



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Dear Councillor

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Time: 14:00

Venue: Hybrid - Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Carol Nugent (Chair), John Bradley (Depute Chair), Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Janine Calikes, Andrea Cowan, Margaret Cowie, Alistair Fulton, Martin Lennon, Katy Loudon, Norman Rae, Margaret B Walker

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- 4 Local Policing Annual Update**
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Item(s) for Decision

- 7 Community Grant Applications** 35 - 38
Report dated 14 August 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

- 8 Urgent Business**
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 31 May 2023

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

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

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Alistair Fulton

Attending:

Education Resources

N Black, Headteacher, Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen; A Jessimer, Quality Link Officer; G Maguire, Lead Officer, B McLachlan, Headteacher, Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen; L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Manager, M Reid, Headteacher, St Charles' Primary School, Cambuslang

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Brogan	Community Grant Applications	Involvement with 3 groups which had applied for a community/warm welcome initiative grant
Cowie	Playscheme Grant Application (PS/CR/1/23) Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen	Completed application form on behalf of Group

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 15 March 2023 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education Scotland Report - Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen

The inspection had taken place in February 2023 as part of a national sample of secondary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 2 May 2023.

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.

B McLachlan, Headteacher and G Maguire, 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.

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

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class, Rutherglen.

The inspection had taken place in February 2023 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting on the findings had been published on 2 May 2023.

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.

N Black, 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 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources 2023

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

As an example of good practice, the PB work undertaken by St Charles' Primary School, Cambuslang was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. St Charles' Primary School demonstrated commitment to PB, pupil voice and the voice of their stakeholders, specifically in relation to supporting families affected by poverty and the cost of the school day. Choices of spend included provision of a free snack and increasing access to extra-curricular experiences, with the latter receiving the highest number of votes in the voting process. M Reid, Headteacher, responded to members' questions on the PB process within St Charles' Primary School.

Schools continued to allocate a minimum of 5% of their PEF to PB year on year. Updated guidance on PB had been provided at the PEF Head Teacher and Equity Lead Information Session held on 19 May 2023. Optional PB training would be planned for August 2023 for schools which had new PB Leads or where a refresh was required.

South Lanarkshire Council schools' PB work continued to be recognised nationally as an example of good practice and several local authorities had approached the Council for guidance and support in this area. A CoSLA award application would be submitted to showcase the work of the Council's schools in PB.

Education Resources would provide the Area Committee 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.

Officers responded to members' questions on the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 16 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ applications for community grant
- ◆ a grant awarded to a community and voluntary group/organisation in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative
- ◆ 3 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 15 to 31 March 2023 to ensure that the 2022/2023 budget was utilised as fully as possible

At its meeting on 28 September 2022, the Council agreed that the Chief Executive would bring a package of cost of living supports for agreement, in consultation with Group Leaders, which was approved in terms of Standing Order No 37(c) and noted by the Executive Committee on 30 November 2022. This package included support for a Warm Welcome Initiative.

Working in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and community and voluntary groups/organisations, the Warm Welcome Initiative comprised a network of warm spaces in community settings and public buildings where members of the public were welcomed and could participate in activities and access advice and support.

To support the Initiative, a small grants scheme had been created, offering grants to a maximum of £1,000 to cover extra costs incurred by offering a Warm Welcome. A total of £40,000 had been identified for the Initiative and the monies had been apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committees.

As funds were required immediately, it had been agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the relevant Area Committee Chair or Depute, and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.

The Committee decided:

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Cambuslang Community Council (CR/22/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £576 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Kirkhill Bowling Club, Cambuslang (CR/1/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

- (c) Applicant: Rutherglen Heritage Society (CR/2/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £1,200
- (d) Applicant: Trinity High School Parent Council, Rutherglen (CR/3/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £600
- (e) Applicant: Eastfield Physically Disabled Club, Cambuslang (CR/4/23)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £750
- (f) Applicant: Cambuslang Summer Festival (CR/5/23)
Purpose of Grant: Special Event
Amount Awarded: £2,400
- (g) Applicant: Flemington/Hallside Guild, Cambuslang (CR/6/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, equipment and administration costs
Amount Awarded: £540
- (h) Applicant: Rutherglen Bowling Club (CR/7/23)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (i) Applicant: Cambuslang Parish Church Pastoral Care Team (CR/9/23)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (j) Applicant: 2nd Rutherglen Brownies (CR/10/23)
Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees, equipment, arts and crafts materials
Amount Awarded: £276

(2) that the award of grant, totalling £1,000, to Particip8 Overton in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted.

(3) that the action taken during the period 15 to 31 March 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2022/2023 budget be noted:-

- (a) Applicant: Friends of Fernbrae Meadows (CR/18/22)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (b) Applicant: 113th Glasgow (Burnside) Scout Group, Rutherglen (CR/25/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £748
- (c) Applicant: Go Ahead Club (CR/26/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £560

[Reference: Minutes of 14 December 2022 (Paragraph 7), Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 28 September 2022 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 30 November 2022 (Paragraph 11)]

Councillor Brogan, having declared an interest in the above item of business, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

7 Playscheme Grant Applications

A report dated 16 May 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on playscheme grant funding for 2023/2024.

Playscheme funding allowed an allocation of £660 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £440 for the summer period only and £110 for each of the October and Easter periods.

Financial provision was available for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, Travel and Freedom Passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

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

- (a) Applicant: Fernhill Kids' Playscheme, Rutherglen (PS/CR/1/23)
Amount Awarded: £660

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

[Reference: Minutes of 15 June 2022 (Paragraph 3)]

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

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Cambuslang & Rutherglen Area Committee Report

2022/23 Annual Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st April 2022	To:	31st March 2023
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Introduction

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of Safer South Lanarkshire Board (SSLB) with an update in respect of Scottish Fire and Rescue activity within South Lanarkshire and how this activity measured against agreed targets for the period 2022 – 2023.

2. Background

2.1 On the 1st April 2013, the eight former Fire & Rescue Services within Scotland merged to form a new single Fire & Rescue Service. A key requirement of the new legislation encompassing the single Service is the production of a Local Area Plan aligned to Local Authority boundaries (subject to the approval of the Local Authority) and to provide periodical reports as to progress against the 'Key Priorities' within the Plan.

3. Review of Performance 2022 – 2023

3.1 The current reiteration of the Local Area Plan for South Lanarkshire contains six Key Priorities and are summarised as;

- Reduction of Dwelling Fires
- Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Properties
- Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Signals

3.2 From these six Key Priorities, performance targets were devised and incorporated into the Local Area Plan. A of this report with associated activity levels and comments for each of the performance indicator areas is included within this report.

A review of all internal Community Planning arrangements across the area is has been carried out to support the development of a new Scrutiny structure to support SSLB, Community Planning and service delivery arrangements across South Lanarkshire.

Fire Framework ID	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)
1b	All deliberate primary fires
1c	All deliberate secondary fires
2bi	All accidental dwelling fires
2bii	All accidental other building fires
3ai	All fatal fire casualties
3aii	Non-fatal fire casualties excl. precautionary check-ups
5a	Special Service - RTCs
6c	Special Service - fatal & non-fatal casualties
10	UFAS (Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals)

All Deliberate Primary Fires (1b)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	7	5	6	6
Cambuslang West	3	9	4	5
Rutherglen Central & North	10	3	2	3
Rutherglen South	8	4	7	7
Area Committee Total	28	21	19	23

Commentary:

In 2022/23, there has been a reduction in deliberate primary fires compared to the preceding year. The number of incidents decreased from 21 in 2021/22 to 19 in 2022/23.

The locations of all deliberate primary fires are regularly shared with Police Scotland, local authority Housing and Anti-Social Teams to contribute to their community intelligence efforts and identify patterns. Each ward is assigned to a watch at Clydesmill Fire Station, and ongoing analysis of incidents takes place, with potential corrective measures presented to the Station Commander.

Subsequently, collaboration occurs at the local Problem-Solving Groups and the Weekly Anti-Social Community Safety Hub to prevent future incidents from happening again.

All Deliberate Secondary Fire (1c)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	60	44	73	59
Cambuslang West	29	61	69	53
Rutherglen Central & North	48	63	69	60
Rutherglen South	47	42	52	47
Area Committee Total	136	168	211	171

Commentary:

Our operational crews and Community Action Team continue to monitor for hotspots and carry out engagement at local schools and areas of known activity. This is supported by our new Power BI system which helps us make data informed decisions when we target areas specific areas of anti-social behaviour within our community. We look to identify areas of illegal fly tipping and liaise with the local environmental teams to arrange uplift.

Again, each ward is the designated responsibility of a watch within Clydesmill Fire Station and all incidents are analysed on an on-gong basis with proposed remedial action presented to the Station Commander.

All Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF) (2bi)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	8	5	8	7
Cambuslang West	6	12	14	11
Rutherglen Central & North	13	19	17	16
Rutherglen South	17	10	6	11
Area Committee Total	44	46	45	45

Commentary:

Accidental Dwelling Fires have decreased by 1 in 2022/23 from the previous reporting period.

SFRS have an on-going programme of Fire Safety engagement and education to contribute to the reduction of ADF.

We continue to carry out Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) to ensure that all properties have a means of detection within their property and we have carried out 483 visits in the last year.

We are involved in a number of initiatives with key partners to actively encourage “at risk” households to engage with ourselves. Our Community Action Team are currently delivering Fire Safety Risk Recognition Training to our all partners to increase our pathway referral process for high risk Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV).

We work closely with Social Work, Housing and various other partners to ensure that any members of the local community, who are identified as Adults at Risk are fully supported and care packages are put in place to keep them safe.

As well as TV, Radio and Local Newspapers the service utilises social media to help promote fire safety within our local communities.

Following all incidents at a domestic property we will carry out a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) to offer advice and re-assurance to the property affected along with surrounding properties.

All Accidental Other Building Fires (2bii)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	1	0	0	0.33
Cambuslang West	4	0	1	2
Rutherglen Central & North	2	5	3	3
Rutherglen South	2	2	4	3
Area Committee Total	9	7	8	8

Commentary:

2022/23 seen an increase of 1 in Accidental Building Fires compared to the previous reporting year.

Should SFRS attend any incident in any property other than a dwelling then we will complete a Risk Assessment Failure Form, which is passed to our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEO) in Lanarkshire.

The FSEO will then in turn provide advice and guidance on fire safety issues or carry out a formal Post Fire Audit, depending on the nature of the incident. FSEO within Lanarkshire also carry out Fire Safety Audits on a rolling programme in high risk premises such as sleeping risks and high risk commercial and industrial premises, ensuring that the responsible person is complying with their statutory duties.

Fire Crews with Clydesmill also carry out Operational Intelligence and familiarisation visits to ensure that they are fully aware of any risks in their local area.

All Fatal Fire Casualties (3ai)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	0	0	1	0.33
Cambuslang West	0	0	0	0
Rutherglen Central & North	0	0	0	0
Rutherglen South	0	0	0	0
Area Committee Total	0	0	1	0.33

Commentary:

SRFS have recorded one fire fatality with the 2022/23 reporting period.

Non-fatal Fire Casualties (excl. precautionary check-ups) (3a ii)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	1	0	0	0.33
Cambuslang West	1	1	0	0.66
Rutherglen Central & North	4	3	0	2.33
Rutherglen South	7	3	0	3.33
Area Committee Total	13	7	0	6.66

Commentary:

There was a decrease in non-fatal fire casualties compared to the previous year increasing from 7 to 0.

Each fire casualty results in a reporting procedure followed by the operational crews which informs the Station Commander of the details, circumstances and extent of injury after each of these incidents. Following every incident in a domestic dwelling our crews will carry out a PDIR to offer re-assurance and a HFSV should they require it with detection fitted if necessary.

We work closely with Social work, housing and various other partners to ensure that any members of the local community who are identified as Adults at Risk are fully supported and care packages are put in place to keep them safe.

Special Service – RTCs (5a)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	1	1	3	1.66
Cambuslang West	0	3	6	3
Rutherglen Central & North	6	7	1	4.66
Rutherglen South	1	3	5	3
Area Committee Total	8	14	15	12.33

Commentary:

The number of Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) in 2022/23 have increased by 1 to 15 incidents within the 2022/23 reporting period.

RTC's remain a priority in Lanarkshire and SFRS works closely with partner agencies to reduce the risk on our roads and we deliver education programmes to assist in prevention, such as weekly Virtual Reality (VR) Road Safety input to our Fire Reach groups, local youth groups and colleges.

We work closely with local Community Police Officers to increase Road Safety awareness and risk-taking behaviours to local high schools and SFRS will continue with our communication and engagement with various social media campaigns.

Special Service – fatal & non-fatal casualties (6c)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	1	5	1	2.33
Cambuslang West	4	8	4	5.33
Rutherglen Central & North	10	6	8	8
Rutherglen South	3	6	11	6.66
Area Committee Total	17	25	24	22

Commentary:

There has been a decrease to the number of these casualties from 25 in 2021/22 to 24 in 2022/23.

As stated previously we continue to work with partner agencies to look to reduce the number of casualties from special service incidents. Over half of the casualties are from RTC's, but we are now seeing a significant increase in requests for assistance from partner agencies to gain entry to properties for emergency medical incidents.

UFAS (10)

Ward	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	3 Year Average
Cambuslang East	37	24	34	32
Cambuslang West	58	69	90	72
Rutherglen Central & North	65	64	75	68
Rutherglen South	18	26	38	27
Area Committee Total	178	183	237	199

Commentary:

SFRS have seen an increase in UFAS activity from the previous reporting period, moving from 183 incidents in 2021/22 to 237 in 2022/23. SFRS response to fire alarms in commercial business and workplace premises is changing from the 1st of July 2023.

Every year SFRS attend around 28,000 automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial business and workplace premises each year. From the 1st July 2023, we will stop attending AFA call outs to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities unless a fire has been confirmed.

Operations Control colleagues will now be asking anyone who reports a fire alarm to investigate and confirm there is an actual fire or signs of fire, before sending the nearest response.

This change does not apply to sleeping premises, such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings.

Lawrence Murphy

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Report to: **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **30 August 2023**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Subject: **Update on Town Centres**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update members on the activity currently being undertaken in town centres across the Rutherglen and Cambuslang area

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that members note the current activity across the town centres.

3. Background

- 3.1. The nature of town centres across the UK is in a transitional stage. The range of issues involved in the challenges town centres are facing are broad and complex. Factors such as the economic downturn, internet shopping, the growth of out-of-town shopping malls, changes in retailers' business models and consumer expectations have resulted in a decline in footfall.
- 3.2. Some of the issues are local and specific to individual towns, however, many are issues seen across the country influenced by wider economic patterns, consumer behaviour and corporate decisions. Supporting town centres remains a Council priority and officers continue to work in partnership with groups and organisations in each town to achieve the common goals.
- 3.3. The role town centres have in our communities is significant and, therefore, cannot be overstated. Town centres support and contribute to the lives of people across our communities whether this is to access essential services, visiting for shopping or enjoying leisure time.
- 3.4. Around 70% of businesses and jobs in the economy are located in town centres and they are the principal location for leisure and hospitality. They retain a vital social importance as a meeting, events and performance space.
- 3.5. Across the 10 towns defined in the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (LDP), there is active and ongoing engagement with the most appropriate groups in each town. These differ from town to town and include Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Development Trusts, Community Councils and private property owners.

- 3.6. Town Centre strategies and action plans have been prepared and approved for Hamilton, Cambuslang, Larkhall and Blantyre with work now underway in Rutherglen. Similar plans are being progressed by the communities in Lanark and Carluke along with the master planning work being undertaken in East Kilbride and Hamilton.
- 3.7. These strategies and action plans are closely aligned with the Government's approach to town centres captured in the New Future for Scotland's Town Centres report and action plan.
- 3.8. Officers in Enterprise and Sustainable Development are working with key stakeholders across towns and have commissioned two key pieces of work to set the direction of the Council's work around going forward. These will inform and align with existing and emerging funding opportunities for town centres:-
 - ◆ Town Centre Visioning – this will set out how the Council delivers on the strategic aims and objectives at a local level. As noted above, while all towns have similar challenges, the solutions are not always the same. This work will set out how the Council, communities and partners should deliver meaningful and sustainable change within our town centres through a series of projects and action plans
 - ◆ Transition to Net Zero – town centres are major contributors to pollution and although a number of early wins have been achieved, the ways to deliver long term meaningful and sustainable reductions are complex and not always palatable to business or customers. This work will set out a practical approach to working towards net zero across our towns

4. Town Centre Activity

4.1. Rutherglen

Officers are working with the Shaping Places for Wellbeing team, in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire, Public Health Scotland, Clyde Gateway and others, to develop a strategy and action plan for Rutherglen Town Centre. The draft town centre strategy will consider the continued change in consumer behaviour, the impact of the pandemic, the shaping places for wellbeing agenda and have an increased focus on the environment. A consultative draft will be presented to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee later this year. Once approved, officers will hold a full consultation of the draft document early in the new year.

- 4.2. One of the key approaches to supporting and regenerating our town centres is increasing the amount of town centre living. In many towns this is at a low level relative to other towns and historic rates. There is potential for some of the less commercially viable parts of town centres to be considered for residential development. An internal officer working group has been established and recommendations will be presented to the appropriate committee in due course. Rutherglen is being considered within the working group.

- 4.3. Rutherglen will mark its 900th year as a royal burgh in 2026. A working group is being established to consider how best to mark the occasion.

4.4. Cambuslang

Work on Phase 2 of Cambuslang streetscape commenced in June. Work on this section on the streetscape could not be completed in the original phase due to emergency scaffolding being erected on buildings in this area. Remedial work has been carried out allowing completion of the streetscape works. Works are due to

complete in August. This project has brought significant improvements to the south side of Main Street.

- 4.5. The original streetscape works formed a significant part of the Cambuslang Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan. This action plan is due for renewal in 2024 following excellent progress on its actions. Officers will continue to work with Cambuslang Community Council to update the action plan in line with the needs of the local community. The renewed plan will be brought to Committee next year.
- 4.6. Cambuslang Main Street has been selected as a pilot as part of the Litter Strategy. Officers are working with Cambuslang Community Council to review litter, business waste and fly tipping in the area.
- 4.7. Officers are working with Cambuslang Community Council to launch the 'insideout' app. The app works as a digital notice board for town centres and contains user-generated content. A marketing campaign will commence in the town centre on completion of the streetscape phase 2 works.
- 4.8. As can be seen from above, there is significant and ongoing activity across the town centres in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang area and officers in Enterprise and Sustainable Development would be keen to explore further opportunities with groups across our communities.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications from the information set out in this report

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications from the information set out in this report. All projects and spend referred to will be subject to separate approvals as appropriate

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. Climate change and working to net zero is at the heart of the work on town centres as we seek to deliver sustainable town centres which support liveable neighbourhoods. Both the Rutherglen and Cambuslang town centre action plans will have a focus on sustainability.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. All town centres face a challenging set of circumstances. It is important the Council plays an active role in their future. Not doing so will result in continued decline and greater demands on limited resources.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. Town centres have to be available for all across. The Council will continue to work and consult with a broad range of groups.

David Booth

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

14 August 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:- Victoria Eccles, Project Development Officer, Enterprise and Sustainable Development

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Report

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Report to: **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **30 August 2023**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Community Partnership Board Update**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Area Committee with background to and an update on the work of Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) note the progress being made in respect of the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership and;
- (2) note the content of the current Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Terms of Reference.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019. Following approval of the Best Value Assurance Report by the Council in June 2019, an extended Community Planning Partnership session took place on 11 September 2019 to consider the output of the facilitated self-assessment session along with the outcomes of the council's Best Value Assurance Report.
- 3.2. A session with representatives from the CPP Thematic Partnership Boards took place on 3 October 2019 and draft implementation plans were prepared on the CPP structure, joint problem solving and scrutiny of the work of the Thematic Boards.
- 3.3. A further session took place with the Board on 23 October 2019 to consider how the CPP Board should be structured at a Thematic/Locality level. Proposals drafted by the Improvement Service and the Community Planning Team included the formation of Neighbourhood Partnerships at a locality level. These were approved by the CPP Board in December 2019.
- 3.4. These recommendations brought together community planning areas into four collaborative, locality-level, Community Partnership Boards - Rutherglen and Cambuslang, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton which is still in development. Boards include representatives from development trusts, community councils, neighbourhood planning action groups and other local community anchor organisations. They are chaired by community leaders who have a place on the CPP Board.

- 3.5. These Partnerships provide a link for the Community Planning Partnership to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its Community Partners.
- 3.6. Development sessions were held with local organisations and groups within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area during February 2021. Following further meetings of the group, now named as the Community Partnership, the Terms of Reference were approved by the CPP Board on 2 December 2021 which included the recommendation that the Chair of the Community Partnership join the CPP Board as a member in June 2022. The current Terms of Reference for the Community Partnership is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.7. It was also agreed that the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership would provide quarterly update reports to the CPP Board.

4. Current Progress

- 4.1. Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership continues to meet regularly with officers across the partnership in attendance to progress areas of interest. The partnership is planning to hold a development session with all members in August 2023 to review their progress to date and agree a plan for moving forwards. A total of £4,750 funding from the Lived Experience Fund has been awarded by the CPP and its proposal for its use is due to be submitted after this session. The partnership also plans to create an information page on the Community Planning website.
- 4.2. At the meeting of the 22 March 2023, the CPP Board agreed to continue with the allocation of Lived Experience Funding to the Community Partnerships. An additional £2,000 has been allocated to Cambuslang/Rutherglen. The Partnership will be supported to use this funding within their local area to gather the experiences of local people to inform a better understanding of inequalities.
- 4.3. Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership continues to receive a monthly register of local and national information that is of interest relating to policy development and delivery. Local information is provided by some partners and is also acquired from a range of national sources. All partner contributions are welcomed and should be submitted to the Community Planning Team.
- 4.4. The CPP Development Officer is currently undertaking a mapping exercise to review how representative each of the current groups are of their local area. Where gaps have been identified, the officer has been attending meetings with Community Councils and Neighbourhood Planning Groups to promote the CPP and provide an update on partner activity.
- 4.5. Discussions continue with the Cambuslang/Rutherglen partnership regarding the use of the CPP website to further highlight the Community Partnerships as Community Planning partners, and through which to report their activity to the wider community.
- 4.6. Neighbourhood Plans have been produced for [Springhall and Whitlawburn](#), [Cambuslang East](#), [Burnhill](#) and [Fernhill](#) areas. Locality priorities have started to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provides 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. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership has been at the forefront of this activity, linking the local community to the Community Planning Partnership.

5. Cambuslang/Rutherglen Quarterly Update

5.1 The most recent Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Quarterly update report went to the CPP Board on 7 June 2023. Items will be progressed as appropriate with partners. An update on current progress has also been provided for information. The update provides a summary of actions taken by the Community Partnership in the last three months and an overview of Participatory Budgeting Activity in the Springhall/Whitlawburn and Burnhill Neighbourhood Planning areas.

5.2. Between April- June 2023, the Community Partnership has:-

- ◆ reviewed the meeting arrangements to secure wider representation at the partnership meetings
- ◆ begun the process of identifying group priorities and achievable actions for the year ahead
- ◆ considered ways to enhance communication flow amongst the community partnership's constituent groups. Discussions are ongoing to establish the group's presence on the community planning website as communication remains a key priority
- ◆ entered discussions with SLC planning and building standards team to secure input around local place plan development and other associated changes in planning requirements/legislation
- ◆ raised concerns with Police Scotland about the reduction of Campus Officer provision across trinity and Stonelaw High Schools from one full-time officer in each school to one full-time officer serving both schools

6 Participatory Budgeting (PB)

PB has been the focus of activity for many of the Community Partnership members and wider constituent groups over recent months.

6.1. These funds have been used to meaningfully engage residents in priority setting, local decision making and the delivery of Neighbourhood Plans. The Community Partnership would like to highlight the value of using a PB approach and the benefit it brings to individuals, groups, and the wider community.

Springhall and Whitlawburn

6.2. The most recent round of PB took place in Springhall and Whitlawburn in March this year. As with the previous round of PB, the Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Group designed and delivered the process, using the Scottish PB Charter. The charter sets out seven key features demonstrating what a fair and high quality PB process should look like:-

- ◆ Fair and Inclusive
- ◆ Participatory
- ◆ Deliberative
- ◆ Empowering
- ◆ Creative and Flexible
- ◆ Transparent
- ◆ Part of our Democracy

6.3. In 2022/2023, £29,053 Place Based PB was made available for Springhall and Whitlawburn which included a contribution from the Lottery. A small grants model was used; residents had three votes and groups could submit more than one proposal if this was for different activities. To maximise participation, voting was

online, via community-based pop-ups and targeted engagement was undertaken in key settings such as schools and formed groups.

- 6.4 522 residents voted, 2,610 votes were cast. Participation levels have increased on last year's figures.
- 6.5. 17 community led project proposals were received. 13 projects were fully funded, 1 partially funded and 3 were unsuccessful. Unsuccessful projects have been signposted to other funding options.
- 6.6. Beneficiaries and funded projects included:-
- ◆ REACH Lanarkshire Autism - to deliver a sports, dance, and movement programme.
 - ◆ Cathkin Duke of Edinburgh Group – received funding for an outdoor residential weekend for families, food provision and the development of a sensory space.
 - ◆ Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team (SWYDT) in partnership with Cathkin Award Group - received funding to organise a community fun day.
 - ◆ St Anthony's Foodbank received funding for a fridge freezer, food, toiletries and household products.
 - ◆ Little Rascals Toddler Group – received funding for play equipment and group resources.
 - ◆ Project 31 – received funding to deliver outdoor pop-up play sessions.
 - ◆ SWYDT - received funding for activity sessions, trips, and visits.
 - ◆ Springhall Community Resource Group received funding for play equipment at the Cage and funding for a seasonal event.
 - ◆ Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre - received funding for a warm space initiative.
 - ◆ Whitlawburn Digital HUB – received funding for City and Guilds energy awareness training, energy advisers time and room upgrade.
 - ◆ Springhall Youth Club – received funding for Easter trips and visits.
 - ◆ Age Active Seniors Group in partnership with SWYDT - received funding to host an intergenerational event aimed at promoting community spirit and connectedness.
- 6.7. Campbell Construction Group (CCG), the contractor appointed to build 311 new properties in Whitlawburn in line with the East Whitlawburn Regeneration Plan, invested a further £14,000 into PB and community-based projects, through community benefit activity.

Burnhill

- 6.8. PB was also undertaken in Burnhill in early October last year and £28,278 was invested in the area 254 residents took part in the public vote and each person had 4 votes (total of 984 votes were cast).
- 6.9. Due to the outcome of consultation work, ongoing community dialogue and local circumstance, residents and other stakeholders decided to use the PB process to identify investment areas for the Highbacks which is a large scale, community led environmental improvement and community space project.

6.10. Stakeholders are using the results to prioritise work:-

- ◆ Solar Panels (165 votes 65%) – Look at the option for solar panels to be installed in the Highbacks to support community activity
- ◆ Electricity Source (149 votes 59%) - A power source would allow activities to happen without the use of generators in the Highbacks
- ◆ Shelter (145 votes 57%) – This would allow activities to happen all year round if there was a space that was sheltered from the weather
- ◆ Water Supply (136 votes 53%) – This would allow the group to capture rain water to water the plants and to investigate the option of having running water to the Highbacks
- ◆ Activities (99 votes 39%) – Support existing and to allow new activities to be trialled in the area for the whole community
- ◆ Cost of Living Support (91 votes 36%) - Projects to support people with the cost of living crisis
- ◆ Equipment (79 votes 31%) – New equipment to support new activities within the Burnhill area
- ◆ Workshops (73 votes (29%) – Training and learning workshops for the community to gain new skills
- ◆ Toilet (47 votes 19%) – A portaloo has been sourced by the local action group but this would support them in the maintenance of this servicing, cleaning etc.

6.11. Many of the listed projects are already underway with support from a range of partners. Clyde Gateway has created a project management document using the results of the PB to allocate costings and timelines.

Fernhill and Cambuslang East

6.12. Plans are underway to facilitate PB processes in two other neighbourhood planning areas. The Fernhill Stakeholder Group has not carried out its PB exercise yet, however, it is planning to host three pop up events at the end of the May 2023 to generate community involvement in shaping proposals. Ideas generated will be considered by the Stakeholder Group and taken to public vote at the end of June 2023. In Cambuslang East, discussions are well underway as stakeholders begin to shape the PB process for their area.

7 Employee Implications

7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment associated with this report.

10. Other Implications

10.1. There are no risk implications associated with the content of this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation implications associated with this report.

Paul Manning
Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

15 August 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware, and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress, and improve
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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APPENDIX 1

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

Terms of Reference

Committee Name

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

Purpose

To ensure that communities are represented, influential and fully engaged in community planning.

Scope

The Community Partnership will:

- Have a strategic role and act as an intermediary between communities, neighbourhood planning and the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- Promote wide, representative and inclusive involvement in our activities to ensure the views of underrepresented are recognised in CPP processes.
- Provide an opportunity for networking across communities.
- Promote awareness of wider Community Planning work through regular updates to each representative group and wider community.
- Act as a consultative group for new service delivery proposals from partners.
- Oversee the work to produce Neighbourhood Planning Annual Reports as required by the Community Empowerment Act.
- Act as a catalyst to promote and support co-production – To involve communities of place and interest in the design and delivery of public services.

Authority

- To act as an intermediary, building links between communities in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen locality and the work of South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board.
- To ensure that opportunities for community involvement and influence in community planning are fully realised.
- To act as a consultative group for service redesign and new service delivery proposals from partners.
- Contribute to problem solving through the identification of challenges requiring joint solutions.

Membership

Membership will be made up of:

- 2 representatives from each established neighbourhood or community led planning Stakeholder Groups.
- 2 representatives from the 4 Community Councils serving the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.
- 4 officers, representing the Community Planning Partnership Board at a local level.
- South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team (CET) will not be members of the group but two CET team members will attend each meeting to support facilitation and take notes.

Meeting arrangements

Meetings will take place every 6 to 8 weeks and online.

Administration support will be provided by SLC Community Engagement Team.

Agendas will be generated by Community Partnership members and distributed 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

Minutes will be distributed 4 weeks in advance of meetings.

Quorum

7 members who are representative of both the Cambuslang and Rutherglen areas.

A facilitation role will be undertaken initially by the Community Engagement team and the group will appoint a community member as chair by June 2022. The position of Chair will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Reporting

The Community Partnership will share group minutes and provide an update progress report, at South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board meetings.

The report will provide a general update on the Community Partnership's activities, any significant developments in terms of neighbourhood planning and any recommendations and/or requests for partnership intervention.

The Community Planning Partnership Board will reciprocate by providing regular update reports to the Community Partnership through minutes and verbal reports by the Community Partnership Chair.

Community Partnership members will have the responsibility of feeding information back to and from their representative groups. An update report will become a standing item on the agenda at Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder and Community Council meetings.

The Chair of the group, once appointed, will become a member of the Community Planning Partnership Board and will be expected to attend their quarterly meetings.

Resources and budget

Admin and facilitation support will be from the South Lanarkshire Council Community Engagement Team.

Support will be provided by the "Key contacts" identified across a range of CPP partners.

Hall lets and general meeting cost going forward will within reasonable amounts be covered by the CPP's engagement budget.

Deliverables

- To establish a strong community led partnership that enables more effective links to be built between community priorities and the work of the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- To represent the views and aspirations of the wider community in community planning.
- To contribute to consultation around service delivery or redesign.
- To maximise opportunities for local people to be more involved and influential in decision making that affects them in line with the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership strategic priorities.

Key areas of focus include:

- Improving health and tackling inequalities
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Promoting sustainable and inclusive communities and opportunities for all through life
- Ensuring sustainable economic recovery and development
- Tackling poverty

Review

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis. This can be more or less frequently, dependent on the group's needs.

Report

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Report to: **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **30 August 2023**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Community Grant Applications**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of 3 community grants from the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee 2023/2024 community grant budget

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

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|-----|-----------------------------------|--|
| (a) | Applicant: | Cambuslang Out of School Care Project (CR/11/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees, equipment and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Our children and young people thrive |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,000 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £740 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
| (b) | Applicant: | Young at Heart Senior Club, Cambuslang (CR/12/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| | Estimated Cost: | £450 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £450 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
| (c) | Applicant: | Overton Tenants and Residents Association (CR/13/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees, equipment and stationery |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,700 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,700 |
| | Recommendation: | £680 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement, and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.
- 3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-
- ◆ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
 - ◆ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment
- 3.3 Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grants for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area in 2023/2024 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£7,902
Community grants allocated in this report	£1,720
Remaining balance	£16,128

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose for which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning
Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

14 August 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent.
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee – 31 May 2023

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application form

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