

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Glennifer

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 20 March 2019	18:00	Glenburn Community Centre, Fairway Avenue, Paisley PA2 8DX,

Present

Councillor Stephen Burns: Provost Lorraine Cameron: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Eileen McCartin: Councillor Kevin Montgomery and Jim Duffy (West Region Scouts Association): Bill Martin (The Thursday Club): Shirley McLean (Glenburn Community Tenants' & Residents' Association): Doreen Polson (Foxbar Rivers Community Building) and Yvonne Povah (Stronger Communities Glenburn).

Chair

Councillor Marie McGurk, Chair, presided

In Attendance

R McGrath, Head of Customer & Business Services (Lead Officer), K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnerships & Inequalities Manager, S Graham, Partnership Manager, S Marklow, Strategy & Place Manager, C Tolan, Senior Planning & Policy Development Officer, S Tkacenko, Planning & Policy Development Assistant and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

Community Planning Partners

Chief Inspector S Wright (Police Scotland); C Walker (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and S Miller (Engage Renfrewshire).

Apologies

Tony Lawler (Foxbar & Brediland Community Council); James Millar (Paisley Sea Cadets)

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Welcome and Introductions

Councillor McGurk opened the meeting by extending a welcome to everyone present. She invited members, Community Planning partners, and Renfrewshire Council officers to introduce themselves and to advise their role at meetings.

DECIDED: To note the welcome and introductions.

2 Code of Conduct / Register of Interests

The Head of Corporate Governance provided information about the adoption of a Code of Conduct for Devolved Public Bodies that set out standards of behaviour that could be applied to members, given that their role would include the allocation of public funds.

The Code of Conduct would require community representatives to register their interests and to declare those interests at meetings. In this way, business conducted by the Local Partnership, which was not part of the formal Board structure of Renfrewshire Council, would be open and transparent.

It was noted that Councillors held a statutory duty to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Councillors and already had a Register of Interests in place.

Copies of the Code of Conduct and the Register of Interests form were made available and it was proposed that members advise the Head of Corporate Governance by no later than 7 May 2019 whether, in their view, the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Devolved Public Bodies was required for this Local Partnership. The outcome would be reported to the next meeting. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That, by no later than 7 May 2019, each member contact the Head of Corporate Governance to advise their view on the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Devolved Public Bodies for this Local Partnership; and

(b) That the outcome be reported to the next meeting of this Local Partnership.

3 Appointment of Vice-chair

Councillor McGurk advised that, in terms of the Standing Orders for Local Partnerships, a community representative could be appointed as Vice-chair and called for nominations.

Provost Cameron proposed that Jim Duffy (West Region Scouts Association) be appointed as Vice-chair. There being no other nominations, this appointment was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Jim Duffy be appointed Vice-chair.

4 Minute of the Previous Meeting

The Minute of the meeting of Glenburn, Foxbar & Brediland Local Partnership held on 29 January 2019 was submitted and approved.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

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Councillor McCartin left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

5 Key Local Priorities

A presentation was delivered by Community Planning partners relative to identifying common matters that were important to people in the area and setting local priorities for improvement. It was envisaged that, once identified, these local priorities would be used to target resources and improvement actions.

The presentation, together with a Local Profile providing background information, detailed key facts about the population, access to services, crime, children in poverty, schools, care homes, extra care and sheltered housing, parks and play areas, health resources and the voluntary sector, specific to this Local Partnership area. The development of Place Plans for specific localities, such as that already in place for Foxbar, was also highlighted as good practise.

Based on the information provided, members worked in groups to identify and set priorities for the area. After discussion, the following priorities were identified (in no order of importance):

- Reducing crime
- Reducing isolation/loneliness
- Improving mental health for young people
- Introducing the “500 miles” initiative to get more people active in the area
- Improving transport and public transport links
- Increasing access to GP services
- Information sharing to improve access to services
- Increasing the number of people volunteering in the area
- Increasing youth involvement in the Local Partnership
- Improving the use of local community facilities/assets
- Improving parks and access to open spaces
- Introduce a “Beat the Holiday Hunger” initiative
- Introduce Free School Meals for all pupils
- Improve road safety
- Introduce free hall lets for local community groups

- Establish a community café
- Improve communication about “What’s On” in the local area/electronic notice boards in local shops etc
- Establish activities for children (out-with school hours)
- Introduce a skills training programme for residents
- Establish a local football team
- Establish a local playscheme and summer trips for children

DECIDED:

- (a) To note, in no specific order of importance, the priorities established for this Local Partnership; and
- (b) That the Strategic Partnerships & Inequalities Manager summarise the priorities under key themes and share this information with members before the next meeting.

6 Local Partnership - Future Arrangements

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the name of this Local Partnership and arrangements to be put in place for future meetings.

It was noted that community representatives could claim expenses of £50 per annum, from Local Partnership funds, for attendance at meetings.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the next meeting be held at 6.00 pm on 11 June 2019 in Foxbar Community Centre and that further meetings be held at 6.00 pm in November 2019 and March/April 2020, at venue(s) to be advised;
- (b) That suggestions for an alternative name for this Local Partnership be notified to communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk by no later than 7 May 2019;
- (c) That members identify accessible venues in the area and indicate a preference for a single venue for all meetings or alternating between different venues in the area and advise communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk by no later than 7 May 2019; and
- (d) That meeting arrangements be finalised at the next meeting of this Local Partnership.