

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 10 August 2022

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

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

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

C Park, Head of Roads and Transportation

Finance and Corporate Resources

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; J McCafferty, Development Officer, S Somerville, Administration Manager

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector S McGovern; Inspector K Miller

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 15 June 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland

Chief Inspector McGovern and Inspector Miller provided information on the following key priorities:-

- ♦ reducing violence and disorder
- ♦ public protection and protecting people at risk of harm
- ♦ tackling housebreaking and acquisitive harm
- ♦ reducing the harm caused by substance misuse

Chief Inspector McGovern and Inspector Miller, having responded to members' questions, were thanked for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 1 December 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Participatory Budgeting - Footpaths

A report dated 21 July 2022 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 £2.5 million of footway projects.

Following the participatory budgeting investment in carriageway and footways which had completed in 2021/2022, a second phase of investment had been agreed which would focus on the improvement of footways, making towns and villages in South Lanarkshire safer for pedestrians, supporting healthy lifestyles through physical activity, and improving the look and feel of the local environment.

£2.5 million ring-fenced investment in the Roads Capital Programme would support footway improvements which were part of the adopted footway network. This investment would continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads and related infrastructure by directing additional funds to help improve the condition of footways. Details of the split between geographical and operational areas on the footway network length were provided in the report.

Residents were asked to vote on their preference in respect of the following themes to indicate what they wished to see delivered through this fund:-

- ◆ minor and residential footways
- ◆ main and distributor footways
- ◆ footways in business areas

The consultation process was held from 22 April to 5 June 2022 and was promoted via the Council's website, social media channels and third sector networks. As in previous financial years, rather than having only a single winning theme, the available funding was allocated across all themes. 60% of funding in an area was allocated to the top scoring theme, 25% to the second top theme and 15% to the third-place theme. Voting details were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

Appendices 3 to 6 set out the specific schemes and indicative sums allocated to each theme. Those schemes had been identified using the scheme assessment criteria. This allowed officers to score potential footway schemes based on several factors, which collectively contributed towards an overall score enabling officers to prioritise the Council's resources. This ensured that funds were targeted at those footways that were in greatest need of repair based on engineering judgement.

Details of the schemes in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area were provided in Appendix 6 to the report.

The Roads Area Manager responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Neighbourhood Planning Update

A report dated 25 July 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the work carried out in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area in relation to neighbourhood planning.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP), of which the Council was a statutory partner, to identify areas within the local authority which experienced the poorest outcomes and prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for those communities.

The plans were required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities agreed by the CPP and community. In South Lanarkshire, the plans were referred to as neighbourhood plans.

At its meeting on 14 July 2017, the Community Planning Partnership Board considered the results of a statistical exercise which identified the areas which experienced the poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire relative to the South Lanarkshire average position. This had resulted in areas within 9 of the Council's 20 wards being identified as potential neighbourhood planning areas.

The Community Planning Partnership Board, at its meeting held on 11 October 2017, agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire and recognised that this approach required a longer investment of time with engagement, involvement of people and the production of the neighbourhood plans. The first 3 neighbourhood plans for the pilot areas of Hillhouse/Udston/Burnbank, Whitlawburn and Springhall, and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw were published in January 2019.

Learning points from the phase 1 areas included the recognition that each area was individual in its capacity and the priorities which it identified and that the work carried out in neighbourhoods, as a result, required to be individualised. In September 2019, the Community Planning Partnership Board agreed that the neighbourhood planning process be rolled out in further areas, including Burnhill and Cambuslang East. Plans for those areas were produced in March 2020 and published just as the COVID-19 pandemic began. Fernhill was added in 2020, although, as a result of the pandemic, engagement was limited and work only began seriously in 2021. Legislation required that reports were produced on a yearly basis identifying progress made on the plans.

Annual reports had been produced for the Burnhill, Cambuslang East, Springhall and Whitlawburn and Fernhill areas for 2021/2022 and those were attached as appendices 1 to 4 to the report.

Highlights of the work undertaken in relation to each of the neighbourhood plans were outlined in the report. Progress had been made on delivering actions against the top priorities of all areas and, in all areas, the number of local people participating in the neighbourhood planning processes had increased.

As the number of neighbourhood plans increased, locality priorities would begin to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities and linking them to the Community Planning process in a more strategic manner.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the progress made in respect of neighbourhood planning be noted; and
- (2) that the annual reports which had been produced for the neighbourhood plans within the area be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 5 October 2021 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 25 July 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for a community grant.

The Committee decided:

that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Third Lanark Football Academy 2007, Rutherglen (CR/6/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair referred to the forthcoming retirement of Lynn Paterson, joint Clerk to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee. She thanked Lynn for her support and hard work and wished her well for the future.