

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE PAISLEY NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015**

**PRESENT**

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

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

J Theodore, Hawkehead & Lochfield Community Council; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; J Bunton, Paisley North Community Council; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; and M Fernie, Ralston Community Council.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS**

Inspector Thomson, Police Scotland and Katrina Philips, Renfrewshire CHP.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

P Sale, Youth Development Officer (Children's Services); A Summers, Amenity Services Manager (Streetscene and Land Services) and A Dobie, Project Co-ordinator, Wardens Service (both Community Resources); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mylet, Kelly and Williams; I Williams, Environmental Training Team; W Colquhoun, West End Seniors Forum; and G Hamilton, Wallneuk North Church.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**OBITUARY**

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Convener referred with sadness to the recent death of Gerry Graham who had represented Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum on this LAC since May 2009.

**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 North LAC area during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014.

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

## 2. OPEN SESSION / KEY LOCAL ISSUES

### (a) Open Session

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

### (b) Renfrewshire Parks

The Amenity Services Manager (Streetscene and Land Services) gave a presentation on Renfrewshire Parks which included information on expenditure for the eight parks in the Paisley North LAC area and the aspirations of the Community Resources service going forward.

A discussion took place relative to the per capita expenditure for parks per community council area and it was proposed that the Director of Community Resources provide information on this matter to the Convener and Paisley West & Central Community Council. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

- (i) That the presentation be noted; and
- (ii) That the Director of Community Resources provide information on the per capita expenditure for parks per community council area to the Convener and Paisley West & Central Community Council.

## 3. PAISLEY NORTH LAC ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North 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, Katrina Philips, the CHP representative advised that beds from the Mansionhouse Unit would be returned to the Dykebar Unit as of May 2015.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the Paisley North LAC Annual Report 2014/15, as appended to the report, be noted; and

- (b) That the CHP submit a report to the next meeting of this LAC to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 relative to beds from the Mansionhouse Unit returning to the Dykebar Unit as of May 2015.

#### 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 North 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 20<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015; and 11<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

#### **DECIDED:**

- (a) That meetings of the Paisley North LAC be programmed for 20<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015; and 11<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 North LAC budget for 2013/14.

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 funds in the Common Good Fund should a suitable application be made this financial year.

#### 6. **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 on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.