

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Paisley East

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 03 October 2023	18:00	Microsoft TEAMS platform,

PRESENT

Councillor Graeme Clark; Councillor Marie McGurk; Councillor John McNaughtan; Councillor Jennifer Adam; Councillor Ben Smith; Fergal McCauley, Ralston Community Council.

CHAIR

Councillor Adam, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Trainer, Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager (Chief Executive's); J Calder, Head of Education/Interim Chief Education Officer (Children's Services); J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer (Communities & Housing Services); R Phillips and A Pearson Project Managers, A McGruther, Assistant Project Manager and E Gray and R Devine, both Senior Committee Services Officers (all Finances and Resources).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

A McBride (Engage Renfrewshire).

APOLOGIES

Councillor J McDonald; Cathie Cassie Forbes, ROAR Connections for Life; and Chris Johnstone, Rainbow Turtle.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Convener intimated that she proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 6 of the agenda – Community Learning and Development Team Report - after item 3 of the agenda.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 10 May 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 PAISLEY EAST LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the 2022/23 budget allocated to this Local Partnership which detailed the distribution of funds and feedback received from projects funded.

The report advised that of the £64,087.33 budget allocation for 2023/24 for this Local Partnership, which comprised funding from the General Fund and the Paisley Common Good Fund, there was currently an unallocated balance of £9.67. It was also highlighted that, £24,095.00 had been awarded to local youth groups, detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund. Feedback received from projects funded during financial year 2022/23 was provided for members' information.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE RESULTS

A presentation was made by J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, Communities & Housing Services, which provided information on the recruitment session attended by 12 people for the Youth-Led Steering Group who subsequently had convened a number of planning sessions to identify the fund priorities for the Paisley East Local Partnership area. 15 eligible applications for funding for this area were received which totalled £24,158.

The deadline for submission was 21 May 2023 with local young people having the opportunity to determine which local projects were granted funding. A total of 277 young people from the Paisley East area voted, and 13 organisations were awarded the full amount requested with one group receiving a partial award. Details of the awards made to each group was provided. The Partnership was advised that the awards event had been held in Paisley Student's Union

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

4 **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT**

J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, Communities & Housing Services made a presentation in connection with the approach and activities undertaken by Community Learning and Development. Youth Services supported young people and partners to access localised projects, including Young Scot services, in Renfrewshire.

An overview was provided of the main areas of responsibility and the wide range of activities undertaken by the Communities Learning & Development Section. Reference was made to the delivery of universal services, targeted provision and specific community capacity and connected communities' initiatives undertaken.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND**

A McBride, Engage Renfrewshire, provided a summary report relative to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2023/24, together with information on those groups who had received funding during 2022/23.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was now in its third year and that the deadline applications for 2023/24 was 30 November 2023. Engage Renfrewshire had been allocated £500,000 to distribute to the third sector for new applicants and also previously awarded projects for adults. A brief overview of the aims, key priorities and target audience of the Fund was provided. It was noted that successful groups would be notified in early February 2024 with payments made during March 2024. Further updates on the Fund would be provided at future meetings of this Local Partnership.

Members were informed that Engage Renfrewshire published and issued a Network Newsletter on a monthly basis to promote funding and training opportunities and advising of network events and news.

DECIDED:

(a) That the content of the presentation be noted; and

(b) That further updates be provided at future meetings of this Local Partnership.

6 **PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROJECT**

J Calder, Head of Education/Interim Chief Education Officer, A Pearson, Project Manager, and A McGruther, Assistant Project Manager, Children Services, made a presentation which provided members with details of the proposed layout for the new Paisley Grammar Campus, advised of the estimated start and completion dates for the project and provided assurance that the project was on target to open in Summer 2026.

There then followed a 'question and answer' session.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

7 **LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS REVIEW : UPDATE**

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, provided members with information on how Community and Planning, led by the Partnership and Inequalities team, would engage with members of the Local Partnership and those who had received funding to gauge their experience. Through surveys and discussions, members' views on whether Local Partnerships had met their aims and objectives, what had worked well and what could potentially be improved would be identified.

Further information on the results of these surveys and discussions would be submitted to future meetings of all Local Partnerships.

DECIDED:

(a) That the information provided be noted; and

(b) That a further update be provided at future meetings of the Local Partnership.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Paisley East Local Partnership be held at 6.00 pm on 29 November 2023.