

## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Renfrew

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 11 February 2021	18:00	Remotely via Teams,

### PRESENT

Councillor Bill Brown: Samantha Gillan (Renfrew YMCA): Ramsay MacLennan (30 Acres):Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor John Shaw: Councillor Jane Strang.

### CHAIR

Councillor John Shaw, Chair, presided.

### IN ATTENDANCE

A McArthur, Head of Finance (Lead Officer); C Tolan, Senior Planning & Policy Development Officer (both Chief Executive's); D Houston, Assistant Project Manager; and C MacDonald and T Slater, both Senior Committee Services Officers (all Finance & Resources).

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire); A O'Hare (Police Scotland) and D Cuthbertson (Renfrewshire Leisure).

### APOLOGIES

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families): Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Jim Paterson.

### 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.

### 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 the Local Partnership held on 24 November 2020.

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

## 2 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a budget monitoring report by the Chief Executive for Renfrew Local Partnership 2020/21.

The report intimated that the Local Partnership provided funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding was allocated from the general grant fund and the youth challenge fund through the Celebrating Renfrewshire participatory budgeting exercise.

The report provided detail of the funds allocated by the Local Partnership at its meeting held on 23 September 2020. It was noted that the awards for Arkleston & Newmains (£11,000), Renfrew YMCA (£10,000) and the top up for the Mural Project (£2,620) had not been reflected in the budget monitoring statement under the Common Good Fund and the remaining balance should have been £9,415.

During discussion it was proposed that the remaining Common Good balance for the year (£9,415) be committed to the Robertson Park project, which had an existing commitment of £27,000 from previous Renfrew Local Partnership meetings. This was agreed.

K McIntyre updated members of the partnership on the Friends of Robertson Park project. She advised that Renfrew Development Trust were willing to take the project forward as a sub-group of their own organisation with Diane Booth leading the project. K McIntyre intimated that Engage Renfrewshire could help with recruiting volunteers and other requirements.

The outcome of the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise for the Local Partnership was appended to the report. It was noted that this exercise had been carried out in virtual format in 2020 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic with 341 young people voting in the Renfrew area, casting three votes each for different projects, resulting in 1,023 votes in total. Eleven projects were funded, which fully allocated the Renfrew Youth Challenge budget of £18,657.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That it be agreed that the remaining Common Good balance for the year (£9,415) be committed to the Robertson Park project; and

(b) That the budget monitoring report and allocation of the Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

### 3 **COVID-19 - IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES**

The Partnerships Planning & Development Manager gave a presentation to members which provided an update on the Community Impact Assessment work done to date; shared data from the Public Services Panel relevant to this Local Partnership; and requested Local Partnership discussion on members experiences on how COVID had impacted their community.

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 1,250 digital devices/connectivity through the Connecting Scotland Programme; and health and wellbeing.

The presentation also detailed responses on the questions: what has affected you most during the coronavirus pandemic?; which of the following things are major worries for you?; how is your household managing financially?; is there help that you feel you currently need but you are not receiving?; compared with how you felt on a typical day before the start of March, how would you say you felt? and compared responses received from residents from the Renfrew area and those received from residents from other areas of Renfrewshire. The results from the Public Services Panel consultation on the effects of the pandemic were also provided.

The presentation stimulated discussion, and the Partnerships Planning & Development Manager advised that the points raised would be included within the Social Renewal Plan.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.