

Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 11 February 2016	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

I Williams, Environmental Training Team; J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; 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 PARTNERS

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire; Inspector G Fitzpatrick, Police Scotland; and K Philips, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Ewen, Youth Services Manager (Children's Services); A Summers, Amenity Services Manager (StreetScene and Land Services) and M Corrigan, Community Resources Enforcement Manager (both Community Resources); F Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing Services (Development & Housing Services) (for Lead Officer); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGY

O Nadeem, Scottish Youth Parliament.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP: LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

There was submitted an update report by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership relative to the development of a draft Strategic Plan for the Partnership which set out what the Partnership wanted to achieve, how it planned to improve services and make best use of available resources. The draft Strategic Plan had been the subject of a consultation exercise which ended on 3 February 2016. The finalised Strategic Plan would be presented to a future meeting of this Local Area Committee (LAC).

DECIDED:

(a) That the consultation exercise be noted and that it also be noted that feedback had been sought from members of the LACs; and

(b) That it be noted that a further report would be brought to a future LAC meeting providing a copy of the final Strategic Plan.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION, PROGRESS REPORT

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 and Rescue Service and other community safety agencies for the Paisley North LAC area during the period 1 October to 31 December 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 Paisley North community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; the development of the integrated control room and CCTV system; and work related to tackling gender based violence. In addition, the appendix to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable in relation to the five LACs between January and March 2016.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 **OPEN SESSION/KEY LOCAL ISSUES**

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that the Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire would give a presentation on their organisation, activities and use of LAC grant funding after the following item of business - Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture.

DECIDED: That the position be noted.

4 **PAISLEY'S BID FOR UK CITY OF CULTURE**

The Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, gave a presentation on Paisley's bid to become UK City of Culture 2021.

The presentation included background to the UK City of Culture competition, the assets Paisley had to offer in terms of objects, stories and people and the potential benefits of becoming UK City of Culture.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN RENFREWSHIRE**

The Convener welcomed Mr S Yerokun of the Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire to the meeting. Mr Yerokun gave a presentation on the origins of the Association and the educational, social and cultural activities undertaken by it to promote community integration, cultural identity and encourage capacity building.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 **MSYP PRESENTATION**

Since no Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament were present at the meeting the item was removed from the agenda.

DECIDED: That the presentation be removed from the agenda.

7 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

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

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that he had been contacted by Interfaith Renfrewshire shortly before this meeting of the LAC with a request for funding for a Hate Crime Seminar which would take place in Paisley on 17 April 2016. The Convener proposed that £200 be awarded towards the cost of this seminar. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That £200 be awarded towards the cost of Interfaith Renfrewshire Hate Crime Seminar.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Paisley North LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 12 May 2016 in Renfrewshire House.