

## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Paisley East

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 25 February 2021	18:00	Microsoft TEAMS platform,

### Present

Councillor Eddie Devine: Cathie Cassie Forbes, ROAR Connections For Life: Chris Johnstone, Rainbow Turtle: Elaine Loch, Paisley Opera: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor John McIntyre: Councillor John McNaughtan: Piero Pieraccini, Paisley Development Trust: Councillor Jim Sharkey: Councillor Jennifer Adam-McGregor; Susan McDonald, Active Communities; Andrew Ramsay, Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council; Fergal McCauley, Ralston Community Council.

### Chair

Councillor Adam-McGregor, Chair, presided.

### In Attendance

J Trainer, Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice, Lead Officer; S Graham, Partnership Manager; D Pole, End User Technician; R Devine Senior Committee Services Officer; C Macdonald Senior Committee Services Officer and K O'Neil Assistant Democratic Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

### Also in Attendance

A McBride (Engage Renfrewshire); J Blythe (Renfrewshire Leisure) and T McTernan (Darkwood Crew) (for Item 3 only).

### 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**

Councillors Graham and Kennedy.

## **Declarations of Interest**

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

### **1 Minute of Previous Meeting**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Paisley East Local Partnership held on 29 September 2020.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be approved.

### **2 Membership**

The Clerk advised since the previous meeting of the local partnership there had been amendments to the representation of various partner and community groups at meetings. In this connection the Clerk indicated that Police Scotland would be represented by L Hamill, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care by F Burns, Ralston Community Council by F McCauley and ROAR Connections For Life by C Forbes.

**DECIDED:** That the changes to representation be noted and that the new representatives be welcomed.

### **3 Budget Monitoring Report**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Paisley East Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report.

The report advised that local community groups had been invited to submit applications for funding to undertake projects which reflected the Local Partnership's priorities of Exploring the impact of new housing developments, supporting social connections and Community pride and safety. This funding was allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through the Participating Budgeting exercise, Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.

A table setting out the funds allocated by the Local Partnership at its meeting on 29 September 2020 was attached as an appendix to the report. The outcome of the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise for the Paisley East Local Partnership area was also attached.

The report indicated that the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise had been carried out in a virtual format in 2020, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot with voting taking place between 12 October

and 6 November 2020. The award announcement had been made at an online event. A total of 246 young people from the Paisley East area had voted, casting three votes each for different projects, resulting in 738 votes in total. 13 projects were funded to a value of £24, 095.

**DECIDED:** That the budget monitoring report and allocation of Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

## **Sederunt**

T McTernan entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

### **4 Covid-19: Impact on Communities**

There was submitted a presentation by the Partnership Manager on the impact of COVID-19 on local communities.

The presentation updated members on the Community Impact Assessment work done to date; shared data from the Public Services Panel relevant to the Paisley East Local Partnership; and outlined the Social Renewal Plan.

The presentation highlighted the key points arising from data and research undertaken in relation to Covid-19 cases; employment and support for business; neighbourhood hubs; the distribution of digital devices/connectivity which had been distributed in Renfrewshire through the Connected Scotland programme; health and wellbeing; and the results on a Public Service Panel consultation on the effects of the pandemic, and highlighted the major concerns recorded. The presentation also detailed responses on how households were managing financially now compared to pre-pandemic; and compared the responses from the Paisley East local partnership area to others within Renfrewshire. Details were provided in respect of a programme of listening events held during winter 2020/21 which had been facilitated by Engage Renfrewshire. The Convener welcomed T McTernan to the meeting and indicated that it would be appropriate for the local partnership to view a video entitled “Darkwood Crew Covid Response”, which highlighted the ethos and activities of the group.

A full discussion followed in connection with the impacts of Covid-19 in the local community. The Local Partnership was of the opinion that these impacts had influenced the local priorities previously identified by the Partnership and agreed that the local priorities previously identified by the local partnership be revised by the addition of a priority in relation to tackling food poverty with associated reduction in food waste and sustainable use of resources as key elements.

### **DECIDED:**

(a) That the presentation be noted;

(b) That the local priorities previously identified by the local partnership be revised by the addition of a priority in relation to tackling food poverty with associated reduction in food waste and sustainable use of resources as key elements; and

(c) That arrangements be made to circulate a copy of the “Darkwood Crew Covid Response” video link and the revised local priorities to members of the local

partnership.