

## Minute of Meeting

### Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 15 June 2017	18:00	Johnstone Castle Community Learning Centre, Pine Crescent, Johnstone, PA5 0BX,

**Present:** Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Andy Steel

#### Chair

Councillor Steel, Convener, presided.

#### Community Representatives

D Wadsworth, Elderslie Community Council; J Anderson, Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; W Dean, Johnstone Community Council; A McBain, Johnstone Seniors Forum; D Fowles, Lochwinnoch Community Council; J Black, Sandyflats Tenants & Residents Association and S McGee and J Kennedy, Renfrewshire Youth Voice.

#### In Attendance

G McNeil, Head of Amenity Services (Lead Officer), C Carr, Senior Facilities Manager, C Dalrymple, Regulatory & Enforcement Manager and C Robertson, Warden Services Manager (all Community Resources); E Gordon, Community Learning Officer (Children's Services) and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

#### Community Planning Partner

Chief Inspector S Wright, Police Scotland.

## **Apologies**

Councillor Binks and M Lavery (Quarrelton Tenants & Residents Association).

## **Urgent Item**

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application (FR1250) for grant funding by Friends of Johnstone Day Centre that had not been included on the agenda. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 5 of this Minute, was urgent in view of the need to determine the matter timeously authorised its consideration.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Steel declared a non-financial interest in 5 of the agenda in relation to an application for Local Area Committee (LAC) grant funding by Johnstone High School Parent Council, as he was a former member of this group and intimated his intention to vacate the Chair and remain in the meeting during consideration of the item but not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig declared a financial interest in item 5 of the agenda in relation to an application for LAC grant funding by Sports Services – Active Schools, as he was the spouse of an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited and intimated his intention to leave the meeting during consideration of the item and not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig declared a non-financial interest in item 5 of the agenda in relation to an application for LAC grant funding by The Society of William Wallace, as he was a member of this group and intimated his intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of the item but not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Hood declared a non-financial interest in item 5 of the agenda in relation to an application for LAC grant funding by Friends of Johnstone Day Centre, as a member of his family attended the centre and indicated his intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of the item but not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

## **1 Community Safety & Protection Protection: Progress Update**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Johnstone & The Villages LAC area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2017.

The report provided information on community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; and a spotlight on the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## **2 Street Stuff Annual Report**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the continued development of the Street Stuff Programme and seeking an award of £5,000 for 2017/18 to contribute towards the costs of additional activity sessions within the LAC area including attendance at local gala days and fetes.

The report intimated that Street Stuff had been delivering activities in Renfrewshire since 2009, during which they had contributed to a sustained reduction in reported youth disorder and anti-social behaviour. Over the last few years the LAC had been keen to consider funding additional activities within their area which would allow additional sessions to be programmed within communities that were not identified at a Renfrewshire level as areas that had a particular problem with anti-social behaviour or children living in poverty. Given the scale of the core programme it was proposed that a contribution of £5,000 per LAC area be considered, which was similar to the contribution in previous years. This funding would contribute to the costs of delivery of up to two activity sessions per week within the LAC area, through the peak summer, autumn and spring months, as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes.

### **DECIDED:**

(a) That the continued development of the Street Stuff Programme as detailed in the report be noted; and

(b) That £5,000 be awarded to the Street Stuff Programme for 2017/18 to contribute towards the costs of additional activity sessions within the LAC area including attendance at local gala days and fetes.

## **3 Open Session / Key Local Issues**

Under reference to paragraph 2 of the minutes of the meeting of this LAC held on 26 August 2016, it was noted that a report would be submitted to this LAC during the next cycle of meetings providing an update and detailing progress to improve road safety on the A737.

### **DECIDED:**

(i) That it be noted that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session; and

(ii) That a report be submitted to this LAC during the next cycle of meetings providing an update and detailing progress to improve road safety on the A737.

## **4 Budget Monitoring Report**

The Convener intimated that paragraph 1.3 of the report had been amended to show that the amount available from the Youth Challenge Fund was £27,224, giving an overall total of £105,737.

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Johnstone & The Villages LAC budget for 2017/18, totalling £105,737 consisting of £78,513 General Grant Fund and £27,224 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 Applications for Local Area Committee Funding**

The Convener intimated that a copy of the application for LAC grant funding by Johnstone High School Parent Council that had been included at item 5 of the agenda but omitted from the agenda pack had been tabled.

The Convener also intimated that the application for LAC grant funding by Gallowhill Senior Citizens Bowling Club that had been included at item 5 of the agenda in error had been withdrawn.

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to applications received for local area committee funding.

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

### **SINGLE AREA**

Friends of Shanks Park – Outdoor play equipment – Awarded £7,500

Klas Care CIC – Outdoor play equipment and storage - Awarded £3,000

Kilbarchan Community Nursery – Laying of safe outdoor play surface – Awarded £7,500

Girlguiding Semple – International Guiding camp - Awarded £2,000

Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – Purchase of sound system and running costs.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved that Lochwinnoch Arts Festival be awarded £3,850.

Councillor Mackay, seconded by Councillor Rodden, moved as an amendment that Lochwinnoch Arts Festival be awarded £2,500.

On the role being called, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Bibby, Andy Doig and Hood.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors J Cameron, Mackay, Rodden and Steel.

3 members having voted for the motion and 4 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group – Replacement poly tunnel and other resources – Awarded £1,900

Lochwinnoch SWI – Speaker and demonstrator expenses – Awarded £300

Lochwinnoch Arts Group – Tutor costs – Awarded £499

Johnstone Business Consortium – Community events in Johnstone town centre – Awarded £8,000

Lochwinnoch Country Dance Club – Running costs – Awarded £450

Calder Drama Club – Hall lets and production costs – Awarded £700

Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust – Production of free newsletter.

Councillor Bibby, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved that Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust be awarded £1,500.

Councillor Mackay, seconded by Councillor Steel, moved as an amendment, that Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust be awarded £750.

On the role being called, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Bibby, Andy Doig and Hood.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors J Cameron, Mackay, Rodden and Steel.

3 members having voted for the motion and 4 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Kilbarchan Singers – Purchase of sheet music and honoraria for two singers from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland - Awarded £2,000

Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum – Running costs - Awarded £1,500

Lochwinnoch New Year's Day Dance – Community event – Awarded £495

Active Communities Scotland Limited – Funding for 'Organise to Feel Good' courses – declined.

Friends of the McKillop – Community-wide consultation exercise – Awarded £500

Howwood Community Council – Christmas lights – Awarded £3,000

Johnstone Band – Workshop and concert – Awarded £2,500

Johnstone Community Council – Johnstone Gala Day – Awarded £4,111.76

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Having declared an interest in the undernoted application, Councillor Andy Doig remained in the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Society of William Wallace – William Wallace march and event – Awarded £750

Johnstone Castle Learning Centre – Replacement equipment for activities – Awarded £1,500

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Having declared an interest in the undernoted application, Councillor Hood remained in the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Friends of Johnstone Day Centre – Kaleidoscope therapeutic art project for dementia sufferers – Awarded £2,520

Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society – Purchase of Christmas lights.

Councillor Doig, seconded by Councillor Bibby, moved that Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society be awarded £5,000.

Councillor Steel, seconded by Councillor Mackay, moved as an amendment, that Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society be awarded £4,500.

On the role being called, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Bibby, Andy Doig, Hood and Rodden.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors J Cameron, Mackay, and Steel.

4 members having voted for the motion and 3 members having voted for the amendment, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Having declared an interest in the following application, Councillor Andy Doig left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Sports Services – Active Schools – Lunch and after school clubs – Awarded £6,000

## **SEDERUNT**

Councillor Andy Doig re-entered the meeting.

Lochwinnoch Gala Day – Community cohesion event – Awarded £2,000

Elderslie Wallace Bowling Club – Replacement dishwasher – declined.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Having declared an interest in the following application, Councillor Steel vacated the Chair and remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

## **CHAIR**

Councillor Rodden, Depute Convener, presided.

Johnstone High School Parent Council – School campus improvements.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved that Johnstone High School Parent Council be awarded £8,000.

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor Mackay, moved as an amendment, that Johnstone High School Parent Council be awarded £6,500.

On the role being called, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Andy Doig and Hood.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Bibby, J Cameron, Mackay, and Rodden.

2 members having voted for the motion and 4 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

## **CHAIR**

Councillor Steel, Convener, resumed the Chair.

Thorn Athletic FC – Specialist coaching.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved that Thorn Athletic FC be awarded £5,000.

Councillor Steel, seconded by Councillor Rodden, moved as an amendment, that Thorn Athletic FC be awarded £1,500.

On the role being called, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Bibby, Andy Doig and Hood.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors J Cameron, Mackay, Rodden and Steel.

3 members having voted for the motion and 4 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried

## **Adjournment**

In terms of Standing Order 41, the Convener adjourned the meeting at 10.00 pm until 6.00 pm on Thursday, 22 June 2017 in the Council Chamber, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley.