

Minute of Meeting Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 20 February 2018	18:30	Renfrew Town Hall, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8LJ

Present: Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor Jane Strang

Chair

Councillor Shaw, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

R MacLennan, 30 Acres Group; P Morton, Renfrew Community Council; A Philpot, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; M Dougan, Renfrewshire Youth Voice; and P Watson, St Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Community Planning Partners

F MacKay, Head of Strategic Planning & Health Improvement, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and Chief Inspector Wright, Police Scotland.

In Attendance

S Graham, Partnership's Manager (Chief Executive's); K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager and M Hendry, Community Safety Hub Manager (both Environment & Communities); D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources); F Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing Services (Development & Housing Services) (Lead Officer); and R Agnew and I Shearer, both Active Schools and Community Club Lead Officers and J McConnell and M Black, both Sessional Staff Lead Officers (all Renfrewshire Leisure).

Apologies

Councillors Grady and McEwan; and D Hoey, Renfrew Burgh Band.

Declarations of Interest

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

Additional Item

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application for grant funding by Renfrew YMCA Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener being of the opinion that the item, which was dealt with at item 8 of this Minute, was urgent, in order to consider the application timeously authorised its consideration.

1 Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership Update

The Head of Strategic Planning & Improvement, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership gave a verbal update which highlighted the joint inspection of adult services by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. She drew attention to the current pressures facing the Health Partnership and the NHS and highlighted the launch of the Partner and Third Sector event which was open to members of the public and was taking place in Renfrew Health Centre during the week.

DECIDED: That the report 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 Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 October to 31 December 2017.

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

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

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 level 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 the proposals would be open until 15 April 2018.

4 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.

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 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 accounted for their income and expenditure and set out the community and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 Active Schools - Award Feedback

R Agnew, I Shearer, J McConnell and M Black, all 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 Report

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

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 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:-

Arkleston Parent Council – develop and regenerate the playground and outdoor space of Arkleston Primary School – Awarded the balance of the General Grant and Renfrew Common Good Fund budgets

Renfrew YMCA SCIO - organise provision of recreational facilities to advance educational opportunities - Awarded £3,285.00

9 Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee Timetable

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

DECIDED: That meetings of this LAC be held at 6.30 pm on 22 May and 21 August 2018 to be held in Renfrew Town Hall and Gallowhill Community Centre respectively.