

Report

Report to:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	30 August 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Partnership Board Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Area Committee with background to and an update on the work of Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) note the progress being made in respect of the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership and;
- (2) note the content of the current Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Terms of Reference.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019. Following approval of the Best Value Assurance Report by the Council in June 2019, an extended Community Planning Partnership session took place on 11 September 2019 to consider the output of the facilitated self-assessment session along with the outcomes of the council's Best Value Assurance Report.
- 3.2. A session with representatives from the CPP Thematic Partnership Boards took place on 3 October 2019 and draft implementation plans were prepared on the CPP structure, joint problem solving and scrutiny of the work of the Thematic Boards.
- 3.3. A further session took place with the Board on 23 October 2019 to consider how the CPP Board should be structured at a Thematic/Locality level. Proposals drafted by the Improvement Service and the Community Planning Team included the formation of Neighbourhood Partnerships at a locality level. These were approved by the CPP Board in December 2019.
- 3.4. These recommendations brought together community planning areas into four collaborative, locality-level, Community Partnership Boards - Rutherglen and Cambuslang, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton which is still in development. Boards include representatives from development trusts, community councils, neighbourhood planning action groups and other local community anchor organisations. They are chaired by community leaders who have a place on the CPP Board.

- 3.5. These Partnerships provide a link for the Community Planning Partnership to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its Community Partners.
- 3.6. Development sessions were held with local organisations and groups within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area during February 2021. Following further meetings of the group, now named as the Community Partnership, the Terms of Reference were approved by the CPP Board on 2 December 2021 which included the recommendation that the Chair of the Community Partnership join the CPP Board as a member in June 2022. The current Terms of Reference for the Community Partnership is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.7. It was also agreed that the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership would provide quarterly update reports to the CPP Board.

4. Current Progress

- 4.1. Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership continues to meet regularly with officers across the partnership in attendance to progress areas of interest. The partnership is planning to hold a development session with all members in August 2023 to review their progress to date and agree a plan for moving forwards. A total of £4,750 funding from the Lived Experience Fund has been awarded by the CPP and its proposal for its use is due to be submitted after this session. The partnership also plans to create an information page on the Community Planning website.
- 4.2. At the meeting of the 22 March 2023, the CPP Board agreed to continue with the allocation of Lived Experience Funding to the Community Partnerships. An additional £2,000 has been allocated to Cambuslang/Rutherglen. The Partnership will be supported to use this funding within their local area to gather the experiences of local people to inform a better understanding of inequalities.
- 4.3. Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership continues to receive a monthly register of local and national information that is of interest relating to policy development and delivery. Local information is provided by some partners and is also acquired from a range of national sources. All partner contributions are welcomed and should be submitted to the Community Planning Team.
- 4.4. The CPP Development Officer is currently undertaking a mapping exercise to review how representative each of the current groups are of their local area. Where gaps have been identified, the officer has been attending meetings with Community Councils and Neighbourhood Planning Groups to promote the CPP and provide an update on partner activity.
- 4.5. Discussions continue with the Cambuslang/Rutherglen partnership regarding the use of the CPP website to further highlight the Community Partnerships as Community Planning partners, and through which to report their activity to the wider community.
- 4.6. Neighbourhood Plans have been produced for [Springhall and Whitlawburn](#), [Cambuslang East](#), [Burnhill](#) and [Fernhill](#) areas. Locality priorities have started to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provides the opportunity for wider resources to support actions over localities with a view to improving outcomes and to work in partnership at a locality level across South Lanarkshire. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership has been at the forefront of this activity, linking the local community to the Community Planning Partnership.

5. Cambuslang/Rutherglen Quarterly Update

5.1 The most recent Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Quarterly update report went to the CPP Board on 7 June 2023. Items will be progressed as appropriate with partners. An update on current progress has also been provided for information. The update provides a summary of actions taken by the Community Partnership in the last three months and an overview of Participatory Budgeting Activity in the Springhall/Whitlawburn and Burnhill Neighbourhood Planning areas.

5.2. Between April- June 2023, the Community Partnership has:-

- ◆ reviewed the meeting arrangements to secure wider representation at the partnership meetings
- ◆ begun the process of identifying group priorities and achievable actions for the year ahead
- ◆ considered ways to enhance communication flow amongst the community partnership's constituent groups. Discussions are ongoing to establish the group's presence on the community planning website as communication remains a key priority
- ◆ entered discussions with SLC planning and building standards team to secure input around local place plan development and other associated changes in planning requirements/legislation
- ◆ raised concerns with Police Scotland about the reduction of Campus Officer provision across trinity and Stonelaw High Schools from one full-time officer in each school to one full-time officer serving both schools

6 Participatory Budgeting (PB)

PB has been the focus of activity for many of the Community Partnership members and wider constituent groups over recent months.

6.1. These funds have been used to meaningfully engage residents in priority setting, local decision making and the delivery of Neighbourhood Plans. The Community Partnership would like to highlight the value of using a PB approach and the benefit it brings to individuals, groups, and the wider community.

Springhall and Whitlawburn

6.2. The most recent round of PB took place in Springhall and Whitlawburn in March this year. As with the previous round of PB, the Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Group designed and delivered the process, using the Scottish PB Charter. The charter sets out seven key features demonstrating what a fair and high quality PB process should look like:-

- ◆ Fair and Inclusive
- ◆ Participatory
- ◆ Deliberative
- ◆ Empowering
- ◆ Creative and Flexible
- ◆ Transparent
- ◆ Part of our Democracy

6.3. In 2022/2023, £29,053 Place Based PB was made available for Springhall and Whitlawburn which included a contribution from the Lottery. A small grants model was used; residents had three votes and groups could submit more than one proposal if this was for different activities. To maximise participation, voting was

online, via community-based pop-ups and targeted engagement was undertaken in key settings such as schools and formed groups.

- 6.4 522 residents voted, 2,610 votes were cast. Participation levels have increased on last year's figures.
- 6.5. 17 community led project proposals were received. 13 projects were fully funded, 1 partially funded and 3 were unsuccessful. Unsuccessful projects have been signposted to other funding options.
- 6.6. Beneficiaries and funded projects included:-
- ◆ REACH Lanarkshire Autism - to deliver a sports, dance, and movement programme.
 - ◆ Cathkin Duke of Edinburgh Group – received funding for an outdoor residential weekend for families, food provision and the development of a sensory space.
 - ◆ Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team (SWYDT) in partnership with Cathkin Award Group - received funding to organise a community fun day.
 - ◆ St Anthony's Foodbank received funding for a fridge freezer, food, toiletries and household products.
 - ◆ Little Rascals Toddler Group – received funding for play equipment and group resources.
 - ◆ Project 31 – received funding to deliver outdoor pop-up play sessions.
 - ◆ SWYDT - received funding for activity sessions, trips, and visits.
 - ◆ Springhall Community Resource Group received funding for play equipment at the Cage and funding for a seasonal event.
 - ◆ Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre - received funding for a warm space initiative.
 - ◆ Whitlawburn Digital HUB – received funding for City and Guilds energy awareness training, energy advisers time and room upgrade.
 - ◆ Springhall Youth Club – received funding for Easter trips and visits.
 - ◆ Age Active Seniors Group in partnership with SWYDT - received funding to host an intergenerational event aimed at promoting community spirit and connectedness.
- 6.7. Campbell Construction Group (CCG), the contractor appointed to build 311 new properties in Whitlawburn in line with the East Whitlawburn Regeneration Plan, invested a further £14,000 into PB and community-based projects, through community benefit activity.

Burnhill

- 6.8. PB was also undertaken in Burnhill in early October last year and £28,278 was invested in the area 254 residents took part in the public vote and each person had 4 votes (total of 984 votes were cast).
- 6.9. Due to the outcome of consultation work, ongoing community dialogue and local circumstance, residents and other stakeholders decided to use the PB process to identify investment areas for the Highbacks which is a large scale, community led environmental improvement and community space project.

6.10. Stakeholders are using the results to prioritise work:-

- ◆ Solar Panels (165 votes 65%) – Look at the option for solar panels to be installed in the Highbacks to support community activity
- ◆ Electricity Source (149 votes 59%) - A power source would allow activities to happen without the use of generators in the Highbacks
- ◆ Shelter (145 votes 57%) – This would allow activities to happen all year round if there was a space that was sheltered from the weather
- ◆ Water Supply (136 votes 53%) – This would allow the group to capture rain water to water the plants and to investigate the option of having running water to the Highbacks
- ◆ Activities (99 votes 39%) – Support existing and to allow new activities to be trialled in the area for the whole community
- ◆ Cost of Living Support (91 votes 36%) - Projects to support people with the cost of living crisis
- ◆ Equipment (79 votes 31%) – New equipment to support new activities within the Burnhill area
- ◆ Workshops (73 votes 29%) – Training and learning workshops for the community to gain new skills
- ◆ Toilet (47 votes 19%) – A portaloo has been sourced by the local action group but this would support them in the maintenance of this servicing, cleaning etc.

6.11. Many of the listed projects are already underway with support from a range of partners. Clyde Gateway has created a project management document using the results of the PB to allocate costings and timelines.

Fernhill and Cambuslang East

6.12. Plans are underway to facilitate PB processes in two other neighbourhood planning areas. The Fernhill Stakeholder Group has not carried out its PB exercise yet, however, it is planning to host three pop up events at the end of the May 2023 to generate community involvement in shaping proposals. Ideas generated will be considered by the Stakeholder Group and taken to public vote at the end of June 2023. In Cambuslang East, discussions are well underway as stakeholders begin to shape the PB process for their area.

7 Employee Implications

7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment associated with this report.

10. Other Implications

10.1. There are no risk implications associated with the content of this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation implications associated with this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware, and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress, and improve
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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APPENDIX 1

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

Terms of Reference

Committee Name

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

Purpose

To ensure that communities are represented, influential and fully engaged in community planning.

Scope

The Community Partnership will:

- Have a strategic role and act as an intermediary between communities, neighbourhood planning and the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- Promote wide, representative and inclusive involvement in our activities to ensure the views of underrepresented are recognised in CPP processes.
- Provide an opportunity for networking across communities.
- Promote awareness of wider Community Planning work through regular updates to each representative group and wider community.
- Act as a consultative group for new service delivery proposals from partners.
- Oversee the work to produce Neighbourhood Planning Annual Reports as required by the Community Empowerment Act.
- Act as a catalyst to promote and support co-production – To involve communities of place and interest in the design and delivery of public services.

Authority

- To act as an intermediary, building links between communities in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen locality and the work of South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board.
- To ensure that opportunities for community involvement and influence in community planning are fully realised.
- To act as a consultative group for service redesign and new service delivery proposals from partners.
- Contribute to problem solving through the identification of challenges requiring joint solutions.

Membership

Membership will be made up of:

- 2 representatives from each established neighbourhood or community led planning Stakeholder Groups.
- 2 representatives from the 4 Community Councils serving the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.
- 4 officers, representing the Community Planning Partnership Board at a local level.
- South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team (CET) will not be members of the group but two CET team members will attend each meeting to support facilitation and take notes.

Meeting arrangements

Meetings will take place every 6 to 8 weeks and online.

Administration support will be provided by SLC Community Engagement Team.

Agendas will be generated by Community Partnership members and distributed 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

Minutes will be distributed 4 weeks in advance of meetings.

Quorum

7 members who are representative of both the Cambuslang and Rutherglen areas.

A facilitation role will be undertaken initially by the Community Engagement team and the group will appoint a community member as chair by June 2022. The position of Chair will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Reporting

The Community Partnership will share group minutes and provide an update progress report, at South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board meetings.

The report will provide a general update on the Community Partnership's activities, any significant developments in terms of neighbourhood planning and any recommendations and/or requests for partnership intervention.

The Community Planning Partnership Board will reciprocate by providing regular update reports to the Community Partnership through minutes and verbal reports by the Community Partnership Chair.

Community Partnership members will have the responsibility of feeding information back to and from their representative groups. An update report will become a standing item on the agenda at Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder and Community Council meetings.

The Chair of the group, once appointed, will become a member of the Community Planning Partnership Board and will be expected to attend their quarterly meetings.

Resources and budget

Admin and facilitation support will be from the South Lanarkshire Council Community Engagement Team.

Support will be provided by the "Key contacts" identified across a range of CPP partners.

Hall lets and general meeting cost going forward will within reasonable amounts be covered by the CPP's engagement budget.

Deliverables

- To establish a strong community led partnership that enables more effective links to be built between community priorities and the work of the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- To represent the views and aspirations of the wider community in community planning.
- To contribute to consultation around service delivery or redesign.
- To maximise opportunities for local people to be more involved and influential in decision making that affects them in line with the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership strategic priorities.

Key areas of focus include:

- Improving health and tackling inequalities
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Promoting sustainable and inclusive communities and opportunities for all through life
- Ensuring sustainable economic recovery and development
- Tackling poverty

Review

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis. This can be more or less frequently, dependent on the group's needs.