

Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 23 August 2018	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Carolann Davidson, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Karen Kennedy, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Jim Sharkey.

Chair

Councillor Adam-McGregor, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

J McIntyre, Ferguslie Community Council; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents Association; H Dykes, Paisley West & Central Community Council; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; M Fernie, Ralston Community Council; and J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum.

Community Planning Partner

Chief Inspector Wright (Police Scotland).

In Attendance

A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnerships and Inequalities Manager and A Moulson, Strategic Events Manager (both Chief Executive's); N Williamson, Environmental Enforcement Manager (Communities, Housing and Planning Services); K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager (Environment and Infrastructure); and J Lynch, Head of Property Services (Lead Officer), D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Apologies

Councillors K MacLaren, M MacLaren and Mylet; and J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council.

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Community Safety and Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Planning Services providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Paisley North Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 January to 30 June 2018.

The report provided information on Paisley North anti-social behaviour statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; and diversionary activities.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 Update on Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this LAC held on 24 May 2018 the Strategic Partnerships and Inequalities Manager gave a verbal update on the review of the LAC structure and the proposed new model for Community Level Governance. It was noted that a report on the review had been submitted to the meeting of the Cross Party Sounding Board held on 16 August 2018 and a final report would be submitted to the meeting of Renfrewshire Council to be held on 27 September 2018.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

3 Open Session/Key Local Issues

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

DECIDED: That it be noted that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

4 Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2018/19.

The report intimated that since the last meeting of this LAC £343.72 of unused funds had been identified in the 2017/18 budget and carried forward to this financial year. In addition, Renfrewshire Sports Network, an organisation previously in receipt of a LAC award, had disbanded, and as a result £176.44 had been returned to the LAC for redistribution.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 Continued Grant Applications

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources providing further details in relation to the continued grant applications by Anchor Bowling Club, Friends of Barshaw Park, Twist and Hit Cheerleaders and Storm Gymnastics.

The Convener proposed that consideration of the grant application by Anchor Bowling Club be continued to such time as additional resources became available and the group provided details of their current bank balance. This was agreed.

Councillor Adam-McGregor, seconded by Councillor McNaughtan, moved that the awards previously agreed in principle for Friends of Barshaw Park, Twist and Hit Cheerleaders and Storm Gymnastics be reduced by £300 and that the money saved as a result of these finalised allocations be returned to the LAC's budget to allow consideration of the applications included in the following item of business.

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, moved as an amendment that the awards previously agreed in principle for Friends of Barshaw Park, Twist and Hit Cheerleaders and Storm Gymnastics be considered individually.

On a vote being taken, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Graham, McIntyre and McNaughtan.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Davidson, Kennedy and Sharkey.

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

DECIDED:

(a) That consideration of the grant application by Anchor Bowling Club be continued to such time as additional resources became available and the group provided details of their current bank balance; and

(b) That the awards previously agreed in principle for Friends of Barshaw Park, Twist and Hit Cheerleaders and Storm Gymnastics be reduced by £300 and that the money saved as a result of these finalised allocations be returned to the LAC's budget to allow consideration of the applications included in the following item of business.

6 Applications for Local Area Committee Funding

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

St Matthew's Church of the Nazarene – purchase of game machine for youth club –

Awarded £200.

MULTI-AREA

Renfrewshire Carers Centre – provision of activities for young carers – Awarded £920

Back to School Bank – provision of new school uniform and sanitary products for those in need – Awarded £300

7 Presentation: Raising Awareness of Waste Services Changes

A presentation was given by the Amenity Services Manager relating to changes to bin collections from November 2018.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

8 Presentation: How Events Can Support the Community

A presentation was given by the Town Centre Manager relative to the 2021 Legacy Programming.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.