

Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 14 May 2015	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Kelly, Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren J Sharkey, M Sharkey and Williams.

CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

J Theodore, Hawhead & Lochfield Community Council; K McMaster, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; H Dykes, Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council; J Bunton, Paisley North Community Council; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; M Fernie, Ralston Community Council; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; and W Colquhoun, West End Seniors Forum.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Superintendent Nelson, Police Scotland and Katrina Philips, Renfrewshire CHP.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Ewen, Youth Services Manager (Children's Services); A Summers, Amenity Services Manager (Streetscene and Land Services) and C Robertson, Wardens Services Manager (both Community Resources); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mylet.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing an overview of the activities of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership, consisting of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies for the Paisley North Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 October, 2014 to 31 March, 2015.

The report contained statistical information which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

The report provided information on Paisley North community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and the work of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership. In addition, the appendix to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable in relation to the five LACs between 30 March and 25 April, 2015.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Scottish Youth Parliament elections which had taken place in March 2015. The report intimated that the Scottish Youth Parliament was the democratically-elected voice of Scotland's young people and the elections were organised by Renfrewshire Council.

The Renfrewshire Council area was represented by five MSYPs; two for the Paisley constituency, one for Renfrewshire South constituency and two for the Renfrewshire North West constituency.

Ten candidates had stood for election across the three constituencies and the successful candidates were Emma Eck and Osama Nadeem (Paisley); Carrie McIntyre (Renfrewshire South) and Elidh Harkness and Mark Dougan, (Renfrewshire North West).

It was noted that the June 2015 National Sitting and AGM would be held on Saturday, 13 June, 2015 and Sunday, 14 June, 2015 in Park Mains High School, Erskine.

DECIDED: That the report and the success of Renfrewshire's Scottish Youth Parliament elections 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 REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2015/16, totalling £120,947 consisting of £77,833 General Grant Fund, £13,000 Paisley Common Good Fund and £30,114 Youth Challenge Fund.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the expenditure committed by the LAC in 2014/15. The report advised that the LAC had also received funding from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund and details of the expenditure committed to date together with the remaining balance were contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 **APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE GRANT 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

21st Paisley (St Mirren) Scout Group – educational and cultural visit to Italy – Awarded £4,800

Active Communities – Christmas fun run – Awarded £2,290

Buddies of Hunterhill – formation of an intergenerational drama group – Awarded £3,700

Cameron Dance Group – hall hire, costumes and general running costs – Awarded £2,200

Cotton Club – sailing at Castle Semple – Awarded £2,000

Friends of Barshaw Park – start up costs for group to improve and support the facilities of Barshaw Park – Awarded £4,000 (ring fenced)

Harmony Pensioners Club – rent, administration and running costs – Awarded £1,730

Paisley West End & Central Seniors Forum – purchase of sound system and assistance towards rent and running costs – Awarded £600

Rainbow Nursery Parents Committee – purchase and redevelop outdoor play resources – Continued

Ralston Community Council – expenses involved in hosting the Ralston Games – Awarded £7,120

Spinningdale Residents Association – upkeep and maintenance of Mill Road embankment – Awarded £900 (ring fenced)

Thumbs Up Thursday Toddler Group – small equipment and storage, soft furnishings, sensory creative materials and play materials – Continued

Y Don't U? – provision of free school holiday and term time sports, leisure and education activities in Paisley North – Awarded £8,558

MULTI AREA

Arthritis Care in Scotland – Paisley Branch – transportation to and from meetings – Awarded £150

Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire – rent and utilities – Awarded £1,161.29

Basketball Paisley – coaching fees, travel, printing, hall hire and training – Awarded £812.20

Blackhall Ceramic Painting Group – assistance towards hall let costs – Awarded £250

Boys Brigade – help towards running costs – Awarded £400

Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club – ice hire and other operating costs – Awarded £380

Breastfeeding Network – salaries, training new volunteers, volunteer expenses and other associated costs – Continued

Buddy Beat – tutor fees and stationery – Awarded £1,000

Cornerstone Drop-in Centre – utility costs and insurance – Continued

Create Paisley – development worker costs, training and other running costs.

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor M Sharkey, moved that Create Paisley be awarded £9,634.50.

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Williams, moved as an amendment that Create Paisley be awarded £5,000 and that the development worker costs be not funded.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Kelly, Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren and Williams.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors J Sharkey and M Sharkey.

5 members having voted for the amendment and 2 members having voted for the motion, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Create Paisley – training and other running costs – Awarded £5,000.

DH Lunch Club – hall let, phones and stationery – Awarded £350

Environmental Training Team – machine tools, personal protective equipment and rent – Awarded £2,000

Feis Phaislig – staff costs (9 tutors and week co-ordinator), hiring of premises, marketing, postage and t-shirts – Awarded £1,530

Ferguslie Bowling Club – refurbishment of toilets – Declined

Ferguslie Cricket Club – purchase of electronic scoreboard – Declined

Ferguslie Cricket Club – partially fund artificial nets and practice facility – Declined

Ferguslie Cricket Club – funding of junior cricket coaching programme.

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Lawson, moved that Ferguslie Cricket Club be awarded £994 to fund the junior cricket coaching programme.

Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment that the request to fund the junior cricket coaching programme be declined.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Kelly, J Sharkey, M Sharkey and Williams.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Lawson, K MacLaren and M MacLaren.

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

Ferguslie Cricket Club – funding of junior cricket coaching programme – Declined

Fitting-in – outdoor physical and educational activities for 25 disadvantaged young people – Awarded £1,180

Food Train – purchase of transit van to enhance service provision – Awarded £2,000

Forever Young – various projects for sheltered housing complexes in Renfrewshire – Awarded £2,000

Get Oot Get Active – activity sessions for young people from residential homes in Renfrewshire – Awarded £900

Girls Brigade Renfrew Division – divisional training events, competitions, outings and other general running costs – Awarded £500

Greensyde Carers – outdoor furniture and storage for ongoing gardening project for disabled adults – Awarded £200

I Am Me – development of 'keep safe' app – Awarded £2,000

Johnstone Phoenix Theatre Group – production expenses, hiring/let of premises, printing and stationery, costume hire, amp and laptop – Continued

Lamont Farm – equipment and utilities – Continued

Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre – bouldering wall and mountain bikes for under 8 year olds – Awarded £2,000

Paisley Cat Rescue – vet bills and cat food – Continued

Paisley Pirates – assistance towards increasing ice rink hire costs – Awarded £1,600

Paisley Martyrs Sandyford Church – cleaning of stonework building – Declined

Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club – funding of two annual fun shows, jumps and trailer – Awarded £986

Rainbow Turtle – assistance towards cost of employing educational officer for schools and other forums – Awarded £1,480

RAMH – No Substitute for Life – assistance towards cost of event to offer information and positive interventions to diminish the threat of suicide – Awarded £950

RCA Trust – refurbishment of office accommodation – Continued

Renfrewshire Access Panel – equipment update and training – Awarded £1,947

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s – coach hire, uniforms, presentations and entrance fees – Awarded £600

Renfrewshire Deaf Group – interpreters, running costs and coach hire – Awarded £500

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities – property and administrative costs – Awarded £4,032.50

Renfrewshire Environmental and Restoration Group – office start up costs – Continued

Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum – transcription software and running costs – Awarded £700

Renfrewshire Walking Network – provision of booklets providing details of walks, hire of hall for meetings and walk leader risk assessments – Awarded £600

Scottish Afro-Caribbean Festival – stage hire, performers, marquees etc – Awarded £11,806

St Columba's Adult Social Club – activities and running costs – Continued

St James' Orchestra – help with costs of rehearsal and performance accommodation – Awarded £340

St Peters' Mens Club – refurbishment – Continued

Twist and Hit Cheerleaders – premises costs, staff training, transport, uniforms and equipment – Awarded £4,850

Paisley Pens – assistance towards specialist tutor cost of 2 hours per week for 50 weeks – homologate award of £1,000 from 2014/15 budget

Twist and Hit Cheerleaders – gymnastic equipment – homologate award of £720 from 2014/15 budget

6 RENFREWSHIRE STREET STUFF

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the current position in relation to the Street Stuff project.

The report confirmed the continuation of the core Street Stuff programme through the 2015/16 financial year and highlighted some of the additional projects which were being linked with the core programme to further improve its reach and effectiveness.

The report advised that as in previous years there was an opportunity for LACs to consider funding activities within their LAC areas which would allow additional sessions to be programmed within communities that were not identified at a Renfrewshire level as hotspot areas, but that the local communities felt would benefit from this type of programme.

Given the scale of the core programme, the report suggested that a contribution of £5,000 per LAC should be considered, which would contribute to the costs of delivery of up to two activity sessions per week within the LAC area through the peak summer/autumn months as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes.

DECIDED: That £5,000 be committed to the Street Stuff programme to contribute towards the costs of additional activity sessions within the LAC area as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes.

7 DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS: PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR EXPEDITIONS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking funding for outdoor equipment for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions.

The report advised that Renfrewshire Council held a licence for the delivery of Duke of Edinburgh Awards, with Youth Services responsible for the oversight and delivery of these awards.

The report indicated that the award was a personal development award where young people engaged in Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The award comprised four sections (five for Gold) where participants were required to complete a physical section; a skills section; a volunteer element and an expedition in an outdoors environment.

The report intimated that a proportion of participants came from low income families and some groups were specifically established to work with young people who were at risk of exclusion from school.

The report stated that the application sought funding of £8,840 from the Paisley North LAC to enable the purchase of new equipment and for existing resources to be renewed if they were damaged or worn out.

DECIDED: That the request for £8,840 in the current financial year be approved to enable additional equipment to be purchased and to ensure that young people from the area could actively engage in their local Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Paisley North Local Area Committee would be held in the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House, Paisley on 20 August, 2015 at 6.00 pm.