

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 8 November 2023

Chair:

Councillor Andrea Cowan

Councillors Present:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Norman Rae, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Carol Nugent (Chair)

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

D Booth, Executive Director

Education Resources

M Farr, Lead Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

M Gordon, Administration Assistant P MacRae, Administration Adviser

Also Attending:

K Morrison, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

Appointment of Chair

In terms of Standing Order No 33(b), Councillor Cowan was appointed Chair for this meeting.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 30 August 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

In relation to item 5 of the minute in respect of Town Centres, Councillor Brown advised that:-

- ◆ at the meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee held on 7 November 2023, the consultative draft Rutherglen Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan had been approved and would be available for consultation during February and March 2024
- ◆ the Working Group in respect of the Rutherglen 900 commemoration had now been established

The Committee decided:

that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources

A report dated 23 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Prior to the conclusion of the 2022/2023 school session, Head Teachers were informed that Participatory Budgeting (PB) would continue into session 2023/2024. They were asked to allocate a minimum of 5% of their 2023/2024 Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) allocation for this purpose and identify a staff member to lead/facilitate this activity in their school. Schools were informed that the principles and practices of PB were applicable across their full PEF allocation in accordance with PEF National Operational Guidance. Schools were encouraged to allocate more than the recommended 5%, where possible.

PB training was held on 21 August 2023 for Head Teachers and PB Leads who required a refresh or were new to the process. The training outlined expectations, timescales and support available and also drew on lessons learned previously in relation to good practice and signposting resources. The training was then shared with schools.

Schools within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area had allocated £113,207.25, which amounted to approximately 6% of their £1,819,225 PEF allocation, for PB. A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 of the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for PB. A further school by school breakdown was outlined in Appendix 3 of the report. Appendix 4 of the report advised on the outcome of stakeholders' voting selection in terms of PB spend and officers provided an update on the selection made by those schools whose selection had not been included in the report.

PB stakeholder groups, comprising pupils, parents and staff, were currently leading the PB process in their schools. Information on the outcome of the process would be shared at future Area Committee meetings.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with:-

- ◆ case studies of school activity, which had particular impact/success
- ◆ a detailed financial report of how PEF money allocated for PB had been spent

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

Officers responded to members' questions on the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) Commissioning Plan

The Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) gave a verbal update on work currently being undertaken on the South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Commissioning Plan.

The Executive Director referred to sessions which had recently been held with elected members from which a set of developing guiding principles had emerged. Those principles would form the basis of the Council's "ask" of SLLC and would assist SLLC in the planning and delivery of the services it provided for the Council, aligned with the objectives of the Council Plan "Connect".

The Executive Director and the Chief Executive of SLLC, in turn, spoke on each of the 7 guiding principles which were:-

- ◆ spaces for communities
- ◆ cultural activities
- ◆ health and wellbeing
- ◆ heritage and green spaces
- ◆ physical activity
- ◆ library services
- ◆ the wider achievement agenda

In response to a member's question, the Executive Director advised that:-

- ◆ it was intended to hold a further session for elected members on the proposals
- ◆ engagement with communities was important in ensuring that the proposals met their needs
- ◆ it was intended to submit a report on the matter to a future meeting of an appropriate committee for members' consideration

The Committee decided: that the information be noted.

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 23 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Breastfeeding Support Scotland, Cambuslang (CR/14/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Third Lanark Football Academy 2007, Rutherglen (CR/15/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Cambuslang and District Voluntary Care Club (CR/19/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Specialist transport and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £623 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Cambuslang Harriers (CR/20/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.