

Minute of Meeting

Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 09 February 2017	18:00	Paisley Grammar School, Glasgow Road, Paisley PA1 3RP ,

Present: Councillor Terry Kelly, Councillor Brian Lawson, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor Mags MacLaren, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor Maureen Sharkey, Councillor Tommy Williams

Chair

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; H Dykes, Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council; J Bunton and M Dillon, Paisley North Community Council; J Carson, Paisley West & Central Community Council; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; and W Colquhoun, West End Seniors Forum.

Community Planning Partner

Sergeant O'Hare, Police Scotland.

In Attendance

I Beattie, Head of Health and Social Care (Paisley); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, A Armstrong-Walter, Policy Lead (Tackling Poverty, Welfare Reform and Equalities) and S Tkacenko, Assistant Policy Planner (all Chief Executive's); G Hannah, Strategic Change Manager, Services, M Faichney, Land Services Manager and S Dale, Interim Street Scene and Land Services Manager (all Community Resources); A Morrison, Head of Regeneration (Development & Housing Services); 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).

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Update

The Head of Health and Social Care (Paisley) gave a verbal update. He indicated that Dr Stuart Sutton was the new Clinical Director for Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and that the post had a lead responsibility for Clinical Governance, providing leadership and support for GPs and other NHS contractors working within Renfrewshire.

A new logo had been produced for Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership which would be rolled out in the coming months.

It was intimated that the Integration Joint Board met every six weeks with the next meeting taking place on 10 March 2017 at 9.30 am in the Abercorn Conference Centre, Renfrew Road, Paisley.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

2 Community Safety and Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources 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 October to 31 December 2016.

The report provided information on Paisley North community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and gender-based violence.

DECIDED: That the report 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 Coats Memorial Church: Update

Under reference to item 10 of the Minute of the meeting of Renfrewshire Council held on 15 December 2016, there was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to an update on Coats Memorial Church.

The report advised that following consideration of the reports by Paisley North & South and Renfrew & Gallowhill LACs in November 2016, the Paisley North Local Area Committee decided that the committee would refer the issue to the next full Council meeting on Thursday 15 December 2016 with a proposal that a full investigation was carried out on this application including the progress towards establishing a new community trust to own the building and options for funding the boiler replacement or repair, in part or in full, from other Council budgets such as the £1.85 million underspend from last year's Council budget.

At the Council meeting on 15 December 2016 it was decided that the Council would carry out an investigation into the costs of the repair or replacement of the heating system at Coats Memorial Church. Council agreed to work with the trustees of the church and support them with funding applications to heritage and other bodies to meet these costs. Council would also consider what other financial support it could provide to assist the church. The Council further noted the decision of Paisley North, Paisley South and Renfrew & Gallowhill LACs to support Coats Memorial Church by providing grant funding and remitted the decision to recall these grants to the respective LACs.

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Williams, moved that the committee approves the retention by the Trustees of the awarded grant of £13,000 for temporary repairs to the boiler and heating system to enable the building to remain in active use; and note that officers would continue to support the Trustees of Coats Memorial Church in their pursuit of identifying a solution to the heating system and the future use of the building.

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor M MacLaren, moved as an amendment that the Committee notes that no community trust has been established to manage the Coats Memorial Church building and therefore recommends that the full £13,000 of Paisley Common Good funds should be redistributed to local community groups within the area covered by Paisley North Local Area Committee; and that the committee urges Renfrewshire Council to work closely with the trustees of Coats Memorial Church to help them develop a community-led trust to manage the church buildings and to fund a suitable source for any improvements to the building.

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

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

There being an equality of votes cast, the Convener used his second and casting vote in favour of the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That the retention by the Trustees of the awarded grant of £13,000 for temporary repairs to the boiler and heating system to enable the building to remain in active use be approved; and

(b) That it be noted that officers would continue to support the Trustees of Coats Memorial Church in their pursuit of identifying a solution to the heating system and the future use of the building.

5 UK City of Culture 2021 - Launch of the Guidance for Bidding Cities

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to an update on Paisley's bid to become UK City of Culture in 2021 and the key dates for the bidding process during 2017.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 Presentation: Barshaw Park

The Interim Street Scene and the Land Services Manager Land Services Manager gave a presentation relative to regeneration of Barshaw Park.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 Presentation: Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans

The Partnerships Planning and Development Manager gave a presentation relative to the Community Planning Partnership development of a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), Locality Plans and Local Area Committee Review.

It was noted that engagement with communities on development of the LOIP/Locality Plans would take place in February/March and May/June 2017. The LOIP and Locality Plans would require to be signed off by September 2017 prior to publication by 1 October 2017 and proposals for the LAC review would be developed by October 2017.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

8 Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2016/17

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 Application for Local Area Committee Grant Funding

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an application received for local area committee funding.

DECIDED: That the application for funding be determined as follows:-

Renfrewshire Environmental Trust – Spuds for Buddies – Awarded £1,000.

10 Timetable of Meetings

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the date of the first meeting of this LAC in the new financial year following the local government elections being held on 4 May 2017. The report proposed that the next meeting of this LAC be held on 1 June 2017 and this was agreed.

DECIDED: That the next meeting of this LAC be held at 6.00 pm on 1 June 2017.