

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Rutherglen Town Hall, Main Street, Rutherglen on 23 August 2011

Chair:

Councillor Pam Clearie

Councillors Present:

David Baillie, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan (Depute), Gordon Clark, Russell Clearie, Anne Higgins, Clare McColl, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Richard Tullett

Councillor's Apology:

Edward McAvoy

Attending:

Corporate Resources

K Bartie, Administration Assistant; P MacRae, Administration Officer; A Morton, Central Research Unit Manager; H Rae, Research Officer

Education Resources

J Gilhooly, Head of Education (Curriculum and Quality)

Enterprise Resources

L Campbell, Planning Team Leader (Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride); T Meikle, Planning Area Manager (Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride); G Morrison, Roads Area Manager (Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride)

Also Attending:

Strathclyde Police

Chief Superintendent A Gall; Chief Inspector D Walker; G Neil, Police Liaison Officer

Order of Business

It was agreed that item 5 be dealt with at the start of the meeting and that item 6 be dealt with prior to item 4.

Item 5 was dealt with at this point in the meeting

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 24 May 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Area Profile 2011 - Cambuslang and Rutherglen

A report dated 1 August 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on key indicators of conditions in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area.

The Central Research Unit within Corporate Resources maintained a website allowing access to a wide range of information at a datazone level. Datazones were neighbourhoods of around 750 people, produced by the Scottish Government, which allowed data to be analysed and information to be reported on at approximations to a Council ward and Area Committee area basis.

Information was provided on:

- ◆ population projections for the area which indicated that the population was expected to continue to rise more rapidly than in South Lanarkshire as a whole with a significant increase in the numbers aged 80 years and over
- ◆ employment forecasts which indicated that employment would rise over the next 5 years by 0.2%
- ◆ the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance in June 2011, which was 1,958, giving a claimant rate of 5.1%
- ◆ percentage of children in families out of work receiving Child Tax Credit
- ◆ percentage of children in families receiving Child Tax Credit
- ◆ claimant rate for health related benefits and comparative illness statistics
- ◆ percentage of school leavers not moving into positive destinations
- ◆ percentage of pensioners claiming the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ◆ all crimes and offences (excluding motoring offences)

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 July 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

Item 6 was dealt with at this point in the meeting

4 Strathclyde Police

The representatives from Strathclyde Police gave a presentation on:-

- ◆ changes to the Divisional structure and the benefits for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area
- ◆ the “Usual Suspects” knife crime initiative
- ◆ performance and activity during 2010/2011 which highlighted that there was a continued reduction in recorded crimes and a detection rate of 67.1% in violent crime
- ◆ activity undertaken in the course of the year and the proactive approach being adopted to move people away from criminality
- ◆ current initiatives and activities including “Move the Goalposts” and “Operation Cargo” which targeted known drinking hotspots

Chief Superintendent Gall and Chief Inspector Walker, having responded to members’ questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 11 May 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

The following Item was dealt with at the start of the meeting

5 Application CR/11/0124 - Erection of 15 Metres Telecommunications Monopole with 3 Antennas and Associated Equipment at Cathkin Bypass off Burnside Road, Cathkin

The Chair advised that a request for a hearing had been received in respect of planning application CR/11/0124. In view of the volume of objections to the proposal, this application met the criteria for a hearing, therefore, consideration of the application would be continued to the next available Committee meeting to allow a hearing to take place.

The Committee decided: to note the position.

The following item was dealt with prior to item 4 on the agenda

6 Application CR/10/0156 - Erection of Smoking Shelter (Retrospective) at Whitefield Bowling and Recreation Club, Croft Road, Cambuslang

A report dated 10 August 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CR/10/0156 by Whitefield Bowling and Recreation Club for the erection of a smoking shelter (retrospective) at Whitefield Bowling and Recreation Club, Croft Road, Cambuslang.

The Committee decided: that planning application CR/10/0156 by Whitefield Bowling and Recreation Club for the erection of a smoking shelter (retrospective) at Whitefield Bowling and Recreation Club, Croft Road, Cambuslang be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 8 August 2011 by the Executive Director (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 | Halfway Sequence Dance Club, Cambuslang (CR/29/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Friends of Cambuslang Park (CR/30/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £750 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Templeton Bowling Club, Rutherglen (CR/31/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (d) | Applicant: | 10th Rutherglen Brownies (CR/32/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (e) | Applicant: | Westburn Pensioner's Group, Cambuslang (CR/33/11) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, entrance fees and administration costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (f) Applicant: Cathcart Road Orchard and Bellscroft (COB), Rutherglen
(CR/35/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Rutherglen Old People's Welfare Committee (CR/36/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (h) Applicant: Overtoun Park Bowling Club, Rutherglen (CR/37/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: Scotland Malayalee Association, Cambuslang (CR/38/11)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (j) Applicant: Cambuslang Football Club (CR/39/11)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250
- (k) Applicant: Busy Bees - Rutherglen (CR/40/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £250
- (l) Applicant: 1st Springhall Brownies (CR/42/11)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees and materials
Amount Awarded: £350
- (m) Applicant: Stonelaw Court II Social Association, Rutherglen (CR/43/11)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £250
- (n) Applicant: The Celtic Boys' Club 1999, Cambuslang (CR/44/11)
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £250

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.