

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang on 19 November 2019

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M Muir, Roads Area Manager

Education Resources

G McGuire, Quality Development Lead Officer; V McCool, Headteacher, Burgh Primary School, Rutherglen

Finance and Corporate Resources

L Paterson, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector L Baillie; Inspector S McManus

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Cowie	Community Grant Applications ◆ Communities Together, Rutherglen (CR/37/19) ◆ Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen (CR/39/19)	Involvement with groups

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 10 September 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report – Burgh Primary School, Rutherglen

A report dated 28 October 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Burgh Primary School, Rutherglen made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in June 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 1 October 2019.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas for continued 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.

G McGuire, Quality Development Lead Officer, Education Resources and the Headteacher spoke on key aspects of the report.

The Headteacher was congratulated on the outcome of the inspection and the Chair asked that the Committee's congratulations be relayed to the staff and pupils at the school.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Police Scotland

Chief Inspector Baillie had recently transferred to Lanarkshire Division as Area Commander with responsibility for day-to-day policy functions for East Kilbride, Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Inspector McManus had responsibility for community engagement and partnership working.

Reference was made to the 7 key priorities within the Local Policing Plan 2017 to 2020 and it was highlighted that, following engagement with local communities in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen areas, the main priorities were as follows:-

- ◆ serious violent crime and public protection
- ◆ anti-social behaviour and hate crime
- ◆ impact of drugs and drug related behaviour
- ◆ crimes of housebreaking and thefts

In terms of addressing local priorities, the Community Safety Hub weekly meetings provided an opportunity for collective strategic planning to be undertaken to identify issues at an early stage and plan appropriate interventions at the lowest possible level.

Information was provided on the following initiatives: -

- ◆ **Contact Assessment Model**

A new decision-making framework, the Contact Assessment Model (CAM), had 'gone live' on 12 June 2019 in Lanarkshire. Positive feedback had been received and, through the introduction of a range of resolution options, there had been a decrease in the number of occasions that an immediate police response was required. This, in turn, had ensured a more effective use of resources.

- ◆ **Operation Forward**

Following the success of Operation Forward, launched in October 2018 to target those people who were intent on committing harm, a second Operation Forward had been launched which aimed, in particular, to disrupt drug supply in South Lanarkshire.

- ◆ **Mobile Working**

An initiative, piloted in Greater Glasgow Division, involved Officers using mobile devices as part of their operational duties which allowed them to spend more time within communities. The addition of the devices enabled officers to deal with incidents, engage with members of the public, support victims and focus on crime prevention.

♦ **Stop and Search**

Stop and Search was used by Police Scotland, in terms of the Code of Practice, as an operational policing tactic in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime. In Lanarkshire Division, the number of positive searches had demonstrated that the right people had been targeted.

Chief Inspector Baillie and Inspector McManus, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their update on police activities.

The Committee decided: that the update on police activities be noted.

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

Councillor Bradley entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business

5 Roads Investment Plan – Progress Report

A report dated 27 September 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress with the roads investment activity within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area during 2019/2020.

The Council had implemented an enhanced programme of roads maintenance and improvement during the period 2008/2009 to 2019/2020 at a cost of £126 million. This investment plan ended in March 2019 and the Council agreed to commit a further £11 million of capital 'steady state' funding for 2019/2020 and the approved Capital Strategy committed to the continuation of funding at 'steady state' levels.

Each road and footway scheme identified for improvement was scored using set criteria and then ranked in order of priority to ensure that those which required attention and provided the greatest benefit were programmed at the earliest possible date. From 2019/2020, this would be carried out on a Council-wide basis rather than defined budget allocations for each Area Committee area.

Details were provided on progress made in relation to the schemes within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area which showed that, as at 13 September 2019, 6 schemes had been completed and 14 were in progress or programmed to be completed by the end of March 2020.

Having responded to members' questions, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Roads Area Manager and his employees for their efforts in respect of the progress that had been made.

The Committee decided: that progress with the Roads Investment activity within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 November 2018 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 5 November 2019 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: | Lochbrae Court Social Committee, Rutherglen (CR/28/19) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |

- (b) Applicant: Burnside Community Council, Rutherglen (CR/33/19)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Burnside in Bloom, Rutherglen (CR/34/19)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £700
- (d) Applicant: North Halfway Senior Citizens' Club, Cambuslang (CR/35/19)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport, administration and publicity
Amount Awarded: £550
- (e) Applicant: Cambuslang and District Voluntary Care Club (CR/36/19)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £500
- (f) Applicant: Communities Together, Rutherglen (CR/37/19)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

Councillor Cowie, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

- (g) Applicant: Enable (Rutherglen and District Branch), Cambuslang (CR/38/19)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (h) Applicant: Fernhill Kids Playsheme, Rutherglen (CR/39/19)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250

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7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.