

## Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 20 August 2015	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

### PRESENT

Councillors Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mylet, J Sharkey and M Sharkey.

### CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

I Williams, Environmental Training Team; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; J Bunton, Paisley North Community Council; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; M Fernie, Ralston Community Council; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; and W Colquhoun, West End Seniors Forum.

### COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNER

I Clocherty, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

### IN ATTENDANCE

A Ewen, Youth Services Manager (Children's Services); M Corrigan, Community Resources Enforcement Manager and A Summers, Amenity Services Manager (Streetscene and Land Services) (both Community Resources); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

## **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Kelly, Williams and M Sharkey (for lateness); J Theodore, Hawhead & Lochfield Community Council and E Eck MSYP.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

The Convener intimated that there were additional items in relation to applications for grant funding from West End Growing Grounds Association and Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities; and a report by the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener, being of the opinion that the items, which were dealt with at items 4 and 6, respectively, of this Minute, were urgent, in order to consider the applications and report timeously, authorised their consideration.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Convener welcome Osama Nadeem, MSYP to his first meeting of the Paisley North Local Area Committee(LAC).

## **SEDERUNT**

Councillors M Sharkey and M MacLaren entered the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

### **1 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 North LAC area during the period 1 April to 30 June, 2015.

The report contained statistical information for the Paisley North area which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership on community safety; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; the integrated control room and CCTV system; and the work of the Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee. In addition, the appendix to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable between 29 June and 16 August, 2015.

Discussions took place relative to the relocation of the CCTV camera from King Street to George Street, Paisley and vehicles driving in the pedestrianised zone of Paisley High Street outwith permitted hours. The Community Resources Enforcement Manager indicated that she would investigate these matters and submit a report to the next meeting of the LAC to be held on 12 November, 2015.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That the Director of Community Resources investigate the matters raised in relation to the relocation of the CCTV camera from King Street to George Street, Paisley and vehicles driving in the pedestrianised zone of Paisley High Street outwith permitted hours and submit a report to the next meeting of the LAC to be held on 12 November, 2015.

## **2 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the process, which would commence on 1 September, 2015, of electing members to community councils in Renfrewshire.

The report intimated that a public notice would be placed in local newspapers during the week commencing 31 August, 2015 announcing that community council elections to fill membership places were under way. Information about these elections would also be available on the Council's website and advertised on Facebook and Twitter. Existing community councils would receive publicity material to promote the election and raise awareness in their local area.

Candidates for membership of community councils must complete and return a nomination form to the Council by 30 September, 2015.

**DECIDED:** That it be noted that the four-yearly Council-wide elections to community councils would commence on 1 September, 2015.

## **3 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.

## **4 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Health Improvement, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership, relative to the integration of health and social care services in Renfrewshire.

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

## 5 BUDGET MONITORING

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2015/16.

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 that there were no further resources available within this Fund.

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

## 6 APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to applications received for LAC funding.

**DECIDED:** That the applications for funding be determined as follows:-

Friends of Barshaw Park – start up costs for group to improve and support the facilities of Barshaw Park - awarded £4,080 (£4,000 ring fenced at LAC meeting held on 14 May, 2015)

Rainbow Nursery Parents' Committee – purchase and redevelop outdoor play resources – awarded £4,740

Thumbs Up Thursday Toddler Group – small equipment and storage, soft furnishings, sensory creative materials and play materials – awarded £2,000

Breastfeeding Network – salaries, training new volunteers, volunteer expenses and other associated costs – awarded £1,000

Cornerstone Drop-in Centre – utility costs and insurance – declined

Johnstone Phoenix Theatre Group – production expenses, hiring/let of premises, printing and stationery, costume hire, amp and laptop – declined

Lamont Farm – equipment and utilities – declined

Paisley Cat Rescue – vet bills and cat food – awarded £90

RCA Trust – refurbishment of office accommodation – awarded £500

Renfrewshire Environmental and Restoration Group – office start-up costs – declined

St Columba's Adult Social Club – activities and running costs – declined

St Peter's Mens Club – refurbishment – declined

Caledonia Glen Tenants and Residents Association – winter community event – continued

Maxwellton Court Tenants Association – to buy material for a Craft Cafe – awarded £500

Gallowhill Bowling Club – disabled toilet - £5,000, lease - £800, utilities - £800 and expenses - £240 – declined

Phoenix Activities Group – rent, insurance, art and sewing materials and repairs to sewing machine – awarded £1,325

St James' Friendly Hour – weekly hire of mini bus – awarded £400

West End Growing Grounds Association – purchase of strimmer, safety equipment and heavy duty mower to clear, cultivate and maintain stalled spaces in Paisley's West End – awarded £625

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities – assistance towards cost of producing a 'Black History Month' project - awarded £2,666.41

## **7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Paisley North Local Area Committee would be held in the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House, Paisley at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 12 November, 2015 .