

Minute of Meeting Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 18 February 2016	18:00	Marriage Suite, Johnstone Town Hall,

PRESENT

Councillors Bibby, Caldwell, Andy Doig, Gilmour, Hood and I McMillan.

CHAIR

Councillor Gilmour, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

D Wadsworth, Elderslie Community Council; H McAleer, Greensyde Carers; J Anderson, Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; A Stevenson, Johnstone Castle Community Learning Centre; G Kennedy, Johnstone Community Council; T Farrell, Johnstone PC Learning Group; A McBain, Johnstone Seniors' Forum; D Blair, Kilbarchan Community Council; M Lavery, Quarrelton Tenants' & Residents' Association; and N McBride, Renfrewshire Early Years Forum.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Inspector Espie, Police Scotland and M Ferguson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

IN ATTENDANCE

E Gordon, Community Learning Officer (Children's Services); S Allan, Head of Amenity Services (Lead Officer) and M Corrigan, Enforcement Manager (both Community Resources); and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillor McGee and J Ross, Greensyde Carers and J Black, Sandyflats Tenants' & Residents' Association.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to item 7, D Blair declared an interest in the applications for funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund by Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo) and Kilbarchan Community Council. However, as he considered the interest to be insignificant he did not consider it necessary to leave the meeting.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application for Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund grant funding by Kilbarchan Community Council. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 7 of this Minute, was urgent in view of the need to determine the matter timeously authorised its consideration.

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE- STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT

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).

In response to a question raised at the last meeting of this LAC relative to uptake of the flu vaccination in the LAC area, the Head of Health and Social Care (Renfrewshire) advised that 79.7% of over 65s, 59% of those to be considered 'at risk' and 61.6% of children had been vaccinated against flu. These statistics were higher than the Renfrewshire, Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS and national figures.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the consultation exercise be noted and that it also be noted that feedback had been sought from members of the LACs;
- (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; and
- (c) That the information on the uptake of the flu vaccination in this LAC area be noted.

2 **COMMUNITY SAFETY & 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 Johnstone & the Villages 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 Johnstone & the Villages 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 **PAISLEY'S BID FOR UK CITY OF CULTURE**

The Town Centres Project Manager 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.

4 **OPEN SESSION/KEY LOCAL ISSUES**

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) provided an update on a number of issues raised at the last meeting of this LAC including support for Syrian refugees in Renfrewshire, the implications of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in relation to the role of LACs and the guide to LAC grants.

DECIDED: That the updated position be noted.

5 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

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

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 APPLICATION FOR LAC GRANT FUNDING

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an application for LAC funding.

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

Elderslie Wallace Bowling Club – schools bowling project – awarded £1,000

7 APPLICATIONS TO RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENS FUND

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the submission of applications to the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund by Kilbarchan Improvement Project for £3,500 towards the cost of a boiler replacement at the Old Library building, Kilbarchan and by Kilbarchan Community Council for £3,000 towards the cost of Christmas lights enhancements.

DECIDED: That it be recommended to the Finance & Resources Policy Board that £3,500 be awarded to Kilbarchan Improvement Project and £3,000 be awarded to Kilbarchan Community Council from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Johnstone & the Villages LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 19 May 2016.