

## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Gleniffer

| Date                      | Time  | Venue                    |
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| Tuesday, 23 November 2021 | 18:00 | Teams - virtual meeting, |

### PRESENT

Councillor Stephen Burns, Provost Lorraine Cameron, Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Eileen McCartin, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, and Bill Martin (The Thursday Club), Jim Duffy (West Region Scouts Association), Shirley McLean (and Yvonne Povah (Stronger Communities Glenburn).

### CHAIR

Councillor Marie McGurk presided.

### IN ATTENDANCE

R McGrath, Lead Officer, Head of Customer & Business Services; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning; K Miller, Senior Planning & Policy Development Officer; A McNaughton and R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officers; K O'Neill, Depute District Registrar/Assistant Democratic Services Officer and D Pole, End User Technician (all Renfrewshire Council).

### ALSO ATTENDING

S Millar, Engage Renfrewshire.

### 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.

## **APOLOGY**

T Lawler, Foxbar & Brediland Community Council.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **1 MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Gleniffer Local Partnership held on 1 June 2021.

It was noted that S McLean has submitted a late apology for non-attendance.

#### **DECIDED:**

- (a) That the late apology be noted; and
- (b) That the Minute be approved.

### **2 YOUDECIDE**

K Miller delivered a presentation relative to #YouDecide, a participatory budgeting exercise that gave communities a key role in deciding their priorities for environmental and physical infrastructure improvements to be undertaken throughout Renfrewshire over the next three years via a Community Investment Fund of £1.2m.

The presentation explained the #YouDecide concept and highlighted the marketing and promotional work already undertaken as a first phase to encourage communities, groups and individuals to submit their ideas for environmental improvements. A video was shown, featuring local groups and individuals, detailing how to get involved and had inspired the submission of ideas. As a result of these engagement initiatives, 11 ideas/proposals for improvements had been received for the Gleniffer area. Members were advised that, on an exceptional basis and if they had not already done so, they could now submit ideas/proposals for consideration by contacting [kellie.miller@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kellie.miller@renfrewshire.gov.uk).

It was proposed that venues in Glenburn be considered more proactively for future engagement activities. This was agreed.

The second phase of #YouDecide was underway and would conclude at the end of January 2022 with a shortlist of projects that were suitable and feasible having undergone technical assessment against set criteria. During the third and final phase of #YouDecide, communities would be invited to vote on which shortlisted project they wished to see proceed. It was anticipated that the winning projects would be announced week commencing 14 March 2022.

The proximity of a period of purdah prior to the forthcoming local government elections and its impact on timescales for completion of #YouDecide was noted.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the presentation and the proximity of a period of purdah prior to the forthcoming local government elections be noted;
- (b) That, on an exceptional basis, members who had not already done so contact [kellie.miller@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kellie.miller@renfrewshire.gov.uk) as soon as possible to submit ideas/proposals; and
- (c) That venues in Glenburn be considered more proactively for future engagement activities.

**3 COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND**

There was submitted a presentation by S Miller, Engage Renfrewshire, relative to the national Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund (the Fund). The Fund aimed to promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and to protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health in adults.

Engage Renfrewshire announced that Renfrewshire had secured an award of £509,542 from the Fund and small “grass roots” community groups and organisations with a strong community focus could now apply for funding towards projects that tackled issues such as: suicide prevention; social isolation; loneliness prevention and early intervention; and/or addressed any mental health inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic and the needs of a range of “at risk” groups locally.

More information, including application forms and project examples, was available online:

Community Mental Health & | Support | Engage ([engagerenfrewshire.org](http://engagerenfrewshire.org))

Assistance was sought from the Gleniffer Local Partnership members to highlight the availability of the Fund, suggest suitable projects and to encourage applications from their own and other local groups and community organisations. It was noted that the funds required to be allocated by end of March 2022.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the presentation be noted; and
- (b) That as Engage Renfrewshire was the contact point for enquiries, applications, delivery of funds and monitoring compliance, members should contact [s.miller@engagerenfrewshire.com](mailto:s.miller@engagerenfrewshire.com) to suggest suitable projects.

**4 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the status of the budget allocated to this Partnership for disbursement to local voluntary groups and organisations from the General Fund and Celebrating Renfrewshire.

The report highlighted that £7,129.75 was available to be disbursed from the General Fund and that Celebrating Renfrewshire, the participatory budgeting exercise to deliver funding to youth groups in the area, was still underway.

After discussion, it was noted:

- That a grant application was required before awards from the General Fund could be considered;
- That low voter turnout, possibly caused by the pandemic, had delayed the award of funds to youth groups via Celebrating Renfrewshire;
- That on conclusion of the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise, a report on the outcome be submitted to this Partnership; and
- That to disburse the remaining General Fund monies, the Partnership could identify/commission local projects and invite local voluntary groups to develop and submit suitable applications to deliver commissioned projects.

J Duffy intimated that because of the pandemic Foxbar Scout Group had lost their usual hall hire and to continue their meetings would incur excessive hire costs for alternative accommodation.

B Martin, seconded by Councillor E Devine, proposed that as an emergency measure, Foxbar Scout Group be invited to apply immediately for funding towards their hall hire and that local groups that had received less funding than requested at the Partnership meeting in June 2021 also be invited to re-apply for any funding remaining after consideration of the anticipated application from Foxbar Scout Group. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That it be noted that £7,129.75 remained to be disbursed this financial year;
- (b) That an application for emergency funding be invited from Foxbar Scout Group to help mitigate the increased cost of hall rental as a direct result of Covid-19;
- (c) That local groups that had received less funding than requested at the Partnership meeting in June 2021, be invited to re-apply by a deadline to be set and advised to them by Community Planning, in the knowledge that remaining funds were limited; and
- (d) That all applications received be submitted to an early meeting of Gleniffer Local Partnership to be convened for that purpose.