

Minute of Meeting Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 25 November 2015	18:15	Linwood High School, Stirling Drive, Linwood,

PRESENT

Councillors Clark, Audrey Doig, J MacLaren and Noon.

CHAIR

Councillor Clark, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

A Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council); A Johnstone, Brighter Bridge of Weir); M Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); J Taggart, (Erskine); R Finnie (Houston Community Council); I Cameron (Houston & Killellan Kirk); E Harkness (MSYP); N McBride, Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for the Voluntary Sector and M McElhinney (Linwood Community Council).

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Inspector Glass (Police Scotland) and Dr Van Der Lee (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership).

IN ATTENDANCE

J Trainer, Acting Head of Early Years and Inclusion (Children's Services); A McNab, Transportation Manager and M Hendry, ASIST Mediation Co-ordinator (both Community Resources); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance (Lead Officer) and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) (both Finance & Resources).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Convener intimated that there were additional items of business in relation to applications for grant funding received from Erskine New Interest Group and Woodlands Community Bowling Club, 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 item 9 of this Minute, were urgent, authorised their consideration.

APOLOGIES

Councillor M Brown, Provost Hall and Councillors Holmes and Mullin and N Barrington, Langbank Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - LAC UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership relative to the formation of an inclusive Strategic Planning Group to support the Integration Joint Board and to ensure that stakeholder groups had a voice and influence in the delivery of health and social care services.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION - PROGRESS UPDATE

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 Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 July to 30 September, 2015.

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 and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

The report provided information on Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine community safety statistics; 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 Adult Protection Committee.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

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 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015 - UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the establishment of 21 community councils throughout Renfrewshire following the recent four-yearly elections. The report detailed the community councils, including those in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC area, that had achieved at least the minimum amount of nominations to be established.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 **FAMILIES FIRST APPROACH - ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL FAMILIES FIRST CORE TEAMS IN GALLOWHILL, JOHNSTONE AND FOXBAR**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the progress made in establishing additional Families First Core Teams in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar localities.

The report intimated that the Council at its meeting held on 25 June, 2015 approved proposals for deploying significant investment in response to the recommendations contained in the Tackling Poverty Commission report. The Council agreed to allocate £1 million from the tackling poverty fund to extend the successful and innovative Families First Core Team approach into three new localities of Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar. Work was being taken forward to recruit staff to Core Teams and it was expected that the new service would commence early in 2016. In addition a community engagement process had commenced to ensure that the priorities for the Families First Core Team would be identified by local parents and children in each of the localities.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Council decision to allocate £1 million to extend the provision of the Families First model to Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the recruitment process had commenced and the additional Families First Core Teams service was expected to commence in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar early in 2016; and

(c) That it be noted that a process of engaging the local community had commenced to ensure that the Families First priorities were identified by local parents and children.

6 **PRESENTATION - SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

It was proposed that the presentation be delivered at the next meeting of this LAC to be held on 24 February, 2016. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That this presentation be delivered at the next meeting of this LAC to be held on 24 February, 2016.

7 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE TIMETABLE TO FEBRUARY 2017

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the timetable of Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC meetings to February 2017.

DECIDED:

(a) That meetings of this LAC be programmed for 31 August and 23 November, 2016 and 22 February, 2017; and

(b) That meetings of the LAC continue to be held at 6.00 pm at suitable venues in the LAC area.

8 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine 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 Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) referred to the award of a grant amounting to £1,000 to Bishopton Scout Group at the meeting of this LAC held on 2 September, 2015. He advised that the Scout Group had been successful in their efforts to self-fund the firework display and that the £1,000 grant award was no longer required.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that the grant amounting to £1,000 to Bishopton Scout Group was no longer required and would be returned to the Youth Challenge Fund for redistribution.

9 APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING

There were submitted one continued application and one new application for Local Area Committee grant funding.

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

Erskine New Interest Group – rent and speakers costs - awarded £405 (previously awarded in principle)

Woodlands Community Bowling Club – assistance towards cost of upgrading bowling green – awarded £500

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC would be held in a venue to be confirmed at 6.00 pm on 24 February, 2016.