

Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 22 February 2018	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Carolann Davidson, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Karen Kennedy, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor Mags MacLaren, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Jim Sharkey

Chair

Councillor Adam-McGregor, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

I Williams, Environmental Training Team; J McIntyre, Ferguslie Community Council; J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents Association; H Dykes, Paisley West & Central Community Council; M Fernie, Raiston Community Council; and Sandra Luke, Williamsburgh Housing Association.

Community Planning Partner

Sergeant O'Hare (Police Scotland).

In Attendance

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager (Chief Executive's); C Dalrymple, Regulatory and Enforcement Manager and N Williamson, Senior Environment Co-ordinator (both Environment and Communities); J Lynch, Head of Property (Lead Officer) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources); and R Agnew and I Shearer, both Active Schools and Community Club Leaders, and A Dougan (all Renfrewshire Leisure).

Apologies

J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; and M Dougan, Renfrewshire Youth Voice.

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Update

There was no officer from the Health and Social Care Partnership in attendance at the meeting.

DECIDED: That the position be noted.

2 Community Safety and Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environment & Communities 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 2017.

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

It was proposed that the Director of Environment & Communities submit a report to the next meeting of the LAC providing information on the use of the student discount card in businesses in Paisley. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That the Director of Environment & Communities submit a report to the next meeting of the LAC providing information on the use of the student discount card in businesses in Paisley.

3 Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the ongoing review of community level governance arrangements.

The report advised that a number of proposals for a future model of community level governance had been developed and were detailed in the consultation paper attached to the report.

After the Council meeting held on 21 December 2017, a consultation had commenced which outlined proposals for a new model of community led governance and would be live until 15 April 2018. The report noted that these proposals would be brought back to Council for approval and would then be implemented during 2018/19.

The report advised that a number of process improvements would be implemented in the meantime to improve the efficiency of the LAC grants process during 2018/19.

DECIDED:

(a) That the proposals which had been developed be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that the consultation period on these proposals would be open until 15 April 2018.

4 Open Session/Key Local Issues

The Senior Committee Services Officer 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.

5 Grant Award Feedback 2016/17

There was tabled an amended report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to feedback received from applicants who had received funding from this LAC in 2016/17.

The report intimated that providing regular feedback to LACs increased accountability and helped LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It was also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 Active Schools - Grant Award Feedback

R Agnew, I Shearer and A Dougan, Renfrewshire Leisure, gave a presentation on the outcomes of the LAC grant awarded to the project in May 2017.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2017/18.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 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:-

Spinningdale Residents Association – maintain Mill Road embankment

Councillor Adam-McGregor, seconded by Councillor Mylet, moved that the application be declined.

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Davidson, moved as an amendment that the balance of funds of £453.73 be awarded.

In terms of Standing Order 30 the Convener intimated that the vote would be by a show of hands.

5 members voted for the motion and 5 members voted for the amendment. There being an equality of votes cast, the Convener used her second and casting vote in favour of the motion.

Renfrewshire Sports Network – delivery of a pilot community games event – Declined.

9 Paisley North Local Area Committee Timetable 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the date, time and venue of meetings of this LAC until August 2018.

DECIDED: That meetings of this LAC be held at 6.00 pm on 24 May and 23 August 2018 in the Council Chamber, Renfrewshire House.