

Minute of Meeting

Local Partnership – Paisley North, West and Central

Wednesday, 1 December 2021	18:00	Teams Meeting

Present

Alan Clark (CREATE Paisley); Mike Dillon (Paisley North Community Council); Margaret Dymond (Maxwellton Court Tenants Association); Heather Kay (STAR Project); Councillor Karen Devine-Kennedy; Councillor Cathy McEwan, John McIntyre (Ferguslie Community Council); Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan; Councillor Jim Paterson; and John Wilby (Paisley West & Central Community Council); and Christine Williams (REEM).

Chair

Councillor John McNaughtan, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnership Planning and Development Manager; (both Chief Executive's); G Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager (Environment & Infrastructure); D Pole, End User Technician, E Gray, P Shiach Senior Committee Services Officers (all Finance & Resources).

Also in Attendance

I Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire) and G Fitzpatrick (Police Scotland).

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 on the Council's website.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

1. Minute of Previous Meeting

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Local Partnership held on 15 June 2021.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2. #YOUDECIDE

G Hannah delivered a presentation relative to #YouDecide, a participatory budgeting exercise that 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 £1.2m.

The presentation explained the #YouDecide concept and highlighted the marketing and promotional work already undertaken as a first phase to encourage communities, groups and individuals to submit their ideas for environmental improvements. A video was shown, featuring local groups and individuals, which explained how to get involved and inspired the submission of ideas. As a result of engagement initiatives, over 2700 proposals/ideals had been submitted, with over 330 ideas/proposals for improvements for the Paisley North, West & Central area.

The second phase of #YouDecide was underway and would conclude at the end of January 2022 with a shortlist of projects that were suitable and feasible having undergone technical assessment against set criteria. During the third and final phase of #YouDecide communities would be invited to vote on which shortlisted project they wished to see proceed. It was anticipated that the winning projects would be announced in early March 2022.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3. COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND

There was submitted a presentation by I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire, relative to the national Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund (the Fund). The Fund aimed to promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and to protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health in adults.

Engage Renfrewshire announced that Renfrewshire had secured an award of £509,542 from the Fund and small “grass roots” community groups and organisations with a strong community focus could apply for funding towards projects that tackled issues such as: suicide prevention; social isolation; loneliness prevention and early intervention; and/or addressed any mental health inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic and the needs of a range of “at risk” groups locally.

More information, including application forms and project examples, was available online:

I Cunningham advised that applications were now live on Engage Renfrewshire's website and the deadline for applications was 7 January 2022. It was noted that the funds required to be allocated by end of March 2022. Multiple applications would be accepted provided that there were submitted for different projects.

DECIDED:

(a) That the presentation be noted; and

(b) That as Engage Renfrewshire was the contact point for enquiries, applications, delivery of funds and monitoring compliance, members should contact Stuart Miller at stuart.miller@engagerenfrewshire.org to suggest suitable projects.

4. PAISLEY NORTH WEST AND CENTRAL LOCAL PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to Paisley North West and Central local priorities.

The report advised that the Local Partnership had previously agreed a set of local priorities for the area on which it wished to see progress made. Details of the four priorities were outlined in an appendix to the report. The Partnership Planning and Development Manager invited the Partnership to discuss specific points under each of the priorities in a workshop format.

Issues raised included providing information to local groups, Community Councils etc. when redundant council assets became available; difficulties experienced by local charitable organisations in accessing a secure, sustainable funding base and premises to enable them to carry out the aims of their constitutions; community wealth building; the possibility of groups which were delivering successful projects supporting and mentoring newer groups; accessing the Community Health & Wellbeing fund; and an outdoor sports facility for the racecourse area at St James' Park.

Following discussion, the Partnership Planning and Development Manager undertook to submit a report to the next meeting of the Partnership formalising the ideas and comments submitted.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Partnership Planning and Development Manager undertook to submit a report to the next meeting of the Partnership formalising the ideas and comments submitted; and

(b) That the report be otherwise noted.

5. PAISLEY NORTH, CENTRAL AND WEST LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the status of the budget allocated to this Partnership for disbursement to local voluntary groups and

organisations from the General Fund and Celebrating Renfrewshire. A table setting out the funds allocated by Paisley North, West and Central Local Partnership at its meeting on 15 June was appended to the report, together with details of funds allocated through the 2021 Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise to projects focussed on young people aged 12-25.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: It was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled for Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 6.00 pm.