

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING on THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2018 at 10.00 am

Present

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Douglas DODDS

Councillor Jeremy MCDONALD

Councillor Scott FARMER

Councillor Susan MCGILL (Substitute)

Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON

In Attendance

Carol Beattie, Director of Children, Communities & Enterprise

Jim Boyle, Chief Officer – Finance (Localities & Infrastructure)

Martin Dalziel, Senior Media Officer (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Anne Ferguson, Senior Manager Economic Development & Regeneration (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager Regeneration and Wellbeing (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Kristine Johnson, Chief Officer – HR&OD (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Drew Leslie, Service Manager Infrastructure Delivery (Localities & Infrastructure)

Lynne McKinley, Community Engagement Team Leader (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Fiona McLean, Culture and Archives Team Leader (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Alan Milliken, Senior Manager Communities & People (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Stuart Oliver, Service Manager Economic Growth and Events (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Louise Reid-Thomas, Estates Surveyor (Localities & Infrastructure)

Keir Stevenson, Place Development Manager (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Karen Swan, Committee Officer (Localities & Infrastructure) (Minutes)

Gillian Taylor, Partnerships and Localities Co-ordinator (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Margaret Wallace, Service Manager Safer Connected Communities (Children, Communities & Enterprise)

Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Localities & Infrastructure) (Clerk)

Also in Attendance

Andrew Bain, Chief Executive Active Stirling

Matt Bunnell, Head of Health & Wellbeing Active Stirling

Agenda

The Convener intimated his intention to alter the order of the Agenda. The items were taken in order minuted below.

CR42 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted for Councillor Maureen Bennison. Councillor Susan McGill was in attendance as substitute.

CR43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Susan McGill declared an interest as a Non-Executive Member of Forth Valley NHS Board and in agenda Item 17 (Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum: Update Report) as a Trustee of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum.

Councillor Chris Kane declared an interest in agenda Item 10 (Asset Transfer Requests) as a member of Braehead and Broomridge Community Trust and agenda Item 17 (Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum: Update Report) as a Trustee of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum.

The Committee resolved under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6, 9 and 6, respectively, of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

CR44 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

The Convener intimated his intention to take the following report as Urgent Business due to the time critical nature of the submission to hold the event.

International Cross Country Championships & Winter Run 2019-2021

The report summarised the opportunity for Stirling to host the International Cross Country Championship and Winter Run for an initial three year period 2019-2021 after Edinburgh City Council decided to cease financial support for the event after 13 year period.

The event was one of Event Scotland's signature events, bringing major economic impact, global media coverage including live television coverage and presented significant opportunity for sport, health and well-being benefits.

The Members were enthusiastic about the prospect of holding such an event.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to approve the staging of the International Cross Country Championships & Winter Run in Stirling for the three years 2019-2021 at the annual cost of £50k; and
2. to submit a report to a future Community, Planning & Regeneration Committee on the local participation of the above event.

(Reference: Report by Director of Children, Communities and Enterprise dated 28 March 2018, submitted)

The remainder of the meeting was taken in public.

CR45 MINUTES – 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 1 November 2018 were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

CR46 TACKLING POVERTY: DIGITAL INCLUSION – UNIVERSAL CREDIT GROWTH MONIES PROPOSAL

The report updated the Committee on work underway to examine the impacts of full roll out of Universal Credit in the Stirling area. It reported specifically on the digital exclusion findings of the Universal Credit Short Life Working Group and the recommended measures for spend of the Budget Growth monies allocated towards Universal Credit mitigation.

A number of Council services already provided support for digital access. These include the Learning and Employability Team, Library Services, Advice Services and Housing Services.

Following Members' questions, the Service Manager Regeneration and Wellbeing confirmed digital inclusion was a critical factor and that outdated computer systems would be updated to allow access.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to approve the initial proposals for spend of the growth monies allocated to mitigate the impact of Universal Credit; and
2. to ask officers to continue to identify opportunities to add to growth monies to aid longer term sustainability of the proposals offered for spend in year 2018/19.

(Reference: Report by Interim Senior Manager Economic Development and Regeneration (Children, Communities and Enterprise) dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

CR47 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – LEADERSHIP GROUP UPDATE

The Stirling Community Planning Partnership (CCP) Leadership Group led and directed the Community Planning process in Stirling and ensured that their partner agencies worked in collaboration to achieve the best possible outcomes for the residents of Stirling.

The community planning process was currently going through a period of substantial change in order to comply with the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act.

The partnership had recently been expanded and now comprised of leaders from key public agencies working in Stirling. There was also representation from Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise (SVE).

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update report.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Communities & People (Children, Communities and Enterprise) dated 20 March 2018, submitted)

CR48 ACTIVE STIRLING: UPDATE REPORT

The report evidenced Following the Public Pound compliance. The report offered an overview of the work of Active Stirling according to current contract specifications.

The Convener invited the Chief Executive and Head of Health and Wellbeing for Active Stirling to review the performance information appended at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Following a number of questions addressed to both Chief Executive and Head of Health & Wellbeing (Active Stirling), the Committee noted that Active Stirling took a flexible approach to the care experienced young people and a 'buddy' accessing the Peak. They also supported hard to reach schools programmes to support young people.

The Committee thanked Active Stirling's Chief Executive and Head of Health & Wellbeing for attending the meeting.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update report.

(Reference: Report by Interim Senior Manager Economic Development & Regeneration (Children, Communities and Enterprise) dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

CR49 PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REPORT

The report presented the latest recorded information on performance indicators and strategic priorities that were currently overseen by the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee.

Appendix 1 to the submitted report reflected the indicators and priorities inherited by the Committee and was the last to be presented in this format. Future reports would incorporate a revised Committee scorecard reflecting new priorities and appropriate indicators.

These revised scorecards would capture the priorities of the new five year Business Plan, and the performance indicators identified at service level considered to be relevant in support the Committee to assess performance towards achieving those priorities.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that reports on Community Group Funds and Integrated Advice Services would be submitted to a future meeting of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee. It was also noted that the monthly figures on museums would be circulated to Members of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Interim Senior Manager Economic Development & Regeneration (Children, Communities and Enterprise) dated 20 March 2018, submitted)

CR50 DRAFT INCLUSIVE GROWTH FRAMEWORK

The report offered for consideration a draft Inclusive Growth Framework for Stirling. Agreement was sought to develop the draft Framework further, including a consultation process with Services and Community Planning partners.

Inclusive Growth was now a driving force nationally and locally. The Scottish Government were heavily signalling a shift to inclusive economic growth, especially within City Region Deal Agreements. Locally, Stirling Community Planning Partnership had recently agreed a new local outcomes improvement plan – to be known as the Stirling Plan, which had shared commitment to delivering inclusive growth as its focus.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that an update report on Inclusive Growth Framework would be submitted to Community Planning & Regeneration Committee on 6 September 2018.

Decision

The Committee agreed: -

1. the draft Inclusive Growth Framework for further consultation and engagement; and
2. to receive a report on a finalised Framework at a future meeting.

(Reference: Report by Interim Senior Manager Economic Development & Regeneration (Children, Communities and Enterprise) dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

Councillor MacPherson left the meeting.

CR51 STIRLINGSHIRE VOLUNTARY ENTERPRISE: UPDATE REPORT

The report evidenced Following the Public Pound compliance. The report offered an overview of the work of Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise (SVE) against the agreed Service Level Agreement.

Appendix 1 to the submitted report gave a full detail of performance against the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and also examples of the range of activity provided by the Third Sector Interface across a number of key areas, including supporting Volunteers Week and the inaugural Stirling Volunteer Festival.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

1. to note the update report;
2. to move to an annual report cycle, instead of the current six months; and
3. to note the move to three year funding cycle.

(Reference: Report by Director of Children, Communities and Enterprise dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

CR52 STIRLING COUNCIL: CANDIDATE MUNICIPALITY FOR EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL 2020

The report sought authority to work in partnership with Volunteer Scotland and other stakeholders to prepare a bid for Stirling to be recognised as European Volunteering Capital 2020. The bid would be presented to a future meeting for final approval before being submitted by the deadline of 29 June 2018.

Stirling Council had a very strong credibility in its volunteer development work, and had created the foundation for taking a national lead in achieving 50% volunteer participation, including employee volunteering. Stirling aimed to be Scotland's first Volunteering City and Council wide area.

European Volunteering Capital status offered a number of high profile opportunities along with a very significant local based community engagement approaches and wide ranging events.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

1. that Stirling Council would be the lead partner in a co-designed bid to become European Volunteering Capital 2020; and
2. to receive a draft bid at its meeting in May 2018 in advance of submission of the final Candidate Municipality Bid to the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) by 29 June 2018.

(Reference: Report by Director of Children, Communities and Enterprise dated 28 February 2018, submitted)

At 11.50 am the Committee adjourned for a 10 minutes comfort break.

The meeting reconvened at 12 noon with previously noted Members present with the exception of Councillor MacPherson who had left the meeting.

CR53 ASSET TRANSFER REQUESTS

The report provided an overview of the Council approach to the Asset Transfer provision within Part 5 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 17 June 2015. The bill provided a legal framework which would promote and encourage community empowerment, including ownership of public assets.

The Asset Transfer process allowed a community body to make a request to buy, lease or occupy any land or buildings owned by the authority if they considered that they could make better use of the asset. The report outlined the process and governance arrangements in line with the requirement of the Act, and provided an update on initial activities since the Act came into effect in January 2017.

Following discussion, the Committee Members highlighted concerns and requested that additional work be completed on the process of the first two stages on Asset Transfer Requests.

Decision

The Committee agreed: -

1. to note the process and arrangements; and
2. to note the requirement for an annual report to be published by 30 June 2018, providing information on requests for the previous financial year.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Infrastructure (Localities & Infrastructure) dated 6 March 2018, submitted)

CR54 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT – PARTICIPATION REQUESTS

The report updated Committee on the process which had been put in place for Participation Requests, as required by the guidance issued for Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

There were 4 stages in the Participation Request process: Making a Participation Request, Making a decision on the participation request, the Outcome Improvement Process and Reporting, with timescales attached to each stage.

A Participation request could only be made by a Community Participation Body, these were defined as:

- A community controlled body
- A community council

- A community body without a written constitution; or a body designated by the Scottish Ministers.

A Participation Request process that set out each stage of the process was submitted as Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update on the process for Participation Requests.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Communities & People (Children, Communities & Enterprise) dated 20 March 2018, submitted)

CR55 MCLAREN COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE: UPDATE REPORT

The report evidenced Following the Public Pound compliance. The report offered an overview of the work of McLaren Community Leisure Centre according to current contract specifications.

McLaren Community Leisure Centre (MCLC) and Stirling Council shared a User Agreement to enable the Council to use space within the centre for physical education provision for students of McLaren High School. Information in Appendix 1 to the submitted report gave financial activity summary for December 2017 and Year to Date.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update report.

(Reference: Report by Interim Senior Manager Economic Development & Regeneration (Children, Communities & Enterprise) dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

Councillor McGill left the meeting.

CR56 RAPLOCH URBAN REGENERATION COMPANY: STIRLING COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE: UPDATE REPORT

The report evidenced Following the Public Pound compliance. The report offered an overview of the work of Stirling Community Enterprise against the agreed Service Level Agreement.

The Council had a four year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Stirling Community Enterprise. The agreed specification enabled delivery of employability programmes and interventions supporting people from across the Council area who had multiple barriers to employment.

The meeting noted that the remit had developed beyond solely the Raploch area and now encompassed the Stirling area as a whole.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update report.

(Reference: Report by Director of Children, Communities & Enterprise dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

CR57 SISTEMA SCOTLAND: BIG NOISE RAPLOCH: UPDATE REPORT

The report evidenced Following the Public Pound compliance. The report offered an overview of the work of Sistema Scotland Big Noise Raploch in the context of the current Partnership Agreement.

The Council had a five year Partnership Agreement with Sistema Scotland since 2016. The Agreement was due to end in March 2018 and the Committee had previously agreed a revised approach going forward.

In response to Members' questions, the Service Manager Regeneration and Wellbeing confirmed that further indicators would be determined and brought back within an update report to Community Planning & Regeneration Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update report.

(Reference: Report by Director of Children, Communities & Enterprise dated 19 February 2018, submitted)

CR58 STIRLING SMITH ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM: UPDATE REPORT

The report evidenced Following the Public Pound compliance. The report offered an overview of the work of Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum against the agreed Service Specification.

As an active partner of the Stirling's Partnership for Culture, the Smith was a proposed project within the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal. They also worked closely with the Economic Growth Service around funding options and new opportunities.

The Culture and Archives Team Leader advised the Committee that the existing Director of Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum would be retiring after 20 years' service. The meeting noted she would be sorely missed and agreed that the new Director (once in post) be invited to a future meeting to put forward the future vision for the Gallery and Museum.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the updated report.

(Reference: Report by Director of Children, Communities & Enterprise dated 20 March 2018, submitted)

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 12.55 pm