

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE & ERSKINE
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY, 2015**

PRESENT

Councillors Clark, Holmes, J MacLaren and Mullin.

Councillor Clark, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

D Woodrow (Bishopton Community Council); M Millar (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association); A Johnstone (Brighter Bridge of Weir); J Taggart (Erskine); R Johnstone and A Duncan (Erskine Youth Council); R Finnie (Houston Community Council); I Cameron (Houston & Killellan Kirk); R McNally (Erskine Community Association); N Barrington (Langbank Community Council); and M McElhinney (Linwood Community Council).

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Chief Inspector Wright (Police Scotland) and Dr Van Der Lee (Renfrewshire CHP).

IN ATTENDANCE

G Giles, Adult Learning and Literacies Manager (Children's Services); M Hendry, ASIST Mediation Co-ordinator (Community Resources); and K Graham, Head of Legal & Democratic Services (Lead Officer), D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and H Hoey, Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

G Lethorn, Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association and S Clark, Bridge of Weir Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNER UPDATE

(a) 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 Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC area during the period 1st October to 31st December, 2014.

The report contained statistical information which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as well as Community Resources (Community Safety and Wardens Service).

The report provided information on the work of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership and included a spotlight focus on a particular area of public protection activity related to gender-based violence. In addition, Appendix 1 to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable in relation to the five LACs between 19th January and 31st March, 2014.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2. 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.

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES IN THE LAC AREA

The Convener highlighted changes to the number 7 service which operated between Linwood and Glasgow. He advised that this service would now terminate at Paisley. The frequency of bus services to the new Southern General was also raised by the LAC.

DECIDED: That the position be noted.

4. HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE AND ERSKINE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC Annual Report 2014/15, which was appended to the report. The report set out a number of key achievements of the LAC over the previous 12 months, in particular in relation to the number and level of grants awarded, community planning partner reviews for 2014/15 and feedback from a number of the key projects supported by the LAC.

Dr Van Der Lee provided an update in relation to the reconfiguring of mental health in-patient services in Renfrewshire; changes to the structure of the CHP; and recent developments at the Accident & Emergency Department at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH).

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC Annual Report 2014/15, as appended to the report, be noted; and
- (b) That the LAC's concerns relative to recent developments at the RAH be noted.

5. PRESENTATION: ERSKINE YOUTH COUNCIL

A Duncan and R Johnstone, both Erskine Youth Council, gave a presentation on an educational trip to London by Youth Council members which the LAC had helped to fund. They highlighted the educational and cultural opportunities afforded to them as a result of the trip.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6. PRESENTATION: ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

H Moir and C Thomas, both Active Communities, gave a presentation on the three Active Communities projects which the LAC had helped to fund in 2014/15. Ms Moir provided information in relation to the Bridge Buster 10K event and the Bike Buddies cycling project and Ms Thomas provided details on the parkour club which was running with a full capacity of participants.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC budget for 2014/15.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the expenditure committed by the LAC to date together with available budgets.

The Convener advised that a small underspend in the LAC budget was anticipated and referred to the previous decision of the LAC in May 2014 to allocate any underspend to the Houston & Killellan Kirk Annexe Project.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be noted that any underspend in the LAC budget would be allocated to the Houston & Killellan Kirk Annexe Project; and
- (b) That the report otherwise be noted.

8. TIMETABLE OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO MAY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC timetable to May 2016.

The report proposed that, taking into consideration the ability of the Convener to call a special meeting if the need arose, the LAC meetings be programmed for 3rd September and 25th November, 2015 and 24th February and 25th May, 2016. It was highlighted that this represented a shift from the usual Tuesday evening to allow the Vice Convener of the LAC to attend and avoid a clash of meetings with other scheduled meetings.

DECIDED:

- (a) That meetings of the Paisley North LAC be programmed for 3rd September and 25th November, 2015; and 24th February and 25th May 2016; and
- (b) That meetings continue to be held at 6.00 p.m. in suitable venues throughout the LAC area.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC would be held on 26th May, 2015 at 6.00 p.m., at a venue to be agreed.