

Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 31 August 2015	10:00	Room P116, P Block, UWS, High Street, Paisley,

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, Lead Officer and Head of Public Protection; J Lynch, Head of Property; and C Thorpe, Corporate Asset/Energy Manager (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; J Still, Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership; and C Roxburgh, West of Scotland University.

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Armstrong-Walter, A Greig, S Jones, E Lorimer, J Brown and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); and B Kiloh SPT.

APOLOGIES

S MacDougall and L Feely (both Renfrewshire Council); J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; Ross Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; P Nelis, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest intimated.

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 7 of the agenda after item 3.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 3 June, 2015.

DECIDED: That the minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 LOCAL GREEN NETWORK PROJECTS UPDATE - GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB GROUP

Susan Jones gave a presentation relative to the Local Green Network projects which had the potential to improve the quality of the local environment by enhancing open space, accessibility, natural features and biodiversity.

The presentation highlighted that the delivery of the Renfrewshire Local Green Network programme had been a great success and various projects which were cited in the slides had secured significant levels of external funding.

After discussion Councillor Devine thanked Susan for her presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 UPDATE ON TACKLING POVERTY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Annabelle Armstrong-Walter gave a presentation relative to the Tackling Poverty Strategy and Action Plan.

The presentation gave the background to the development of the strategy and the launch of the report; outlined the timeline that was being followed; highlighted the key messages of the strategy and the priorities; summarised the key principles; and drew special attention to the fuel poverty actions.

After discussion Councillor Devine thanked Annabelle for the presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **RENFREWSHIRE TRANSPORT OUTCOMES REPORT 2015/16**

There was submitted a report by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport relative to Renfrewshire's Transport Outcome Report (TOR).

The report summarised the SPT activities and investments delivered in 2014/15. It also provided detailed information on the agreed SPT/Renfrewshire joint workteams for 2015/16 which included key issues; progress to date; and a look at the year ahead.

The TOR highlighted the role of transport in achieving positive outcomes at the local level by noting the supporting relationship between the joint workteams agreed between SPT and Renfrewshire and the local outcomes set out in the Single Outcome Agreement.

DECIDED: That the contents of the report be noted.

6 **CYCLING STRATEGY**

Elaine Lorimer gave a presentation relative to the cycling strategy for Renfrewshire.

The presentation outlined the cycling strategy; looked at the objectives and how the Council engaged with people; defined the communication strategy and the findings of the survey which took place; summarised the action plan and detailed the plans for expansion.

After discussion Councillor Devine thanked Elaine for her presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 **STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection updating members on the Stalled Spaces Scotland applications.

The report advised that one application had been received in the first round of funding following the June 2015 deadline. The application, along with another four applications were tabled at the meeting:

- Roar - Connections for Life, West End Community Centre
- Paisley West & Central Community Council - West End Growing Grounds Association
- I Am Me Scotland
- Loud n Proud
- West College Scotland - Paisley Campus

After discussion, the Lead Officer asked that the stalled spaces applications be approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to

Lead Office and Convener. It was agreed that that details would be confirmed at next meeting together with information on further award applications received.

I Cunningham advised that Engage were currently in the process of discussing potential applications with six other community groups and would continue to work with them in the completion of their applications.

DECIDED:

(a) That the applications be approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Office and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received.

(b) That the report be noted.

8(a) GREENER HOUSING SUB GROUP

Adele Fraser presented a video to Members on energy advice to Renfrewshire residents.

She advised that the video was jointly developed with the University of the West of Scotland and was in direct response to the Greener Renfrewshire Housing Sub Group action plan to develop an energy advice video for local residents with a clear Renfrewshire focus highlighting energy efficiency within the home linked to greener ways of living.

She thanked everyone that had been involved in the development of the video and advised that it was now on Renfrewshire Council and Renfrewshire 2023 websites.

Councillor Devine thanked Adele and everyone involved for their hard work and the production of a very professional video.

DECIDED: That the video presentation be noted.

8(b) GREENER TRANSPORT SUB GROUP

There was submitted a report by the Greener Renfrewshire Transport Sub Group.

The report detailed the progress made by the Greener Transport sub group in achieving the high level priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board. The minute of the meeting of the sub group, which took place on 14th July 2015, was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8(c) GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB GROUP

There was submitted a report by the Greener Communities Sub Group detailing the progress made in achieving the high level priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board. The minute of the meeting of the sub group, which took place on 23rd July 2015, was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 SPOTLIGHT ON PARTNER

A presentation was given by Claire Roxburgh, UWS highlighting the Green challenges facing the University. The presentation outlined the plans for greener travel; the energy savings achieved; the proposals for disposing of waste; the plans for a community garden scheme; the difficulty of changing behaviours; and highlighted the plans for a sustainability hub.

After discussion Councillor Devine thanked Claire for her presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

10 ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Asset and Energy Manager relative to a survey which was conducted in July 2015 within Renfrewshire House to measure attitudes to energy usage, waste collection, recycling and travel-to-work.

The survey was intended to provide baseline measurements of prevailing attitudes ahead of a promotional campaign to recruit Green Champions to help engage the wider staff group in energy efficient and other 'green' measures within the workplace.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

11 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

12 ELECTRIC VEHICLE PRESENTATION

A Greig delivered a presentation to the Board on the advantages of electric vehicles (EVs).

He advised that the great environmental benefits of electromobility were clearly reflected in the low carbon emissions of the vehicles. Cost modelling analysis showed that EVs had lower overall costs than conventionally fuelled vehicles; cheaper fuel costs; and lower operational and maintenance costs, when EVs were deployed correctly.

He demonstrated the charging points and the quiet running of the vehicle which would be a benefit for operating in noise-restricted areas.

DECIDED: That the presentation and demonstration be noted.

