

Minute of Meeting Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 22 May 2018	18:30	Renfrew Town Hall, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8LJ

Present

Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor Jane Strang

Chair

Councillor Shaw, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

P Morton, Renfrew Community Council; A Philpot, RVIF; P Watson, St Margaret's Episcopal Church; R MacLennan, 30 Acres Group.

Community Planning Partners

Chief Inspector H Scott and Inspector C Glass, Police Scotland.

In Attendance

M Hendry, Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub Manager and K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager - Waste (both Environment & Communities); F Carlin, Head of Planning & Development (Development & Housing Services) (Lead Officer); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Apology

Councillor Grady.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hughes declared a non-financial interest in Item 6 of the agenda in relation to applications for grant funding by Renfrewshire Leisure Active Schools and Renfrewshire Access Panel as she was a Member of the Board for Renfrewshire Access Panel and the Renfrewshire Leisure Board of Directors and indicated that it was her intention to remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Shaw declared a non-financial interest in Item 6 of the agenda in relation to applications for grant funding from Renfrew High Parent Council and Johnstone Pipe Band as he had a relative who was a service user of these organisations and indicated his intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Additional Item

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application for LAC funding submitted by Kustom Kruizers which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which was dealt with at item 6 of this Minute was urgent in view of the need to determine the matter timeously authorised its consideration.

Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 16, the Convener intimated that in relation to item 6 of the agenda he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering the applications for LAC funding from Renfrew High Parent Council as the last single area application and Johnstone Pipe Band as the first multi-area application.

1 Community Safety & Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environment & Communities providing a progress update on activities of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership carried out in the Renfrew and Gallowhill LAC area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2018.

The report provided information on Renfrew and Gallowhill community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; and diversionary activities.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 Update on the Review of Community-level Governance Arrangements

Under reference to Item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee held on 20 February 2018, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the review of community-level governance arrangements.

The report intimated that a second consultation took place early in 2018 based on a set of nine proposals for a new model which were developed following an engagement exercise around the existing model of Local Area Committees. Responses to the nine proposals were sought through electronic and paper-based surveys, meetings of Local Area Committees, public meetings and drop-in sessions, facilitated sessions and attendance at meetings of community organisations. The report, which set out the responses to the consultation arrangement and which had been agreed at the meeting of Renfrewshire Council held on 3 May 2018 was appended to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the responses to the second phase of consultation on the review of community-level governance arrangements be noted; and
- (b) That the arrangements for development and implementation of finalised proposals regarding the review 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 Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Renfrew and Gallowhill LAC budget for 2018/19, totalling £145,194 and consisting of £51,994 General Grant Fund, £67,360 Renfrew Common Good Fund, £2,000 Paisley Common Good Fund and £23,840 Youth Challenge Fund. The appendix to the report detailed the expenditure committed by the LAC in 2016/17.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 Grant Feedback Report 2017/18 Awards

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to project feedback received from community and voluntary groups in receipt of LAC funding in 2017/18.

The report intimated that providing regular feedback to LACs increased accountability and helped LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It was also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

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 local area committee funding.

The Convener proposed that the single area applications be considered individually and on their own merit and the multi-area applications be either declined or awarded a fixed percentage share of the LAC General Grant and Youth Challenge Fund balances. This was agreed.

It was noted that multi-area applications by Cotton Club, Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band and Blueprint Scotland had been withdrawn and it was agreed that multi-area applications by Forever Young and Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (black history month) be declined.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be noted that multi-area applications by Cotton Club, Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band and Blueprint Scotland had been withdrawn;
- (b) That multi-area applications by Forever Young and Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (black history month) be declined; and
- (c) That the remaining applications for funding be determined as follows:-

SINGLE AREA

Renfrew Development Trust - Walking project – awarded £4,000

Forever Young - Making music together project - awarded £5,650

Renfrew Over 50s Swimming Club - Social activities - awarded £2,600

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Hughes having declared an interest in the following item of business remained in the meeting.

Renfrewshire Leisure Active Schools - Breakfast, lunch and after school clubs - awarded £10,000

Renfrew Accordion and Fiddle Club - Running costs - awarded £560

Gallowhill Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling - Social activities - awarded £1,220

Renfrew Football Club - Upgrading of central heating system - awarded £8,600

Our Place Our Families - Core staff costs, rent, sessional staff, volunteer costs and utilities – awarded £28,618

Gallowhill Bowling Club - Rewiring of clubhouse - awarded £2,500 (subject to the value of the project being confirmed)

Renfrew Community Council –Christmas lights enhancements - awarded £40,000

Renfrew Community Council - Design a Light competition - awarded £1,000

Kustom Kruizers – refurbish premises – awarded £9,000

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Shaw, having declared an interest in the following items of business vacated the chair but remained in the meeting and took no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

CHAIR

Councillor McEwan, Depute Convener, assumed the chair.

Renfrew High Parent Council - Renovation of classrooms in Malawi - awarded £8,000

MULTI-AREA

That the following applications be awarded a fixed percentage share of the LAC General Grant and Youth Challenge Fund balances:-

Johnstone Pipe Band - New kilts, sporrans and jackets

CHAIR

Councillor Shaw resumed the chair.

Lamont Farm Project - Provision of animal care and welfare facilities

The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion - Local events and activities

I Am Me Scotland - Make a Difference project

Cornerstone Drop In Centre - Utilities and insurance costs for crisis drop in activities

Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club - Ice hire costs

Rainbow Turtle - Active global citizens programme

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s - Running Costs

Renfrewshire Out of School Network - Fun activity day for children

Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club - Ice hire and equipment

The Renfrewshire Walking Network - Production of booklets and promotional material

Phoenix Flyers - Upgrading of equipment

Fitting-in - Educational project for 'at risk' young people

The Wynd Centre - Provision of youth counselling facilities

The Wynd Centre- Provision of adult counselling facilities

Rays of Hope - Activities and equipment to help cancer sufferers

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities - Operation of drop-in centre

Feis Phaisleg - Traditional music project - awarded Awarded a fixed percentage share of the LAC General Grant and Youth Challenge Fund balances

Renfrewshire Youth Voice - Positive about Youth Awards

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Hughes having declared an interest in the following item of business remained in the meeting.

Renfrewshire Access Panel - Office costs

Shopmobility Paisley & District - Postage materials and survey design

Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour - Provision of transport to meetings

Bumblebee Babies - Office equipment and materials for bereaved parents

Return to Life SCIO - Support for kidney transplantees and potential donors

St James' Orchestra - Conductor and tutor costs, hall hire and other expenses

Greensyde Carers - Camera equipment

Storm Gymnastics - Various mats and tracking

Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum - Software updates

The Cathedral Club - Social activities

Paisley Guitar Group - Instruments and group accessories

The Breastfeeding Network - Running costs of local element of project

Loud N Proud - Charleston Drum project

Paisley Magic Circle - Event to celebrate 80th anniversary of Paisley Magic Circle

C-Change Scotland - Dates-n-mates project

Scottish Afro Caribbean Art Association - Cost of staging Carnival (subject to other awards being confirmed)

Alzheimer Scotland - Cost of purchasing musical instruments

Blueprint Scotland - Office and rehearsal space and insurance

St Mirren Netball Club - Running costs