

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 29 June 2017	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor: Councillor Tom Begg: Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Bill Binks: Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Michelle Campbell: Councillor Carolann Davidson: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Natalie Don: Councillor Alison Jean Dowling: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Karen Kennedy: Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor Paul Mack: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Mags MacLaren: Councillor Eileen McCartin: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor John McIntyre: Councillor John McNaughtan: Councillor Kevin Montgomery: Councillor Will Mylet: Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor Jim Sharkey: Councillor John Shaw: Councillor James Sheridan: Councillor Andy Steel: Councillor Jane Strang:

Provost Lorraine Cameron (Convener): Councillor Cathy McEwan (Depute Convener): Councillor Iain Nicolson (Leader): Councillor Jim Paterson (Depute Leader)

To Follow Item

I refer to the agenda for the meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 29 June 2017 at 9.30 am and enclose the undernoted Minutes relative to item 1 previously marked 'to follow':

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Minute of Meeting Leadership Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 20 June 2017	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor James Sheridan

Chair

Councillor Nicolson, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; P MacLeod, Director of Children's Services; S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; D Leese, Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); J McKellar, Chief Executive (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited); D Amos, Head of Policy & Commissioning, L Mahon, Head of Marketing, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty & Welfare Reform) and L McIntyre, Strategic Planning & Policy Development Officer (all Chief Executive's); A Morrison, Head of Regeneration, J Cameron, Bid Director and R Cooper, Economic Development Manager (all Development & Housing Services); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, T Olowe, Interim Head of HR, OD and Workforce Strategy and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Apology

Councillor McCartin.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hughes declared a non-financial interest in item 6 of the agenda as she was the Chairperson of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited and indicated that it was her intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of this item but not to take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

1 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Directors of Finance & Resources, Children's Services and Development & Housing Services; and the Chief Finance Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership to the period ending 3 March 2017 relative to oversight of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and economic development activity. It was noted that, for those services reporting to this Board, a breakeven position had been achieved.

DECIDED: That the budget position be noted.

2 Capital Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Director of Finance & Resources to the period ending 3 March 2017 relative to Leisure Services, Development & Housing Services and Adult Social Care. It was noted that there was an underspend of £0.283m for those services reporting to the Board.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Tackling Poverty Programme - Progress Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to progress against the Tackling Poverty Action Plan as approved by the Council on 25 June 2015.

The report highlighted activity against the six priority areas of: increasing the number of households who could access employment that provided an acceptable standard of living; preventing financial crisis and supporting low income families to make the most of their money; closing the educational gap between children from low income families and their better off peers; creating neighbourhoods where people wanted to live and could afford to live and narrowing inequalities by working in a way which was inclusive, effective and evidence-based.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 Council Plan - 6-Monthly Update on Performance

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to progress to implement the Council Plan over the 6-month period to 31 May 2017.

The report was structured around three themes of Better Future: Place; Better Future: People; and Better Council. Appendix 1 to the report detailed information on progress that had been achieved against the strategic actions contained in the Council Plan and Appendix 2 provided detailed performance updates in relation to identified key success measures.

The report confirmed that Council services had made significant progress to deliver the key priority actions. This progress had been achieved through close working with key partner organisations with a clear focus on working together to achieve the best outcomes for local people, communities and businesses within the resources available.

A new Council Plan would be developed over the summer and published in autumn 2017 alongside the Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan that required to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 1 October 2017.

DECIDED:

(a) That progress made over the last 6 months to implement the Council Plan be noted; and

(b) That the development of a new Council Plan over summer 2017 in tandem with the development of the Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan be noted.

5 The Regeneration of Paisley Town Centre - Paisley Museum Project

Under reference to item 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 16 November 2016, there was submitted a joint report by the Directors of Development & Housing Services and Finance & Resources relative to the Council's application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a grant towards the regeneration of Paisley Town Centre – Paisley Museum Project.

The report advised that an application to HLF had been made in November 2016 for a £10 million grant as part of a £49 million redevelopment proposal for the Museum and whilst the application was of an extremely high quality and had reached the shortlist of projects from the 23 submissions, it was not one of the final four projects awarded funding.

Discussions had since taken place with HLF representatives to explore opportunities for the Council to make a further application for this project, given its strategic importance to the realisation of the Council's overall regeneration ambitions. Authority was now sought to resubmit an application to HLF for £4.9 million towards a re-scoped project and funding strategy as detailed within the report.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that the Council had been unsuccessful in its application to the HLF for £10 million funding support towards the Paisley Museum project;

(b) That, it be noted that following feedback discussions with HLF Scotland, and to meet a submission deadline of 15 June 2017, the Chief Executive had submitted an application to HLF for funding of £4.9 million to support delivery of revised project proposals as outlined in the report on the basis that it was subject to formal approval by this Board;

(c) That the funding submission that had been made to the HLF be approved;

(d) That the Chief Executive confirm the Board's formal approval to HLF and be authorised to make any minor amendments to the submission that may be identified during consideration of the Council's application;

(e) That the revised project outline and funding proposals as detailed in the report be noted;

(f) That it be noted that the Council would continue to work to develop the current project proposals, with the resources approved previously by this Board at its meeting

on 8 June 2016 in order to maintain the momentum of the project; and

(g) That it be noted that prior to full commencement of project delivery a report would be provided to an appropriate future reporting cycle seeking approval of the finalised project proposal, scope and funding package subject to the outcome of the HLF application in September 2017.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Having declared an interest in the undernoted item, Councillor Hughes remained in the meeting but did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

6 Culture, Heritage & Events Fund

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the Culture, Heritage and Events Fund and seeking approval from the Board for the award of grants from the fourth round of applications following recommendations from the Paisley 2021 Partnership Board as set out in the appendix to the report. This was the first of two funding rounds in 2017, during the UK City of Culture bidding period, which was a critical time to demonstrate that the fund would unlock creative potential and build cultural capacity in Renfrewshire.

DECIDED:

(a) That the high level of interest generated in the fourth round of the Culture, Heritage and Events Fund be noted; and

(b) That the recommended grants awards, totalling £83,180, be approved

7 Opportunities for All Activity 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to an overview of Council activity carried out during 2016/17 and funded from Opportunities for All, the Scottish Government programme to ensure that all 16 -19 year olds in Scotland who were not in education, training or employment, had an offer of a place in further education and training.

The report detailed the key outcomes from activity carried out by the Council and the work undertaken in partnership with other local agencies, departments and bodies for the benefit of unemployed young people.

The grant offer from the Scottish Government for the current year was £121,375 and a report would be submitted to this Board on completion of the programme's activities during 2017/18.

DECIDED:

(a) That the delivery of, and the outcomes achieved through the Opportunities for All grant of £130,510, over the past year be noted;

(b) That the 2017/18 grant allocation of £121,375 be noted; and

(c) That an update report be submitted to a future meeting of this Board.

8 Scotland's Employer Recruitment Incentive (SERI) 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the re-activation by the Scottish Government of Scotland's Employer Recruitment Incentive (SERI), contracted through Skills Development Scotland to local authorities, that aimed to assist unemployed young people into employment.

The Council had received an offer of grant of up to £80,000 from Skills Development Scotland to support 20 eligible young people to progress to employment during 2017/18. The report set out the eligibility criteria to be applied, the tariff of payments to be offered to employers and the administrative process to be put in place to ensure SERI funding would be used to benefit unemployed young people.

DECIDED:

(a) That the action of the Director of Development & Housing Services to accept the offer of grant of up to £80,000 issued by Skills Development Scotland to support 20 eligible young people into employment, be homologated; and

(b) That, it be agreed, that further updates on employer recruitment incentives be submitted to this Board.

9 Community Economic Development - Funding Update

Under reference to item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Economy & Jobs Policy Board held on 25 May 2016, there was submitted an update report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to progress made by the Community Economic Development (CED) team during 2016/17 to secure external funding for local communities in Renfrewshire.

A total of 93 businesses had received assistance and an appendix to the report indicated that, to date, applicants had received a total of £121,241 external funding and that applications, totalling, £518,807, had yet to be determined by external funders.

DECIDED:

(a) That the early progress made to secure external funding for local communities be noted; and

(b) That, it be agreed, that further update reports on progress by the Community Economic Development team be submitted to this Board.

10 Modern Apprenticeship Programme and Employability Fund Update

Under reference to items 4 and 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Economy & Jobs Policy Board held on 1 February, 2017 there was submitted an update report on two tenders submitted by the Council to Skills Development Scotland to allow continued provision of the Council's Modern Apprenticeship and Employability Fund

Programmes during 2017/18.

The report explained that Skills Development Scotland had awarded a contract to the Council, valued at £109,380, to deliver the Modern Apprenticeship Programme during 2017/18 that would provide opportunities for 38 new modern apprenticeships across a range of frameworks including business administration, horticulture, procurement and construction. A contract had also been awarded to the Council, valued at £83,987, to deliver the Employability Fund Programme during 2017/18 through the provision of 50 places, an increase from 30 in 2016/17, to support a wide range of Invest in Renfrewshire clients.

DECIDED:

(a) That the outcome of the tender submissions, and in particular the increased number of places due to past performance, be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that updates on progress and future tenders for these areas of service provision be submitted to this Board.

11 Enterprise Support Update

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the Economy & Jobs Policy Board held on 31 August 2016, there was submitted a progress report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the delivery of Business Gateway services and the Invest in Renfrewshire InCube Programme.

The report highlighted that in the year to March 2017, Business Gateway had assisted 326 new businesses to start up in Renfrewshire, a 7.2% increase over the previous year, and the Business Support Team had identified 63 businesses that would receive ongoing business advice and financial support from the Invest in Renfrewshire Programme to support their growth plans.

The report set out the key dates to be observed in the competitive process to award InCube incubator spaces at 5 High Street, Paisley to fledgling businesses and the core service offered by InCube. 23 businesses had benefitted from the support of InCube and a Guest Tracking programme was in place that offered local designers and makers the opportunity to test trade for up to two months within the InCube shop at 9b Gilmour Street, Paisley and, to date, 24 pre-start or early stage businesses had made use of this facility.

DECIDED:

(a) That the outcome and impact of the enterprise support provided through the Business Gateway and the Invest in Renfrewshire InCube programme be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that regular reports on activity be submitted to this Board.

12 Economic Profile and Labour Market Update

There was submitted an update report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the economic profile of Renfrewshire and providing key performance statistics. Appendix 1 to the report included a summary of Labour Market activity to the end of April 2017 and Appendix 2 detailed the Renfrewshire Economic Profile to June 2017.

In Renfrewshire, labour market activity indicated that employment levels continued to be higher than both the Scottish and UK averages. From the 32 local authorities in Scotland, Renfrewshire was ranked 15th for employment and 3rd for youth employment.

The economic profile indicated that the population had increased from 171,400 in 2005 to 174,600 in 2015 (1.9%) and this was lower than the Scottish average of 5.1% over the same period.

The employment rate had risen from 66.9% in 2011 to 75.4% in 2016 an increase of 8.5% and this was higher than the growth levels for Scotland and Great Britain at 2.4% and 4.1% respectively. The unemployment rate had decreased by 4.9% from 9.9% in 2011 to 5% in 2016, a higher decrease than the Scotland and Great Britain averages of 3.4% and 3.6% respectively.

Renfrewshire's workforce was 77,300 (68.7% of the working age population). This was a decrease of 1700 over the period 2006/16 but showed an increase from a low of 69,000 in 2011. The number of adults with no qualifications had decreased by 5.4% from 13.6% in 2006 to 8.2% in 2016, higher than the rate of decrease in Scotland (4%) but lower than the rate of decrease in Great Britain (5.9%) over the same period.

The percentage of school leavers with positive destinations in Renfrewshire had increased by 4.1% from 88.1% in 2011/12 to 92.2% in 2015/16 whilst the rate in Scotland had increased by 3.2% over the same period.

The number of registered private businesses in Renfrewshire had increased by 660 from 3805 in 2010 to 4465 in 2016, an increase of 17.3% against the average increase of 19.9% across Scotland.

DECIDED:

(a) That the labour market report indicating employment and claimant count figures for April 2017 be noted; and

(b) That the economic profile for Renfrewshire, providing a broader range of indicators for the area be noted.

Minute of Special Meeting Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 21 June 2017	14:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Bill Brown, Provost Lorraine Cameron, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor James Sheridan, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

Chair

Councillor Shaw, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; B Lambert, Strategic Commercial & Procurement Manager and A Donaldson, Strategic Commercial Category Manager (both Chief Executive's); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, J Lynch, Head of Property and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Apologies

Councillors Dowling and Harte.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in item 7 of the agenda as she was an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited and indicated that it was her intention to leave the meeting and not to take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

1 Contract Authorisation Report - Door Replacement Programme 2017 Phase 1

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the award of an SBCC Standard Building Contract with Quantities in respect of the Door Replacement Programme 2017 – Phase 1.

At the conclusion of a procurement exercise, conducted in accordance with both the Council and EU procedures, ten tenders were submitted. Following evaluation, the tender found to be the most economically advantageous was that submitted by Anglian Windows Limited, trading as Anglian Building Products.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for the Door Replacement Programme 2017 – Phase 1, RC/OC/303/17, to Anglian Windows Limited, trading as Anglian Building Products.

(b) That the contract sum of £616,534.87 excluding VAT be accepted; and

(c) That the start date for this contract would be 10 July, 2017 or the date stated in the Letter of Acceptance and the Date of Possession would be no later than six weeks from the date of the Letter of Acceptance with a completion date 20 weeks from the Date of Possession.

2 Contract Authorisation Report: Environmental Network Improvement

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Community Services relative to the award of an NEC3 Term Service Short Contract for environmental network improvements.

At the conclusion of a procurement exercise, conducted in accordance with both the Council and EU procedures, six tenders were submitted. Following evaluation, the tender found to be the most economically advantageous was that submitted by Mac Asphalt Limited.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for environmental network improvements, RC/OC/110/18, to Mac Asphalt Limited;

(b) That the contract sum of up to £300,000 excluding VAT plus 10% contingency for any unforeseen works be accepted; and

(c) That the anticipated start dated for this contract would be Monday, 7 August 2017 for completion by 31 March 2018. The actual start date would be confirmed in the Letter of Acceptance.

3 Contract Authorisation Report: Carriageway Defect Patching

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Community Services relative to the award of an NEC3 Term Service Short Contract for carriageway defect patching.

At the conclusion of a procurement exercise, conducted in accordance with both the Council and EU procedures, seven tenders were submitted. Following evaluation, the tender found to be the most economically advantageous was that submitted by J H Civil Engineering Limited.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for carriageway defect patching, RC/OC/310/17, to J H Civil Engineering Limited;
- (b) That the contract sum of up to £300,000 excluding VAT plus 10% contingency for any unforeseen works be accepted; and
- (c) That the anticipated start date for this contract would be Monday, 7 August 2017 for completion by 31 March 2018. The actual start date would be confirmed in the Letter of Acceptance.

4 Contract Authorisation Report: Provision of Residential Accommodation for Adults with Learning Difficulties at Beechmount, Johnstone

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Officer of Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the award of a contract for the provision of residential care services for adults at Beechmount Care Home in Johnstone for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend the contract for up to twelve months on two separate occasions.

The service was currently delivered jointly by Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and Voyage 1 Limited, trading as Voyage Care, and was a bespoke service provided for Renfrewshire Council that fell within the definition of 'Social and Other Specific Services'. As such the procurement process to secure a negotiated contract with Voyage 1 Limited, trading as Voyage Care, had been conducted in compliance with all relevant regulations and in terms of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for the provision of residential care services for adults at Beechmount Care Home in Johnstone, to Voyage 1 Limited, trading as Voyage Care, on a conditional basis subject to clarification and agreement of approximate insurance cover;
- (b) That the contract sum, including the maximum option period, of £1,800,000 excluding VAT be approved; and
- (b) That the start date for this contract would be 3 July, 2017 for a period of three years with the option to extend the contract for one year on two separate occasions to not later than 2 July 2022.

5 Contract Authorisation Report: Bridge of Weir Primary School Construction Works (incorporating asbestos removal, electrical re-wiring and ceiling works)

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the award of a negotiated contract for construction works incorporating asbestos removal, electrical re-wiring and ceiling works at Bridge of Weir Primary School (formerly known as Bridge of Weir Re-wire).

As only one non-compliant tender had been received following a procurement exercise conducted in accordance with both Council and EU procedures, a contract had been negotiated with the tenderer, Clark Contracts Limited to deliver this contract to the specification required.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for construction works incorporating asbestos removal, electrical re-wiring and ceiling works at Bridge of Weir Primary School to Clark Contracts Limited;

(b) That a maximum contract sum of £587,439.09 excluding VAT be approved; and

(c) That the start date for this contract would be 3 July 2017 or the date stated in the Letter of Acceptance and the Date of Possession would be 17 July 2017 with a completion date 21 weeks from the Date of Possession.

6 Contract Authorisation Report: Design and Build of Linwood Close Support Unit

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services relative to the award of a contract to design and build Linwood Close Support Unit.

At the conclusion of a procurement exercise, conducted in accordance with both the Council and EU procedures, two tenders were submitted. Following evaluation, the tender found to be the most economically advantageous was that submitted by McTaggart Construction Limited.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for the design and build of Linwood Close Support Unit to McTaggart Construction Limited.

(b) That a maximum contract sum of £956,339.00 excluding VAT be approved; and

(c) That the start date for this contract would be 3 July 2017 or the date stated in the Letter of Acceptance and the Date of Possession would be six weeks from the award of contract with a completion date 40 weeks from the Date of Possession.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Having declared an interest in the undernoted item, Councillor Audrey Doig left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor Doig did not return to the meeting.

7 Contract Authorisation Report: King George V Pavilion Refurbishment

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited for the award of an SBCC Standard Building Contract without Quantities for the refurbishment of the King George V Sports Pavilion at Broadloan, Renfrew.

At the conclusion of a procurement exercise, conducted in accordance with both the Council and EU procedures, nine tenders were submitted. Following evaluation, the tender found to be the most economically advantageous was that submitted by Clark Contracts Limited.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award the contract for the refurbishment of the King George V Sports Pavilion at Broadloan, Renfrew (RC/OC/216/17) to Clark Contracts Limited;

(b) That the contract sum of £297,202.98 excluding VAT be approved; and

(c) That the start date for this contract would be 3 July 2017 or the date stated in the Letter of Acceptance and the Date of Possession would be two weeks from the date stated in the Letter of Acceptance with a completion date twelve weeks from the Date of Possession.

8 Notification of Contracts Proposed for Award under Delegated Powers during Summer Recess 2017

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to notification of contracts scheduled to be awarded during the summer recess by the Chief Executive exercising delegate power.

The report advised that two contracts for the provision of Telephony as a Service and Banking Services would be awarded by the Chief Executive during the summer recess.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Board confirming the contracts that were awarded under delegated powers.

Minute of Reconvened Meeting Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 22 June 2017	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor Steel, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

J Anderson, Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; W Dean, Johnstone Community Council; T Farrell, Johnstone PC Learning Group; D Fowles, Lochwinnoch Community Council; S McGee and J Kennedy, Renfrewshire Youth Voice; and J Black, Sandyflats Tenants & Residents Association.

In Attendance

E Gordon, Community Learning Officer (Children's Services); G McNeil, Head of Amenity Services (Community Resources) (Lead Officer), and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Apologies

Councillors Bibby, J Cameron and Rodden.

Declarations of Interest

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

Additional Item

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application (FR1218) for grant funding by Paisley YMCA that had not been included on the agenda. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 5 of this Minute, was urgent in view of the need to determine the matter timeously authorised its consideration.

5 Applications for Local Area Committee Funding

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to multi-area grant applications received for Johnstone & The Villages Local Area Committee (LAC) that had not been considered at the LAC meeting on 15 June 2017.

The Convener intimated that applications (FR1155) from Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Communities and (FR1247) Renfrewshire Council Youth Services had been withdrawn.

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that the remaining funding available for disbursement was £23,990 and detailed the options available for consideration of awards.

It was proposed that all applications for an award of £500 or under be approved; that the remaining applications be considered on their merit; and that a pro rata award be granted should the application for funding be approved. This was agreed.

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

MULTI- AREA

Cornerstone Drop-in – Programme running costs – Awarded £375

RAMH – No Substitute for Life – Suicide awareness event - Awarded £376

Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club – Assist with cost of ice hire – Awarded £282.49

Greensyde Carers – Tracksuits for members training with Milldale Athletics – Awarded £96

The Wynd Centre – Provision of youth counselling services – Awarded £492

The Wynd Centre – Provision of adult counselling services – Awarded £492

RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group – Provision of presentation equipment – Awarded £119.99

The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion – Provision of events and activities – Awarded £500

Phoenix Activities Group – Craft activities for people with mental health issues – Awarded £344.40

Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club – Assistance for ice costs – Awarded £820

Changing Stages Drama Group – Mental health/addictions drama project – Awarded £346.04

Paisley Guitar Group – Promotion of guitar to people with mental health issues – Awarded £254.20

St James Orchestra – Accommodation costs – Awarded £300

Forever Young – Activities for sheltered housing residents – Awarded £820

Renfrewshire Access Panel – Provision of disability access assessments – Awarded £820

Rainbow Turtle – Provision of education programme – Awarded £615

Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Group – Maintenance and improvement of training facilities – Awarded £410

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s – Cost of bowls, buses and team strip – Awarded £246

Renfrewshire Youth Voice – Production of 'Positive about Youth' awards – Awarded £373.51

C-Change Scotland – Outreach work for people with learning disabilities – Awarded £820

PACE Theatre Company – Package of support for disadvantaged young people to join – Award declined

Feis Phaislig – Provision of traditional music tuition – Awarded £413.69

Basketball Paisley – Provision of basketball coaching programme – Awarded £385.40

Shopmobility Paisley & District – Insurance – Awarded £300

DirectDevitt Comedy & Management Productions CIC – Criminal justice and mental health workshops for young people – Awarded £1,605.39

Lamont Farm Project – 50% of running costs – Awarded £820

Fitting-in – Health programme for young people deemed to be 'at risk' – Awarded £434.60

Renfrewshire Sports Network – Pilot community games event – Awarded £410

Renfrewshire District Scouts – Help with cost of additional uniforms – Awarded £162.58

Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire – Rent and other office/volunteer expenses – Awarded £498.49

Loud 'n' Proud – Production of 'The Bungalow' musical including training for young people – Awarded £984

B Company West Lowland Battalion Army Cadet Force – Subsidise cost of annual camp – Awarded £841.86

Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band – Uniform, drums and transport costs for junior pipe band – Awarded £1,025

Johnstone Pipe Band – Piping tuition in schools – Awarded £2,050

Rays of Hope – Activities for members of cancer support group – Awarded £820

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Communities – Black history month – Awarded £1,025

Girls' Brigade Renfrew Division – Training, hire of premises and transport – Awarded £240

The Breastfeeding Network – Provision of breastfeeding support and volunteer costs – Awarded £534.23

Walking Tours on Wheels – Promotion of themed tours in Paisley and surrounding area – Awarded £328

Paisley YMCA – Development of 'Maker Space Paisley' to improve digital literacy skills for young people – Awarded £1,893.50

6 Timetable of Meetings

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the timetable of meetings to December 2017.

DECIDED: That meetings of this LAC be held on 24 August and 23 November 2017 at a time and venue to be arranged.