

## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 16 February 2023	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

### PRESENT

Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson; Councillor Michelle Campbell; Jacqueline Doherty (Langbank Parent Partnership); Councillor Alec Leishman; Councillor James MacLaren; Margaret Morrison (Inchinnan Development Trust); and Councillor Iain Nicolson.

### CHAIR

Councillor Campbell, Chair, presided.

### ALSO PRESENT

A McNiven and A McBride (both Engage Renfrewshire); G Heaney, J Kennedy, P Moss and R Smith, (all Renfrewshire Council).

### IN ATTENDANCE

A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager and P Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Renfrewshire Council).

### RECORDING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

## **APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCulloch and Mullin.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Campbell declared an interest in item 6 of the agenda – Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report - as she was the Chair of the Board of Erskine Arts. Councillor Campbell indicated that as she had declared an interest, she would leave the meeting and take no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

## **TRANSPARANCY STATEMENT**

Councillor Nicolson indicated that he had a connection to item 6 of the agenda - Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report — as he was a member of the Inchinnan Development Trust. However, he indicated that he had applied the objective test and did not consider he had an interest to declare and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chair intimated that in order to facilitate the business of the meeting she intended to take item 7, Date of Next Meeting of the agenda prior to item 6. Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report of the agenda.

### **1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership held on 10 November 2022.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be approved.

### **2 INCHINNAN DEVELOPMENT TRUST UPDATE**

The Convener proposed that in light of the number of members not in attendance, that this item be continued to a future meeting of the Local Partnership. This was agreed unanimously.

**DECIDED:** That this item be continued to a future meeting of the Local Partnership.

### **3 RENFREWSHIRE PLAN FOR NET ZERO**

The Convener proposed that in light of the number of members not in attendance, that this item be continued to a future meeting of the Local Partnership. This was agreed unanimously.

**DECIDED:** That this item be continued to a future meeting of the Local Partnership.

#### 4a **WINTER CONNECTIONS**

A Armstrong-Walter, Chief Executive's Service, gave a verbal update on the Winter Connections Programme and provided information on the network of local places who had received funding to connect people to others in their community the winter. She advised that hosts were asked to sign up to Winter Connections principles, and support was provided to all host organisations and a range of activities had been undertaken including seniors' bingo, exercise classes, croche classes and film nights. She further indicated that 33 projects in the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership area had received funding, and most of the funding provided by the Council's Leadership Board had been allocated.

In addition, a programme of activities across the Library Network had been run by OneRen, and targeted advice had been provided in a number of the Winter Connections Library locations, in recognition of the increased level of need in terms of the cost-of-living crisis.

An update was provided on the activities undertaken in Erskine and Bishopton Libraries and activities being undertaken by Erskine Arts at the Erskine Sports Centre.

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

#### 4b **YOUDECIDE**

G Heaney, Environment and Infrastructure, provided a verbal update relative to You Decide Results on the participatory budgeting exercise across Renfrewshire and detailed the successful projects for the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership area.

The initiative gave communities a key role in deciding their priorities for environmental and physical infrastructure improvements to be undertaken throughout Renfrewshire over the next three years via a Community Investment Fund of £1.2million. The fund was split across 16 local areas and as many projects as possible had been funded until all the money had been allocated. As a result of the engagement initiatives, over 2800 proposals/ideals were submitted.

The successful projects for YouDecide had been announced and information for those in the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership area was provided.

Initiatives funded were: -

Erskine - Creation of ramps at either side of the existing steps at Holms Crescent to aid pedestrians with mobility issues; the upgrade of the Clyde Walkway Path from Newshot Drive around the river and create additional seating at the waterfront; and the installation of lighting on the link path between Bellfield View and Linburn Road;

Bishopton – Engagement with the local community to carry out roundabout improvements in the village; installation of a tarmac path and seating area along one side of the grass area on Ferry Road in front of West Porton Farm, and install outdoor exercise equipment on Churchill Drive Park;

Inchinnan – Installation of additional lighting columns around Inchinnan Park to provide lighting around the play area, installation of lighting columns on the path between Braemar Road and Old Greenock Road bus stop, installation of a gate from Inch path as required, alterations to Inchinnan Playing Fields carpark to allow direct access from the park and upgrade the path as required, resurface the footpath leading from Broompark Drive to Inchinnan Primary School, design and install interpretation boards at points of local interest around Inchinnan following engagement with the local community, and install seating and pedestrian cycle route at the A8 Greenock Road; and

Langbank - Contribution towards installing new items of play equipment at Station Road park; and upgrade the path along Langbank Playing fields to the train station.

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

#### 4c **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

A McBride, Engage Renfrewshire, provided a verbal update on Community Healthy and Wellbeing.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund second year of funding was now underway, and that the majority of funding had been distributed.

It was indicated that Engage Renfrewshire had received more applications for funding in the second year, 90 applications had been received and 59 groups had received awards. For Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership, this equated to five awards totalling £32,000.

Information was provided on the network which had been set up last year as part of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing project and which was being further developed this year to ensure further promotion of the activities being undertaken. The network was made up of funded groups funded from both Engage Renfrewshire and the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership, and encouragement was being given to social proscribers from across Renfrewshire to join the network. Members were invited to submit the names of any groups they were aware of to join the network. She advised that this was the last year of funding, and she encouraged groups to potentially work together in future to hare resources to enable the work currently being undertaken to continue when the funding comes to an end.

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

#### 5 **UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

There was submitted a verbal update by J Kennedy, Senior Community Development Officer, Communities & Housing relative to the activities of the Community Learning & Development Team.

Information was provided information on Alice.org, a local information system for Scotland which was also used by Engage Renfrewshire and provided information on local organisations and events, green spaces funding, parks and plat areas and villages investment fund. He outlined the projects in the Local Partnership area which had benefited from funding.

The Senior Community Development Officer also indicated that the Celebrating Renfrewshire Team was looking for young people aged 12 to 25 to form a steering group to look at activities for young people in the area. Street Stuff would also be involved in event in the coming months.

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

## 6 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled for 11 May 2023.

In response to a request by Councillor MacLaren to hold the meeting in person, the Chair indicated that she would email all members to ascertain their preference and would abide by the wishes of the majority. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That it be noted that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on 11 May 2023; and

(b) That it be agreed that members of the Partnership be contacted by email to establish their preference for either a remote (Teams) or in-person meeting.

## **SEDERUNT**

Councillor Campbell, having previously declared an interest in the following item of business, left the meeting.

Councillor Nicolson assumed the chair in the absence of the Depute Chair.

## 7 **ERSKINE, INCHINNAN, BISHOPTON & LANGBANK LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to funding to community groups to undertake projects. The funding was allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire.

A table setting out the funds allocated by Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership in 2022/23 and current budget position was attached as an appendix to the report.

The report advised that the June 2022 meeting, three projects (FR1075 Inchinnan Development Trust, FR1126 Right2Dance and FR1083 Erskine Arts) were awarded funding that was ringfenced subject to additional information. Following submission of this additional information, the meeting held on 10 November 2022 agreed to release the ringfenced funding to these three projects.

Additional feedback on projects funded in 2021/22 was received since the November 2022 meeting from Inchinnan Development Trust and Paisley and District Boys Brigade and was included at Appendix 2.

The report intimated that applications to the 2023/24 round of Local Partnership awards would be open for 6 weeks from Friday 24 February to Sunday 9 April 2023. Updated guidance would be issued to applicants, with opportunities to attend support sessions to advise applicants and answer any queries about the process. Applications would be submitted to the May 2023 round of Local Partnership meetings for decisions on awards.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the budget monitoring report 2022/23 be noted; and

(b) That the additional feedback from 2021/23 projects received since November 2022 be noted.