

Minute of Meeting Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 24 August 2017	18:00	Johnstone Town Hall, Ludovic Square, Johnstone, PA5 8EG

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

Chair

Councillor Steel, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

D Wadsworth, Elderslie Community Council; J Anderson, Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; W Dean, Johnstone Community Council; A McBain, Johnstone Seniors Forum; M Lavery, Quarrelton Area Tenants' & Residents' Association; R Boyd and M Dougan, Renfrewshire Youth Voice; and S McGee, Scottish Youth Parliament.

Community Planning Partners

Dr S Sutton (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and Inspector Glass (Police Scotland).

In Attendance

G McNeil, Head of Amenity Services (Lead Officer) and C Robertson, Warden Services Manager (both Community Resources); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager (Chief Executive's); E Graham, Community Learning Officer (Children's Services); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Apology

Councillor Bibby.

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Membership of Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

In terms of paragraph 2.2 of Renfrewshire Council's Scheme of Decentralisation it was noted that Renfrewshire Youth Voice had expressed an interest in participating in the LAC. The Renfrewshire Youth Voice representative would be Ross Boyd and the substitute representative would be Mark Dougan.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that Renfrewshire Youth Voice be represented on the LAC; and

(b) That it be noted that the Renfrewshire Youth Voice representative would be Ross Boyd and the substitute representative would be Mark Dougan.

2 Health & Social Care Partnership Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the Community Connectors Initiative; the launch of an information campaign highlighting various health-related resources in the community; the development of a new Health & Social Care website; and notification of a joint inspection of adult services by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Community Safety & Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Johnstone & the Villages LAC area during the period 1 April to 30 June 2017.

The report provided information on Johnstone and Villages community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and a spotlight on the National Strategic Assessment on Unintentional Harm.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 Open Session/Key Local Issues

(a) Pedestrian Crossing – Johnstone

In response to a question about the operation of the pedestrian crossing in Johnstone High Street, the Head of Amenity Services advised that the matter was being investigated.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

(b) Hall Bookings for Local Voluntary Groups

J Anderson suggested that the cost of hiring Council-owned halls be discounted for local voluntary groups.

DECIDED: That the suggestion be noted.

5 Review of Local Area Committees

The Partnerships Planning and Development Manager gave a presentation on the review of LACs.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 Grant Award Feedback

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to project feedback received from community and voluntary groups in receipt of LAC funding.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

7 Budget Monitoring Report

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

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this LAC was scheduled to be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 23 November 2017 in Johnstone Town Hall.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of this LAC be held at 6.00 pm on 23 November 2017 in Johnstone Town Hall.