initiative. The report also updated members on the announcement of the new Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) which was launched on 22nd January 2016.

DECIDED:

(a) That the position with both HEEPS: ABS and SEEP initiatives be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that a report was presented to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board on 15 March 2016 regarding the approach being adopted by Renfrewshire Council with each initiative.

6 CARBON MANAGEMENT & WASTE REDUCTION SUB-GROUP

Craig Thorpe, Corporate Asset/Energy Manager, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council gave a presentation which updated the Board on the merger of the Greener Housing Sub-Group with the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the current structure; highlighted the proposed structure; and detailed the changes to be made.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 **GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9 FEBRUARY 2016**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Transport Sub-Group which took place on 9 February 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 **GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 FEBRUARY 2016.**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Communities Sub-Group which took place on 11 February 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

During consideration of the undernoted item, Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest on the grounds that she was employed by Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd. However, as she considered the interest to be insignificant she did not consider it necessary to leave the meeting.

9 **RENFREWSHIRE ACCESS STRATEGY**

A presentation was given by Kate Cuthbert, Access Officer, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the draft Outdoor Access Strategy for Renfrewshire. The presentation gave a brief overview of the strategy; highlighted some of the achievements and the partners involved; detailed some of the completed projects; summarised the aims and outcomes of the access strategy; and outlined the strategic actions and action plans.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

10 **OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE**

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.