

Minute of Meeting

Local Partnership - Paisley North, West & Central

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 15 November 2022	18:00	Microsoft TEAMS platform,

PRESENT

Margaret Dymond (Maxwellton Court Tenants Association); Councillor Janis McDonald; Councillor Cathy McEwan; Terry McTernan (Ferguslie Community Council); Councillor John McNaughtan and John Wilby (Paisley West & Central Community Council).

CHAIR

Councillor McNaughtan, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development Services (Lead Officer); S Grahane, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager; J Murdoch, Housing & Regeneration & Service Improvement Manager; M Kirk, Assistant Planning & Policy Development Officer; Pauline Moss, Planning & Insight Manager (all Chief Executive's Services); J Kennedy, Senior Community Development Officer and T McConnon, Housing Regeneration Officer; L McLean, Community Learning & Development Officer (all Communities & Housing and E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer; K O'Neill, Assistant Democratic Services Officer and D Pole, End User Technician (all Finances and Resources).

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

I Cunningham and A McBride (both Engage Renfrewshire).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

A McCracken, Celebrating Renfrewshire Steering Group.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Carolann Davidson, Councillor Jim Paterson and Councillor Ben Smith.

RECORDING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's YouTube channel.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 21 June 2022.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 **CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE UPDATE – PRESENTATION**

A presentation was made by J Kennedy and A McCracken who provided information on the recruitment session attended by 12 people for the Youth Led Steering Group who had a number of planning session to identify the fund priorities for the Paisley North, West and Central Local Partnership area. The role of the Celebrating Renfrewshire Youth-led Steering Group was outlined. Twenty nine applications for funding for this area were received with the total of all application amounting to £75,156.41 which was an over subscription of £54,023.11.

Applications for funding required to be submitted between 16 September and 9 October 2022 with local young people having the opportunity to determine which local projects were granted funding. A total of 353 young people from the Paisley North, West & Central area voted and seven organisations were awarded the full amount. Details of those awards made was as follows:- Pals of the Privies £3,000; Darkwood Crew £3,000; Own Yer Bike £2,991.41; Twist and Hit Cheerleaders £2,920, Right2Dance £2,885; New Tannahill Centre £2,000 and Loud N Proud £1,500. One organisation, Outspoken Arts received partial funding of £2,836.59.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

3 **WINTER CONNECTIONS – PRESENTATION**

S Graham, Chief Executive's Service, gave a presentation on the Winter Connections Programme, a network of local places where people could connect to others in their community this winter.

The presentation highlighted the purpose of the Winter Connections Fund which would provide assistance to local groups to help cover the additional costs in making venues, activities and sessions available as part of the Winter Connection Programme. The presentation outlined the timeline and next steps for the Programme.

DECIDED: That the content of the presentation be noted.

4 **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND 2022/23 – PRESENTATION, ENGAGE RENFREWSHIRE**

A McBride, Renfrewshire Engage, provided a summary report relative to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022/23.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was now in its second year and Engage Renfrewshire had been allocated just over £550,000 to distribute to the third sector for new applicants and also previously awarded projects for adults. A brief overview of the aims, key priorities and target audience of the Fund was provided. It was noted that the deadline for applications was 31 October 2022, that successful groups would be notified in early December with payments made in January 2023 and that the Fund was over-subscribed quite significantly.

The Convener requested that a copy of the presentation and survey be forwarded to S Graham for distribution to Local Partnership members.

DECIDED:

(a) That a copy of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022/23 presentation and associated survey be forwarded to the Partnerships Planning and Development Manager to be circulated to members of the Local Partnership; and

(b) That otherwise the content of the presentation be noted.

5 COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

L McLean, Youth Services, Communities and Housing Services made a presentation in connection with the Community Learning and Development Approach. Youth Services supported young people and partners to access localised projects, including Young Scot services, in Renfrewshire.

An overview was provided of the main areas of responsibility and the wide range of activities undertaken by Communities Learning & Development Section. Reference was made to the delivery of universal services, targeted provision, community capacity and connected communities initiatives and future partnership working with Local Partnerships.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 HOUSING-LED REGENERATION AND RENEWAL PROGRAMME – PRESENTATION (SPINGBANK/MOSSVALE AND FERGUSLIE/BROOMLANDS)

T McConnon (Communities & Housing) gave a presentation in connection with the housing-led regeneration and renewal Programme approved by the Council making specific reference to the projects in the (i) Springbank/Mossvale and (ii) Ferguslie/Broomlands areas.

Results of surveys on the regeneration and renewal programme completed by those resident in these areas was provided.

Full details of the specifications for each of the projects were provided. Reference was made to the numbers of properties involved, the packages of enhanced capital investment to be delivered, the new build specification and the retro-fit approach to be adopted in terms of the fabric works to be undertaken. It was noted that plans involved (i) retention and investment with some demolition; (ii) retention and investment,

demolition and possibly some new build; and (iii) 100% demolition and new build.

DECIDED: That the content of the presentation be noted.

7 **CLIMATE CHANGE (REN-ZERO) - PRESENTATION**

R Smith and P Moss, Chief Executive's Service provided a presentation relative to Climate Change.

During the presentation a definition of Climate Change was provided, while reference was made to the local impacts of Climate Change, the progress and achievements, to date, of Scotland's Climate Action and Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero.

It was highlighted that Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero was Council- led but was for the area as a whole and required everyone to participate in order to achieve the ambitions. In addition, it was also highlighted that the local aim of working towards Net Zero by 2030 was to ensure the whole of Renfrewshire was a safer, healthier, greener and fairer place for everyone to live, work and spend time in and that repeated small individual actions, repeated on a large scale could have a big impact in tackling climate change. On that basis it was deemed critical to identify key sources of emissions to be targeted to enable progress to be monitored using an open and transparent process. The importance of knowing the starting baseline for emissions in order to work to collectively reduce emissions was also emphasised. In this connection, the evidence used to determine the emissions baseline which would be used to monitor future progress and achievements was outlined.

A summary of the avenues via which local communities could get involved was provided.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a hyperlink would be circulated for the Business survey, In addition, it was intimated that copies of the Plan for Net Zero were available on request from the Climate Emergency Lead Officer (Comments/feedback on the Plan were invited and would be incorporated into the ongoing engagement process. Information was also requested by members of the Local Partnership relating to the Community Climate Action Fund projects and it was agreed that arrangements would be made to circulate details following the meeting.

DECIDED:

(a) That a hyperlink to the Business Survey be circulated to members of the Local Partnership, together with additional information relating to the Community Climate Action Fund projects; and

(b) That otherwise the content of the presentation be noted.

8 **PAISLEY MUSEUM**

A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development Services, provided a verbal update on the progress being made on the refurbishment of Paisley Museum – a flagship project for Paisley Town Centre. He advised that on completion there would be around 27% increase in space within the venue which is due for completion around Autumn 2023

and due to open around Spring 2024 dependent on supply availability of materials.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

9 **COUNTY SQUARE/TAXI RANK**

A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development Services, provided a verbal update on the proposal to create the County Square area as public event space. Plans for this had been put on hold as a consequence of the owners of the Piazza Shopping Centre progressing plans to redevelop the multi-story car park of this shopping centre. This was put on hold as it had been identified as being unviable at this time. An update would be provided if there were any further developments in this area.

DECIDED: That information be provided if plans go ahead in future to develop the County Square area.

10 **ENERGY COSTS SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS & CHARITIES**

J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council, advised members that increased energy costs had significantly impacted West End Community Centre. He further advised that measures had been taken to attempt to identify whether any type of funding was available. Enquiries were made with Cares - Connecting Communities – who advised to contact Business Energy Scotland for an audit report on the building to be carried out. Business Energy Scotland would provide advice and information and their report would inform a grant application to this organisation for support.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

11 **PAISLEY NORTH WEST AND CENTRAL LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING AND FEEDBACK REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the 2022/23 budget allocated to this Local Partnership. An appendix to the report detailed the distribution of funds.

The report advised that the 2022/23 budget allocated from the General Grant Fund and the Paisley Common Good Fund of £55,702 for this Local Partnership had been awarded to local groups. In addition, £21,133 had been awarded to local youth groups from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

12 **FUTURE MEETINGS DATES**

Members of the Local Partnership were advised that it was proposed that meetings of the Paisley North, West & Central Local Partnership be held at 6pm on 21 February, 16 May, 12 September and 5 December 2023.

DECIDED: That arrangements be made to convene meetings of the Paisley North, West & Central Local Partnership at 6pm on 21 February, 16 May, 12 September and 5 December 2023.