

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Rutherglen Town Hall, Main Street, Rutherglen on 19 December 2017

Chair:

Councillor John Bradley

Councillors Present:

Robert Brown, Janine Calikes, Margaret Cowie, Alistair Fulton, Ann Le Blond, Martin Lennon, Katy Loudon, Carol Nugent (Depute), Margaret B Walker, Jared Wark

Councillor's Apology:

Walter Brogan

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M Muir, Roads Area Manager (Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride)

Finance and Corporate Resources

K McLeod, Administration Assistant; L Paterson, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Rutherglen and Cambuslang Citizens' Advice Bureau

S Hampson, Bureau Manager; S Brown, Outreach Worker

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 10 October 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service - Annual Review 2016/2017

The Chair intimated that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the presentation by L Grieve, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker, Education Resources had been cancelled.

Copies of documentation had been circulated which provided an update on the comprehensive range of adult, family and community based learning opportunities available within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area, which included the following:-

- ◆ Community Learning and Home School Partnership Service Annual Review 2016/2017
- ◆ issue 4 of 'Boost!', an Adult Literacy and Numeracy Newsletter
- ◆ 'Dads' 10 Years a Priority – Our stories, actions and impacts'
- ◆ Community Learning and Development across South Lanarkshire - Recipes for Success

The Chair advised members to contact L Grieve, Senior Community Learning and Home School Partnership Worker should they wish further information on any aspect of the documentation provided.

The Committee decided: that the position be noted

(Reference: Minutes of 24 January 2017 (Paragraph 3))

4 Rutherglen and Cambuslang Citizens' Advice Bureau

S Hampson, Bureau Manager and Susan Brown, Outreach Worker, Rutherglen and Cambuslang Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) provided details of the comprehensive range of services they delivered. The CAB offered free, confidential, independent and impartial advice on various issues which included the following areas:-

- ◆ benefits
- ◆ debt
- ◆ employment
- ◆ financial products and services
- ◆ housing
- ◆ legal
- ◆ relationships
- ◆ utilities and communications

Outreach clinics were held in various locations throughout the locality and, during 2016/2017, the CAB had:-

- ◆ dealt with 10,617 enquiries, 43% of which concerned benefits
- ◆ met 4,427 clients
- ◆ achieved a client financial gain of £3.12 million
- ◆ represented 60 clients at Tribunals
- ◆ managed 92 debt cases
- ◆ dealt with 507 issues involving utilities
- ◆ issued 144 Food Bank Vouchers

Information was also provided on:-

- ◆ the success of various outreach projects and initiatives which offered specialist advice and guidance
- ◆ outreach clinics held in various locations

In relation to Universal Credit (UC), the CAB's main focus was to help clients understand the process and to assist them with their claims. Details of 3 case studies were provided which highlighted successful outcomes as a result of the guidance and advice offered by the CAB.

Following the presentation, the Bureau Manager and Outreach Worker, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

5 Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report

A report dated 15 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress with roads investment activity within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area.

Details were provided on:-

- ◆ phasing of the £126 million expenditure on the Roads Investment Programme from 2008/2009 to 2018/2019
- ◆ progress made in relation to the schemes within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee area which showed that, as at 19 September 2017, 8 schemes had been completed and 33 schemes were in progress or programmed to be completed by the end of March 2018

The current capital investment of £12 million in the Roads Investment Plan would reduce to £5.5 million in 2019/2020.

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

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

[Reference: Minutes of 1 November 2016 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 4 December 2017 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:-

- (a) Applicant: Particip8 Overton, Cambuslang (CR/36/17)
Purpose of Grant: Materials and equipment
Amount Awarded: £975
- (b) Applicant: Drumsagard Village Residents' Association, Cambuslang (CR/37/17)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £598
- (c) Applicant: Cambuslang and District Voluntary Care Club (CR/38/17)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £450
- (d) Applicant: Burnside Bowling Club, Rutherglen (CR/39/17)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (e) Applicant: Burnside in Bloom, Rutherglen (CR/40/17)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Amount Awarded: £1,000
- (f) Applicant: The Women's Meeting Group, Rutherglen (CR/41/17)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £135
- (g) Applicant: Enable (Rutherglen and District Branch) (CR/42/17)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £1,000

(h) Applicant: Resourceful Ramblers, Rutherglen (CR/43/17)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport
Amount Awarded: £1,000

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.