

RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2014

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, Lead Officer and Interim Head of Public Protection; B Spence, Housing Investment Manager; and S Marklow, Assistant Manager, Policy (all Renfrewshire Council); J Still, Head of Administration (Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership); I Cunningham, Third Sector Development Officer (Engage Renfrewshire); and J Wilby, Representative (Forum for Empowering Communities).

Councillor E Devine, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer; A Shaw, Assistant Policy Officer; S Tkacenko, Graduate Intern; and E Gray, Graduate Intern (all Renfrewshire Council); S Young (Kilbarchan Village representative); K Airlie, Sustainable Scotland Network Coordinator (Keep Scotland Beautiful); and D Adam, Director of Housing & Property (Linstone Housing Association).

APOLOGIES

J Lynch, Head of Property Services (Renfrewshire Council); C Devine, Head of Resource Management (Zero Waste); A Fraser, Representative (FLAIR); J Binning, Principal Policy Officer (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport); G Tarvit, Sustainability & Climate Change Manager (Keep Scotland Beautiful); and C Roxburgh, Energy & Environmental Manager (UWS).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 6(c) of the agenda after item 5(b).

1.	<p>MINUTE OF MEETING OF 1ST OCTOBER, 2014</p> <p>There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 1st October, 2014.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u> That the minute be approved.</p>	Agreed
2.	<p>ROLLING ACTION LOG</p> <p>The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.</p> <p><u>GR.02.10.13(4b) – Establishment of Database</u></p> <p>S Marklow advised that all internal information had been put into the database and maps were tabled which highlighted land identified for</p>	

	<p>vacant, business and industrial use. She intimated that the next stage was to meet with the Housing Associations and Community Councils to identify other available land.</p> <p>She also intimated that Renfrewshire Council had been awarded £10,000 to run a grant funding scheme called Stalled Spaces Scotland which aimed to improve town centres by bringing derelict, vacant or underused land, collectively known as stalled spaces, back into positive use while it was lying unused or awaiting development. The grant was being match funded and the total funding available was £20,000. It was anticipated that grants awarded to individual projects would be in the region of £2,000 to £5,000. S Marklow advised that while community gardens and growing spaces were some of the more common uses, a Stalled Space could also be used as an outdoor events space, natural play area or place to display public art. The land could be used for a number of months or a number of hours. Regardless of the type or length of the project occupying the stalled space, the aim was to revitalise these spaces through community action and increase the attractiveness of the area as a result.</p> <p>She intimated that a report would be going to the Planning and Property Policy Board in January and a progress report would be presented to the Board later in 2015 outlining the projects that had been supported.</p> <p>K Airlie advised that there might be small sums of money available to tap into with this project through various Keep Scotland Beautiful initiatives.</p> <p>Discussion took place on this project and it was agreed that it directly related to the outcomes around improving green networks and reducing urban vacant and derelict sites. It was agreed that the Greener Thematic Board would identify and support relevant community groups across Renfrewshire to come forward with suitable projects to receive funding and a report/presentation would be submitted to a future meeting.</p> <p><u>GR2204.12(4) – Membership Structure</u></p> <p>It was noted that Sub Group Leaders had been asked to provide a membership list of their respective groups. The Lead Officer intimated that only one response had been received and asked the Sub Group Leaders to pass their membership lists to the Clerk as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u></p> <p>(a) That it be agreed that the Greener Thematic Board would identify and support relevant community groups across Renfrewshire to come forward with suitable projects to receive funding and that a report/presentation to be submitted to a future meeting.</p> <p>(b) That the Sub Group Officers submit their membership list to the Clerk as soon as possible: and</p> <p>(c) That the Rolling Action Log be otherwise noted.</p>	<p>J Wilby/I Cunningham/ Lead Officer</p> <p>Sub Group Lead Officers</p> <p>Noted</p>
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3.	<p>GREENER RENFREWSHIRE PROGRESS AGAINST YEAR 1 TARGETS</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer which provided detailed progress against each individual impact measure along with a summary of progress against each sub group's activities.</p> <p>The report highlighted the progress of the impact measures as detailed in Appendix 1 and advised that three of the impact measures required revision. It also detailed a summary of progress against each sub group's activities.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the performance against impact measures as highlighted within the report be noted; b) That new baseline data and targets for a number of the indicators, as detailed within the report be agreed: and c) That it be noted that the impact measure "Increase in annual house completions (Private and RSL)" would be reported through the Jobs and the Economy Thematic Board. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.	<p>GREENER HOUSING SUB GROUP UPDATE</p> <p>(a) There was submitted a report by the Greener Housing Sub Group relative to progress made in delivering the actions endorsed by the April Greener Thematic Board meeting. He advised that work on the DVD being produced by the University of the West of Scotland would commence in Spring and be completed by September.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u> That the progress made in delivering the previously agreed actions as contained within the report be noted.</p> <p>(b) A presentation was given by the Greener Housing Sub-Group relative to major issues/opportunities over the last 6 months of the greener housing agenda.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u> That the presentation be noted.</p> <p>(c) A presentation was given by D Adam relative to housing aspirations and the Greener Housing Sub Group vision for the future.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u> That the presentation be noted.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.	<p>SPOTLIGHT ON GREENER COMMUNITIES</p> <p>(a) Community Aspirations</p> <p>J Wilby tabled a report which identified potential opportunities to advance the Greener agenda in ways that reflected and built upon the vision, measured actions and outcomes in the Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013. The report outlined the</p>	

	<p>progress of the Sub-Group to date and outlined how they would continue to develop based on a clear assessment of Renfrewshire's communities' current and future needs and opportunities.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the development of a baseline indicator relative to the cost of service provision for the Greener Board. It was agreed that relevant baseline and performance indicators for the Greener Board and the Communities Sub Group would continue to be reviewed and developed.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the relevant baseline and performance indicators for the Greener Board and the Communities Sub Group would continue to be reviewed and developed: (ii) That the Greener Community Sub-Group participates in, and contributes to, the planning stage of the Paisley West End Housing Regeneration as an action and exemplar green project; and (iii) That the proposed development of the Greener Communities Sub-Group be noted. 	<p>J Wilby/I Cunningham/ Lead Officer</p> <p>J Wilby/I Cunningham/ Lead Officer</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p>(b) Creating a Greener Kilbarchan</p> <p>S Young gave a verbal presentation on the greener and growing initiatives which were taking place within Kilbarchan Village. She intimated that she was very interested in the stalled spaces initiative and it was agreed that a member of the Board would contact her in this regard.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That it be agreed that contact be made with S Young relative to the stalled spaces initiative: and (ii) That the verbal presentation be noted. 	<p>J Wilby/I Cunningham</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p>(c) Planning for Better Places</p> <p>S Marklow gave a verbal presentation relative to the Council's vision for the future and planning for better places. She intimated that the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (LDP) had been adopted in August and a detailed action programme had been established. The Plan provided a framework to protect and enhance town centres and set out a commitment to prepare town centre strategies and action plans for each of Renfrewshire's town centres.</p> <p>She advised that a report would go to the Planning and Property Policy Board in January outlining a town centre strategy and action plan which would ensure that they remained attractive, well functioning and performing places along with opportunities to further enhance town centres. The draft strategies would form the</p>	

	<p>basis for consultation with the local community and key stakeholders and the representations received during the consultation process would be reported back to the board with the finalised town centre strategies and action plans in November 2015.</p> <p>The Board were also advised that a report on “Renfrewshire Place” would go to the Planning and Property Policy Board in March which would look at where people lived and would involve engagement with key agencies, residents, the business community, land owners, developers and other stakeholders to ask about the main issues emerging in Renfrewshire.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u> That the verbal presentation be noted.</p>	Noted
6.	<p>BUILDING GREENER/SAFER COMMUNITIES</p> <p>There was submitted a report by Community Resources relative to the Building Safer Communities Programme.</p> <p>The report indicated that that national body was keen to work with the Council to develop a project based within Ferguslie and Johnstone which might include a small amount of financial assistance. The outline proposal being discussed was to work with the Ferguslie Park area – including the Phoenix retail park – to ensure good links to the Families First programme and possible links to City Deal infrastructure benefits, and with the Johnstone community, which would provide an opportunity to understand better the benefits being brought by the integrated Johnstone Civic Centre as it is opened.</p> <p>The report noted that there were very clear links that could be drawn across the Greener and Safer and Stronger themes of the Community Planning Partnership that strengthened the proposed approach.</p> <p>It was indicated that the intention would be to work up the projects further to make a submission to the National programme. A first stage would be to develop the evidence collected in “signal interviews” carried out in the Johnstone and Ferguslie Park communities and to run localised versions of the successful “Your Home, Your Street, Our Community” event which was held in Paisley Town Hall on 27th October, 2014. The event was held by Community Resources to raise awareness and showcase the services and partnership approach established to address Community Safety & Public Protection issues across Renfrewshire and to highlight other complimentary services being delivered by Community Resources.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u></p> <p>(a) That the invitation from the National Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board to participate in the National programme be noted;</p> <p>(b) That relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership work up the proposed options for submission to the National programme; and</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Partners</p>

	(c) That it be agreed that further reports on progress be brought to subsequent meetings of this Board.	Agreed
6.	<p>OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.</p> <p><u>DECIDED:</u> That the report be noted.</p>	Noted