

# CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 30 August 2023

## **Chair:**

Councillor Carol Nugent

## **Councillors Present:**

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Andrea Cowan, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Norman Rae, Councillor Margaret B Walker

## **Councillors' Apologies:**

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan

## **Attending:**

### **Community and Enterprise Resources**

V Eccles, Project Development Officer

### **Finance and Corporate Resources**

J Crumless, Community Development Officer; J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

## **Also Attending:**

### **Police Scotland**

Chief Inspector S McGovern; Inspector K Miller

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

L Murphy, Station Commander

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## **1 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 31 May 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## **3 Scottish Fire and Rescue - Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee Report 2022/2023**

L Murphy, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) gave a presentation on the 2022/2023 Annual Performance and Activity Report for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

The presentation detailed performance information relating to key priorities covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and provided a comparison with the 2 previous financial years. Information was provided on:-

- ◆ deliberate primary fires
- ◆ deliberate secondary fires
- ◆ accidental dwelling fires
- ◆ accidental 'other' building fires

- ◆ fatal fire casualties
- ◆ non-fatal fire casualties (excluding precautionary check-up)
- ◆ special service (road traffic collisions)
- ◆ special service (fatal and non-fatal casualties)
- ◆ false alarms (malicious false alarms and unwanted fire alarm signals (non-domestic))

In terms of community engagement activity, details were given on the following:-

- ◆ Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs)
- ◆ the Youth Volunteer Scheme (YVS)

L Murphy, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 11 May 2021 (Paragraph 3)]*

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#### **4 Local Policing Annual Update**

Chief Inspector S McGovern and Inspector K Miller, Police Scotland gave a presentation on the following key priorities of the new 3 year Local Policing Plan:-

- ◆ protecting our community
- ◆ safeguarding our citizens
- ◆ enhancing our service

Details were given on initiatives undertaken to support each of those priorities as follows:-

- ◆ youth disorder intervention initiatives
- ◆ purchase of quad bikes through the support of the Community Safety Partnership
- ◆ summer action plan
- ◆ partnership working with school and community officers
- ◆ intelligence gathering, working with partner agencies to disrupt, detect, deter and divert those involved in Organised Crime
- ◆ proactive policing and preventative measures to reduce acquisitive crime
- ◆ road safety initiatives and events

Chief Inspector McGovern and Inspector Miller, having responded to members' questions and having confirmed that the presentation would be made available to members of the Committee, were thanked for their informative presentation.

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 10 August 2022 (Paragraph 3)]*

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#### **5 Update on Town Centres**

A report dated 14 August 2023 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on activity within town centres across the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

The nature of town centres across the United Kingdom was in a transitional stage and factors, such as the economic downturn, internet shopping, the growth of out of town shopping malls, changes in retailers' business models and consumer expectations, had resulted in a decline in town centre footfall.

Officers in Economic Development were working with all key stakeholders across towns in the area and had commissioned 2 key pieces of work, Town Centre Visioning and Transition to Net Zero, to set the direction of the Council's work on town centres. Those would inform and align with existing and emerging funding opportunities around town centres.

Town centre strategies and action plans had been prepared and approved for Hamilton, Cambuslang, Larkhall and Blantyre, and officers were working with partners to develop a strategy and action plan for Rutherglen Town Centre. It was intended to submit a consultative draft town centre strategy for Rutherglen to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee. If approved, officers would hold a full consultation on the draft document early in the new year.

Rutherglen would mark its 900<sup>th</sup> year as a royal burgh in 2026 and a working group would be established to consider how best to mark the occasion.

In Cambuslang, work on Phase 2 of the streetscape project had commenced in June 2023 and was due for completion in August 2023. This project had brought significant improvements to the south side of Cambuslang Main Street. The original streetscape works formed a significant part of the Cambuslang town centre strategy and action plan. The action plan was due for renewal in 2024 following good progress on its actions. Officers would continue to work with Cambuslang Community Council to update the action plan in line with the needs of the local community.

Cambuslang Main Street had been selected as a pilot as part of the Council's Litter Strategy and officers were working with Cambuslang Community Council to review litter, business waste and fly tipping in the area.

Work was also ongoing with Cambuslang Community Council to launch the 'insideout' app. The app worked as a digital notice board for town centres and contained user generated content. A marketing campaign would commence in Cambuslang town centre on completion of the streetscape Phase 2 works.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

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## **6 Community Partnership Board Update**

A report dated 15 August 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership.

Following work to consider how the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board should be structured at a thematic/local level, proposals had been approved by the CPP Board in December 2019 which included the formation of Neighbourhood Partnerships at a locality level. As a result, the community planning areas were structured into 4 collaborative, locality level, Community Partnership Boards for Rutherglen and Cambuslang, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton, which was still in development. Boards included representatives from development trusts, community councils, neighbourhood planning action groups and other local community anchor organisations and were chaired by community leaders who had a place on the CPP Board.

Those Partnerships provided a link for the Community Planning Partnership to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its community partners.

The current Terms of Reference for the Community Partnership were attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The Community Partnership Boards would provide quarterly update reports to the CPP Board.

Details were given on:-

- ♦ current progress of work undertaken by the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership
- ♦ the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership's most recent quarterly update report to the CPP Board
- ♦ participatory budgeting activity in the Springhall and Whitlawburn, Burnhill and Fernhill and Cambuslang East areas which the Community Partnership had highlighted as being of value and benefit to individuals, groups and the wider community

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the progress made in respect of the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership be noted and;
- (2) that the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Terms of Reference be noted.

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## **7 Community Grant Applications**

A report dated 14 August 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:        | Cambuslang Out of School Care Project ( <i>CR/11/23</i> )       |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees, equipment and publicity costs            |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £740  |
| (b) | Applicant:        | Young at Heart Senior Club, Cambuslang ( <i>CR/12/23</i> )      |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £300  |
| (c) | Applicant:        | Overton Tenants' and Residents' Association ( <i>CR/13/23</i> ) |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees, equipment and stationery                 |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £680  |

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## **7 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.