

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 07 September 2023	18:00	MS Teams,

PRESENT

Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson; Councillor Michelle Campbell; Councillor Alec Leishman; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Margaret Morrison, Inchinnan Community Council; Councillor Iain Nicolson; Hayden Sutherland, Bishopton Development Trust); and David Woodrow (Bishopton Community Council).

CHAIR

Councillor Campbell, Chair, presided.

ALSO PRESENT

A McNiven and A McBride (Engage Renfrewshire).

IN ATTENDANCE

S Graham, Partnership Manager, J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, J Long, Tackling Poverty Project Officer, and P Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

RECORDING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

APOLOGIES

N Barrington and J Doherty.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

Councillor Campbell indicated that she had a connection to items 2 and 3 of the agenda, as she had connections to Celebrating Renfrewshire Erskine Arts. However, she indicated that she had applied the objective test and did not consider she had an interest to declare and intimated that it was her intention to remain in the meeting and to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership held on 11 May 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank (EIBL) Local Partnership Budget Monitoring report.

The report advised that funding provided to local community groups to undertake projects was allocated from the General Capital Fund, and through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire.

A table setting out the funds allocated by Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership in 2022/23 and current budget position was attached as an appendix to this report. Feedback from projects receiving funding in 2022/23 on the outcome of projects was also attached.

The Partnership Manager indicated that, in terms of application FR1098 awarded to SNACK, the organisation had indicated that it would be unable to use the funding for the purpose granted and would return the £1,081.38 awarded.

DECIDED: That the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2022/23 be noted.

3 CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE RESULTS

There was submitted a presentation by the Senior Development Officer relative to the Celebrating Renfrewshire results.

The presentation provided information on the fund priorities as follows: cost of living; mental and physical wellbeing; employability and life skills; climate change; violence and diversity projects for young people; and drug and alcohol prevention.

In the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership area, 16 eligible applications were received, and the total amount requested was £27,740. Nine organisations were awarded the full amount requested and one organisation received partial funding. A list of the organisation funded, and the amounts awarded was detailed in the presentation. The presentation also contained a film of the celebration night event.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND**

A McBride, Engage Renfrewshire, provided a summary report relative to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2023/24, together with information on those groups who had received funding from the 2022/23 Wellbeing Fund.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was now in its third year and that the fund for applications for 2023/24 would open on 29 September and close on 30 November 2023. The [project timeline was highlighted in the presentation.

A brief overview of the aims, key priorities and target audience of the Fund was provided. It was noted that successful groups would be notified in early February 2024 with payments made in March 2024

A Renfrewshire Wellbeing Network video was contained within the presentation. Members were informed that Engage Renfrewshire had a Network Newsletter which was published and issued monthly to promote funding and training opportunities and advised of network events and news. Further updates on this fund would be provided at a future meeting of this Local Partnership.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT**

There was submitted a presentation by the Senior Development Officer, Communities & Housing relative to the Community Learning and Development Approach. Youth Services supported young people and partners to access localised projects, including Renfrewshire Youth Voice and Young Scot services, in Renfrewshire.

An overview was provided of the main areas of responsibility and the wide range of activities undertaken by the Communities Learning & Development Section. Reference was made to the delivery of universal services, targeted provision, community capacity and connected communities initiatives and future partnership working with Local Partnerships.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 **UPDATE ON LOCAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW**

There was submitted a verbal report by the Partnership Manager Chief Executive's Service, provided members with information on how Community and Planning, led by the Partnership and Inequalities team, would reach out to members and those who had received grants to gauge their experience of Local Partnerships to date.

Through surveys and discussions, members views on whether Local Partnerships had met their aims and objectives, what worked well and what could be improved would be identified.

In response to a question regarding a hybrid option for future meetings of the Local Partnership, the Convener intimated that all options would be explored.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

7 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on Thursday 30 November 2023 at 6.00 pm.