

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 14 December 2022

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

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

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Martin Lennon

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M Muir, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation Services; G Newbigging, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation Services

Education Resources

L Cassidy, Headteacher, St Cadoc's Primary School, Cambuslang; M Hendry, Quality Link Officer; A Jessimer, Quality Link Officer; L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Manager; D Simpson, Headteacher, Loch Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod and L Wyllie, Administration Assistants

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 5 October 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report - St Cadoc's Primary School, Cambuslang

A report dated 29 November 2022 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of St Cadoc's Primary School, Cambuslang made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in September 2022 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 1 November 2022.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been highlighted in the inspection letter. The areas for improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

L Cassidy, Headteacher and M Hendry, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Brown joined the meeting during consideration of the above item of business

4 Education Scotland Report - Loch Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen

A report dated 29 November 2022 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Loch Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in September 2022 as part of a national sample of primary and nursery education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 1 November 2022.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been highlighted in the inspection letter. The areas for improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had intimated that they would make no further visits in connection with this inspection.

D Simpson, Headteacher and A Jessimer, Quality Link Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and having responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 South Lanarkshire Council - Co-ordination of Roadworks

A report dated 28 November 2022 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing information on the co-ordination of roadworks in South Lanarkshire.

All roadworks carried out by both the Council, as roads Authority, and utility companies, or Statutory Undertakers, were carried out under the relevant legislation, detailed in the report, which fell under the following categories:-

- ◆ Primary Legislation
- ◆ Secondary Legislation
- ◆ Codes of Practice

Statutory Undertakers did not require specific permissions from the Council to undertake their works, but were bound by legislation and Codes of Practice to ensure the following:-

- ◆ an appropriate notice was registered on the Scottish Road Works Register (SRWR) detailing the works
- ◆ the correct statutory noticing period was complied with
- ◆ traffic management was detailed, and the correct permits and associated road restrictions were applied for

- ◆ works were undertaken safely on site
- ◆ reinstatement of the roads/footpaths and verges were to the correct specification
- ◆ any other condition(s) applied by the Council were complied with

Details were given on the Council's responsibility in relation to the co-ordination of roadworks, which was to ensure that works were noticed correctly, co-ordinated, carried out safely with minimum disruption to the public and that any excavation or disturbance of the public roads, footways and verges was reinstated appropriately to ensure the structure and integrity of the road was protected.

There was no statutory requirement for Undertakers to individually notify residents in residential streets, however, Undertakers were advised and encouraged to provide full notification and communication for major planned works.

Details were given on:-

- ◆ requirements in relation to inspection of works and specification for reinstatements
- ◆ the role and powers of the Roads Authorities and Utilities Committee (Scotland) (RAUCS) which provided, at a national level, co-ordination and an overview of activities carried out on roads and the Scottish Roadworks Commissioner who monitored performance and encouraged good practice across both utility companies and roads authorities
- ◆ the Council's Street Works Team, responsible for the co-ordination of all roadworks within South Lanarkshire
- ◆ measures and penalties in the event of non-compliance with legislation

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Brogan joined the meeting following consideration of the above item of business

6 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources

A report dated 28 November 2022 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Schools within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area had allocated £110,071 of their £1.819 million PEF allocation for participatory budgeting (PB). A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 of the report. Appendix 2 of the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for participatory budgeting. Appendix 3 outlined the outcome of the vote in relation to category of spend for each school, including Newton Farm Primary School data. Appendix 4 indicated the distribution in terms of categories of spend across the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area, while Appendix 5 outlined the distribution of votes by stakeholders across the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

Schools were now progressing with their spend to ensure the minimum 5% was spent in full by the end of March 2023.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with:-

- ◆ a summary report of each school's PB outcome
- ◆ 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.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 28 November 2022 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 and District Voluntary Care Club (<i>CR/8/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Specialist transport and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £529 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Resourceful Ramblers, Rutherglen (<i>CR/9/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Specialist transport |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.