

CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 14 December 2021

Chair:

Councillor Carol Nugent

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley (Depute), Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

T Finn, Planning and Building Standards Manager (Headquarters); C Park, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

Education Resources

L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

Housing and Technical Resources

R Hart, Regeneration and Private Sector Co-ordinator; J Read, Strategy Co-ordinator

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Cowie	Community Grant Application:- ♦ Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen (CR/12/21)	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 5 October 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Potential Use of Derelict Brownfield Sites in the Strategic Housing Investment Programme

A report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on:-

- ♦ the current status of the Council's Affordable Housing Programme in relation to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area
- ♦ South Lanarkshire Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for 2022 to 2027 and ongoing work towards development of the draft SHIP for 2023 to 2028
- ♦ recent development within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area led through the planning system

- ♦ ongoing work, including work with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), to deliver new sites

At its meeting on 23 February 2021, the Committee requested an update on the potential use of derelict brownfield sites in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

The SHIP was developed with input from Planning Services, Finance and developing partner RSLs across the area. The most recent SHIP had been approved by Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 29 September 2021 and identified 82 sites with the capacity to achieve delivery of 2,606 affordable units across South Lanarkshire.

Over the past 20 years, the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area had experienced an increase in new housing development. The Council's spatial strategy aimed to encourage sustainable economic growth and regeneration, including through the regeneration of vacant brownfield land and the provision of an adequate supply of land for housing for all tenures.

Major building activity was currently ongoing across various parts of the area and additional social rented housing stock had been constructed or was under construction. This was in addition to the upgrade of existing stock and the replacement of housing stock, assessed as no longer fit for purpose, by new development either by the Council itself or by RSLs. Details of the completed, current and future sites identified within the SHIP were contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

Over the next 5 years, it was anticipated that several sites currently under construction would be completed. The next Local Development Plan would bring forward additional development opportunities to meet housing need and demand. The focus would continue to be on the redevelopment of brownfield sites while, at the same time, meeting sustainability and climate change principles rather than relying on greenfield sites that were car centric.

The Council's Housing team worked closely with Planning Services to ensure that appropriate sites were brought forward to meet social rented housing land supply target, including land being developed by the Council as well as RSLs and developers, to ensure major housing developments contributed to affordable housing provision.

Officers:-

- ♦ responded to members' questions
- ♦ undertook to circulate plans of specific sites to those members who had requested them
- ♦ encouraged members to advise of potential sites to be investigated for housing development

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 February 2021 (Paragraph 4) and Minutes of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 29 September 2021 (Paragraph 14)]

4 Participatory Budgeting – Education Resources

A report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Schools within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area had allocated £127,352.78 of their £1.470 million PEF allocation for participatory budgeting (PB). A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for participatory budgeting. A further school-by-school breakdown was outlined in Appendix 3 to the report.

Schools had undertaken a rigorous consultation process with stakeholders led by a Participatory Budgeting Stakeholder Group in each school. Examples of the ways in which stakeholders' views and ideas had been collected by schools were provided in the report and schools had engaged stakeholders in the voting process. Electronic and paper-based voting, as well as more hands-on options, were used by establishments based on their own intelligence in meeting the needs of their stakeholders. The outcome of the vote for each school was provided in Appendix 3. The distribution of votes by stakeholders across the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area was provided in Appendix 4. Newton Farm Primary School data, which had been requested at the previous meeting of the Committee, was provided in Appendix 5.

Schools were now progressing with their spend to ensure the minimum 5% was spent in full by the end of March 2022. Some schools had communicated that their PB Stakeholder Group would continue to lead this across the school, further consulting with stakeholders on the detail of the proposed spend. The Equity Team was currently gathering specific school examples of good practice which would be collated into case studies. This would be shared at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 5 October 2021 (Paragraph 7)]

5 Participatory Budgeting – Housing and Technical Resources

A report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting in relation to the 2021/2022 Estate Improvement Budget for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

The Estate Improvement Budget totalled £40,000 and was split across the four housing divisions of South Lanarkshire. Each local housing management team could direct the funding towards projects or improvements highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services.

£10,000 was available for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. This was allocated to provide a participatory budgeting approach to fund a number of smaller projects that had been highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services. A range of consultation and engagement activities had been progressed, including a walkabout of the area involving residents, elected members and Council officers, which had identified projects and improvements. The cost of the projects identified amounted to £4,904.87 and the projects selected for implementation were detailed in the report.

Consultation would continue to take place between the Council and residents to identify suitable projects for the remainder of the 2021/2022 Estate Improvement Budget for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. Details of projects identified would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 29 September 2021 (Paragraph 17)]

6 Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZ) Consultation

A report dated 24 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the results of the completed Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs) Consultation.

RPPZs were generally located in proximity to high demand parking areas, such as town centres and train stations, allowing residents, their visitors, and tradespeople to park easily or, in some areas, without paying a parking charge.

As part of the 2021/2022 budget setting exercise, a charge for parking permits was considered and agreed at the Executive Committee on 10 March 2021. This was implemented as permits were being renewed over the normal 2-year cycle. This charging approach directly linked to an Audit Scotland report encouraging councils to better understand costs and seek to recover them where discretionary services were being provided.

At the full Council meeting on 22 September 2021, a motion relating to Parking Permit Charges was tabled and it was subsequently agreed that consultation with residents living in current RPPZ areas would be undertaken. Charging for permits was suspended pending the outcome of the consultation exercise being reported to the relevant committees.

Details were given on:-

- ◆ the consultation process which involved asking households if they wished to remain in an RPPZ and pay a £5 per year administration charge or whether they wished to have their RPPZ removed
- ◆ the return rate for each of the 6 towns/areas consulted
- ◆ the split between paying and retaining or removing the zone across the 6 towns/areas

Of the households within Cambuslang and Rutherglen which responded to the consultation, the outcome was as follows:-

- ◆ Cambuslang - 97% of respondents wished to pay and retain the zone while 3% wished to have the zone removed
- ◆ Rutherglen – 90% of respondents wished to pay and retain the zone while 10% wished to have the zone removed

As agreed at the Council meeting held on 22 September 2021, the results of the consultation were now subject to consideration by the 4 Area Committees prior to each Area Committee providing a recommendation to a future meeting of the Executive Committee on whether to accept the findings of the consultation and continue to provide permit zones with a £5 administration charge (£10 over 2 years) for the permits.

The Committee decided: that the view of the Committee, namely, that the findings of the consultation be accepted and that the Council continue to provide permit zones with an administration charge for the permits for 2 years be recommended to the Executive Committee.

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 23 March 2020 (Paragraph 8), Minutes of the Executive Committee of 24 June 2020 (Paragraph 3) and Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 22 September 2021 (Paragraph 7)]

7 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 29 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

In view of the fact that this was the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year and to allow best use to be made of the remaining 2021/2022 community grant budget, it was proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2022. Those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting for noting.

The Committee decided:-

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

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| (a) | Applicant: | Clyde Cycle Park SCIO, Rutherglen (CR/10/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £1,000 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Burnside in Bloom, Rutherglen (CR/11/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental project |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Fernhill Kids Playscheme, Rutherglen (CR/12/21) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

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

- (2) that, to ensure that the remaining 2021/2022 community grant budget was utilised as fully as possible, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve community grant applications in the period to 31 March 2022, subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for the receipt of funding; and
- (3) that the details of those applications approved be reported to a future meeting for noting.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.