

Minute of Meeting Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 14 March 2018	18:00	Tweedie Hall, Ardlamont Square, Linwood, PA3 3DE

Present: Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Natalie Don, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Colin McCulloch, Councillor James Sheridan

Chair

Councillor Don, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

S Clark, Bridge of Weir Community Council; M Dundas, Brookfield Community Council; D Dunlop, Houston Community Council; A Johnstone, Brighter Bridge of Weir; J Taggart, Erskine; R McNally, Erskine Community Association; M Dougan, Renfrewshire Youth Voice; and J Kennedy, Scottish Youth Parliament.

Community Planning Partner

Inspector C Glass, Police Scotland.

In Attendance

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager (Chief Executive's); G Hannah, Strategic Change Manager (Environment & Communities); M Conaghan, Legal and Democratic Services Manager (for Lead Officer) and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources); and S Pietryga and I Shearer, both Active Schools & Community Sports Development Lead Officers and L Steele and S Little, both Sessional Sports Coaches (all Renfrewshire Leisure).

Apologies

Councillors Dowling and Kerr; M Gilzean, Bridge of Weir Tenants' & Residents' Association; and J Ross, Inchinnan Community Council.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in respect of item 6 of the agenda – Active Schools - Feedback - as she was an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. She indicated that it was her intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of the item but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership Update

There was no officer from the Health and Social Care Partnership in attendance at the meeting.

2 Community Safety and Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environment & Communities providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 October to 31 December 2017.

The report provided information on community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and a spotlight on gender-based violence.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Review of Local Governance Arrangements

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the ongoing review of community-level governance arrangements.

The report advised that following the Council meeting held on 21 December 2017 a number of proposals for a future model of community-level governance had been developed and were detailed in the consultation paper attached to the report. The consultation period would run until 15 April 2018 and proposals would be brought back to Council for approval and implementation during 2018/19.

DECIDED:

(a) That the proposals which had been developed be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that the consultation period on these proposals would run until 15 April 2018.

4 Open Session/ Key Local Issues

The Senior Committee Services Officer advised that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

DECIDED: That it be noted that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

5 Grant Award Feedback 2016/17

There was tabled an amended report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to feedback received from applicants who had received funding from this LAC in 2016/17.

The report intimated that providing regular feedback to LACs increased accountability and helped LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It was also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Audrey Doig having previously declared an interest in the following item remained in the meeting.

6 Active Schools - Feedback

S Pietryga, I Shearer, L Steele and S Little, all Renfrewshire Leisure, gave a presentation on the outcomes of the LAC grant awarded to the project in May 2017.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC budget for 2017/18.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 Applications for LAC Grant Funding

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to applications received for local area committee funding.

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

Phoenix Activities Group - Craft-based activities for people with mental health issues - Awarded £615.54

Phoenix Flyers - Maintenance and improvement of training facilities - Declined

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under-25s - Help towards cost of bowls, buses and team clothing - Declined

Renfrewshire Youth Voice - 'Positive About Youth' awards - Declined

C-Change Scotland - Outreach work for people with learning disabilities - Declined

PACE Theatre - Support for disadvantaged young people - Declined

Feis Phaislig - Traditional music tuition - Declined

Basketball Paisley - Coaching programme - Declined

Shopmobility Paisley & District - Insurance - Awarded £300

Paisley YMCA - Digital Maker Space for young people - Awarded £615.54

Direct Devitt Comedy and Management Productions CIC - Criminal justice and mental health workshops - Declined

Fitting-in - Health programme for young people deemed to be 'at risk' - Awarded £615.54

Renfrewshire Sports Network - Community games - Declined

Loud 'n' Proud - 'The Bungalow' musical - Declined

Rays of Hope - Activities for members - Awarded £615.54

The Breastfeeding Network - Support and volunteer costs - Awarded £615.54

Walking Tours on Wheels - Themed tours - Declined

9 Timetable Report 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the date, time and venue of meetings of this LAC until September 2018.

DECIDED: That meetings of this LAC be held at 6.00 pm on 6 June and 5 September 2018 at venues to be agreed by the Head of Corporate Governance in consultation with the Convener.