

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 1 December 2020

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jared Wark

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

R Leith, Community Engagement Manager; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie and Inspector S McManus

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 22 September 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie and Inspector S McManus, Police Scotland provided information on the following key priorities for South Lanarkshire as detailed in the new (pan Lanarkshire) Local Policing Plan 2020 to 2023:-

- ◆ reducing violence and disorder
- ◆ public protection and protecting people at risk of harm
- ◆ tackling housebreaking and acquisitive crime
- ◆ reducing harm caused by substance misuse

Information was also provided on:-

- ◆ various activities and positive policing outcomes in the local community
- ◆ the roll out of mobile devices, between January and April 2020, which had enabled Officers to spend more time in the community
- ◆ the use of Microsoft Teams which had allowed Partnership meetings to be held remotely and had also enabled Police Scotland, the Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other Partners to work collectively during the Covid-19 pandemic

- ◆ school based Police Officers deployed to Stonelaw High School and Trinity High School through a joint agreement between Police Scotland and the schools, working together to provide early interventions

Chief Inspector L Baillie and Inspector S McManus, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 November 2018 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Neighbourhood Planning Update

A report dated 17 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the work carried out in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area in relation to neighbourhood planning.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to identify smaller areas within their local authority area which experienced the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes for agreed priorities for those communities. In South Lanarkshire, those plans were neighbourhood plans.

On 14 July 2017, the CPP Board considered the results of a statistical exercise which identified areas experiencing poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire. 9 of the Council's 20 wards were identified as potential neighbourhood planning areas. On 11 October 2017, the CCP Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire and the first 3 neighbourhood plans for the pilot areas were published in January 2019.

On 11 September 2019, the CPP Board agreed that the neighbourhood planning process be rolled out to the following communities:-

- ◆ Burnhill
- ◆ Halfway, Westburn, Circuit
- ◆ Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre, Springwells
- ◆ Fairhill

Each community had individual levels of community capacity and support already in place and required individualised programmes of support, which were delivered by the Community Engagement Team (CET) alongside local partners and community groups.

The 2020/2021 (year one) Neighbourhood Plans for Burnhill and Cambuslang East, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, had been launched through a 'soft approach' and the CET used new and innovative ways to engage with people to progress the community priorities. The annual progress report, January 2019 to March 2020, for Springhall and Whitlawburn was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

Details were provided on further activity to be undertaken in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area which included a further neighbourhood planning process to be undertaken in Fernhill during the current year. Although neighbourhood plans were being created in response to a statutory requirement, it was the Council's ambition that the process of neighbourhood planning be extended beyond the identified areas which would enable all communities to produce their own plans of local priorities and their planned responses to those.

As the number of neighbourhood plans increased, locality priorities would begin to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provided 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.

The Community Engagement Officer responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the progress made in relation to neighbourhood planning be noted;
- (2) that the content of the Neighbourhood Plans for Burnhill and Cambuslang East, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the annual progress report, January 2019 to March 2020, for Springhall and Whitlawburn, attached as Appendix 3 to the report, be noted; and
- (4) that the next steps planned for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area be noted.

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 16 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for community grant.

The Committee decided: that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

Applicant:	1 st Cathkin Guides, Rutherglen (CR/13/20)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing, entrance fees, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded:	£350

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.
