

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 10 August 2021

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Jared Wark

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

I Guild, Grounds Manager; C McFarlane, Development Officer; M Muir, Roads Area Manager

Education Resources

J Wallace, Quality Improvement Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; K McLeod, Administration Assistant; J Queen, Community, Participation and Development Officer

Health and Social Care/Social Work Resources

I Beattie, Head of Health and Social Care; M Lynn, Community Living Manager

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
♦ Cowie	Community Grant Application:-	♦ Known to applicant
♦ Lennon	♦ Royal Burgh of Rutherglen History Group (CR/4/21)	♦ Known to Group

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee held on 11 May 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Review of Day Care Services

A report dated 13 July 2021 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted:-

- ♦ providing background information to Day Service operations during the Covid-19 pandemic
- ♦ outlining the next steps in relation to progression of recovery and continuation of the Day Services' review

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all building based Day Services for adults and older people were temporarily paused from March 2020. Since that time, an Outreach Service had been established enabling essential support to be offered within individuals' own homes and communities, taking account of national and local public health/lockdown restrictions.

In line with the Scottish Government's route map out of lockdown, plans were in place to re-open some building based access to Day Services and this commenced on 17 May 2021. At that stage, the plans accounted for groups of people from up to 3 households being permitted to meet within a public building whilst maintaining social distancing. Details of the buildings re-opened were contained in the report.

The ongoing Day Services; Review proposed that:-

- ◆ the Outreach Service should be continued as part of the modernising of Day Services
- ◆ building based support should remain available for those with the most complex needs
- ◆ a more flexible approach to allocating day opportunities' resources was required in order to be compliant with Self Directed Support (SDS) legislation

Whilst the knowledge research element of the Review of Day Services concluded that there was no optimal model for redesign, it found that ending separation from the communities that people lived in by moving away from segregated building bases constituted best practice.

The focus of consultation for a proposed model for the future would be on:-

- ◆ being fully compliant with the SDS legislation and strategic intentions
- ◆ maintaining an element of access to a building based service in each locality
- ◆ developing an individualised Outreach model
- ◆ continuing to support those with complex needs to have access to specialist services where required

A commitment to involve stakeholders in both the Review and Redesign of Adult and Older People Day Services was made at the outset of the Review. Consultation on the proposals and options arising from the Review was planned. The renewal stage of the Day Services' Review would be undertaken alongside the recovery plan and would provide an opportunity to further inform the future model. This further consultation was planned to take place with all relevant partners during August 2021.

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

Members requested that an update report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Brogan joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business

4 Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Footpaths and Roads

A report dated 20 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ the outcome and level of engagement for the Participatory Budgeting (PB) consultation exercise to identify £2 million footway/footpath and road projects
- ◆ initial/potential learning points to develop future exercises
- ◆ next steps, locations, and forthcoming communications

As part of an agreed budget, an additional £2 million had been allocated to support footway/footpath and road improvements. This investment would continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads infrastructure and footways/footpaths, including those within parks.

The predominant focus of the investment had been to target footpath improvement together with further investment to improve road conditions in South Lanarkshire. This additional sum was to be allocated across the 4 localities based on network length and would be subject to an online PB exercise which would allow communities to prioritise, on a thematic basis, where the further expenditure in their area could be targeted. It was considered appropriate to allocate 75% of the funding towards footways/footpaths and 25% towards carriageways with work to be implemented in 2021/2022. Details of how the funding had been allocated were highlighted in the report.

The consultation took place between 27 April and 11 May 2021 and had been promoted via the Council's website, social media channels and third sector networks. Separate votes were held for each of the 4 areas with separate provision within each area vote for roads and footways/footpaths. A full breakdown of participant engagement in the process and the representation levels were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Locations had been identified in line with the funding and specific locations where works would be undertaken were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Operating the first mainstream PB across the Council had identified several learning points to be considered as the process developed further and those were detailed in the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Brogan left the meeting during consideration of this item of business. Councillor Le Blond left the meeting following consideration of this item of business

5 Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Renewable Energy Fund

A report dated 9 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to the Renewable Energy Fund.

The Executive Committee, on 21 November 2018, agreed that a series of amendments be made to the Renewable Energy Fund. One amendment was the introduction of a micro grant fund in 2019/2020 of up to £5,000 per annum available to Community Councils or equivalent community organisations to award and administer small grants of up to £500 locally.

This was established for an initial 2 year period and the Community and Enterprise Committee, held on 16 February 2021, agreed to continue the micro grants after 2020/2021. 3 Community Councils within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area had been awarded micro grants in 2020/2021 and those were detailed in the report.

Awards to Community Councils for the financial year 2021/2022 were currently being processed.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 21 November 2018 (Paragraph 10) and Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 16 February 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated 25 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to Pupil Equity Funding.

146 out of 148 of schools within South Lanarkshire received Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) which was targeted at supporting pupils affected by poverty. Each school would set aside a minimum of 5% of its PEF allocation, which equated to £0.495 million, and members of the public had been asked to indicate how this should be spent. Schools would confirm the percentage that they would set aside to Education Resources by 30 August 2021 and final figures would be reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

Head Teachers had been briefed on the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process and were now identifying a staff member to lead/facilitate the process within their school. An initial training session for PB leads was delivered on 6 May 2021.

Schools were now beginning to set up a PB group, consisting of pupils and parents/carers. This group would lead PB activity in schools, consulting with stakeholders to generate ideas and facilitate the voting. Details of the stakeholders were provided in the report. All schools would have completed the PB process, with voting and spend agreed, by 8 October 2021. This information would be collated and shared at future meetings of this Committee.

Schools would then progress with the spend, ensuring that the funding was fully spent by 31 March 2021.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Le Blond re-joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business

7 Participatory Budgeting - Finance and Corporate Resources - Place Based Programme

A report dated 30 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to the Place Based Programme.

The following stakeholders had taken part in the Place Based Programme for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Participatory Budgeting (PB):-

- ◆ Springhall and Whitlawburn
- ◆ Fernhill
- ◆ Cambuslang East
- ◆ Burnhill

Stakeholders had considered a range of potential processes for PB and the report detailed the process each group had followed, including how they had engaged with their communities. The report detailed potential PB investment by each group based on the priorities of their neighbourhood plans and a list of projects which had been funded.

Participant engagement in the process was detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

The Committee decided: that the content of the report be noted.

8 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 26 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

As previously reported, the 2020/2021 year-end report considered by the Executive Committee on 23 June, included a recommendation to carry forward the unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget. This recommendation had been approved and, in relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies amounted to £15,680, which resulted in a revised total allocation for community grants for 2021/2022 of £41,430.

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

- (a) Applicant: Royal Burgh of Rutherglen History Group (CR/4/21)
Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £600

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

- (b) Applicant: Fernhill Senior Citizens' Men's Club (CR/6/21)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £350

[Reference: Minutes of 11 May 2021 (Paragraph 4)] and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 23 June 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.