

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING, on THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019 at 10 am

Present

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Maureen BENNISON
Councillor Douglas DODDS

Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON
Councillor Jeremy MCDONALD
Councillor Evelyn TWEED (substitute)

In Attendance

Lorraine Don, Localities & Partnership Co-ordinator (Interim)
Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing
Graham Gibson, Senior Media Officer
Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
Fiona McLean, Culture and Quality Team Leader
Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Clerk)
Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

Also In Attendance

Andrew Bain, Active Stirling
Matt Bunnell, Active Stirling
Jude Deacons, Active Stirling
Ruth Currie, Place Partnership Manager

CR106 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Scott Farmer. Councillor Evelyn Tweed was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Farmer.

CR107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CR108 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

There were no items of urgent business.

CR109 MINUTES – 31 JANUARY 2019

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 31 January 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings.

CR110 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Committee agreed to note the Rolling Action Log subject to the comments column for CR88 08/11/18 being updated to state: Report to be submitted to next committee meeting.

Additional item to be included for the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – Advice Demand Overview Report, deferred from 31 January 2019 to be submitted to a future meeting.

CR111 ACTIVE STIRLING: PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The report served as the performance reporting information required from Arm's Length External Organisations, (ALEOs), as part of the Council's audit regime. The report updated Committee on the performance of Active Stirling for the period April - December 2018, against the Service Specification within the current Contract.

Active Stirling officers provided a presentation and Jude Deacons, Community Activation Manager advised that Active Stirling were changing lives through Sport and Physical Activity. With Schools and Education, Physical Education Physical Education & Sport (PEPAS) was embedded within all schools, educational establishments and communities across Stirling. Club and Community Physical Activity and Sport where clubs and communities ensure high quality, inclusive and sustainable sport and physical activity opportunities for all. Active and Healthy Lifestyles by ensuring inclusive opportunities were available for all of Stirling's citizens and improving wellbeing and tackling inequality.

The work in conjunction with Forth Valley Recovery Community (FVRC) had provided opportunities for Members to:

- Try an activity with support and no expense
- Discover or rediscover a talent or love
- Build physical strength and coordination after addiction
- Build confidence
- Build trust in others
- Be challenged
- Have fun and make new friends
- Move on out into the wider community
- Pass on skills to others
- Obtain personal development, training and work opportunities

Following a Member query regarding the high attendance numbers from Stirling East Ward, Active Stirling officers agreed to provide further detail on the high number of users.

Discussion took place around the attendance at different venues compared to the Peak and it was agreed that a report on the delivery of all Sports Strategy would be submitted to a future meeting.

A Member highlighted that Appendix 1 Item 7 Areas required to be adjusted and officers agreed to make the required amendments.

Decision

The Committee noted the performance update information.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Economic Development Culture & Tourism, dated 18 February 2019, submitted).

CR112 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP: UPDATE

The report updated on recent work undertaken within the Community Planning Partnership to progress implementation of the Stirling Plan. Within this reporting period, notable areas of activity from within the CPP thematic groups included significant progress in community learning and development, via the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Collaborative.

The Council had recently appointed internally to a six month fixed term post to prioritise support and development of the Community Planning Partnership.

Following a Member request it was agreed that detail on what the Group had done would be included in the Annual Report.

Decision

The Committee noted the update information.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 1 March 2019, submitted).

CR113 PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT

The report presented the recommended performance indicators to be reported to Community Planning and Regeneration Committee, in line with Council Priorities.

A review of the scorecard was underway, mainly to reduce the number of annual indicators and replace with relevant quarterly information. The future scorecard would allow for more regular scrutiny. The review would also assess the value of all indicators currently reported in enabling the Committee to carry out its function.

Following a Member query, officers agreed to provide the geographical split of Number of Skills and Employability Programme Outcomes Delivered to Councillor MacPherson.

Discussion took place around the specific events which would increase attendance at the Smith Museum and Art Gallery and officers agreed to provide further detail on number of visits to Councillor McDonald.

Following a Member request it was agreed that the number of Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion programme outcomes delivered target be amended to take account of slow down during the festive season.

Decision

The Committee noted the performance indicators within the Committee Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 22 February 2019, submitted).

CR114 WINTERFEST UPDATE

The purpose of the Report was to provide Committee with details on Stirling's Winterfest Programme for 2018 including analysis from event evaluations and outline ideas for 2019. Event feedback included positive comments on the safe environment and friendly atmosphere, as well as the fireworks displays provided by 21CC.

There was an aspiration to grow the Winterfest Programme for 2019, taking into account feedback from partner agencies, participants and other key stakeholders, with a need to generate more income through sponsorship and external funding sources. Working closely with the Business Development Officer the Service would explore sponsorship opportunities for the Winterfest programme for 2019, building on existing relationships and identifying new opportunities. The Service would also engage early with EventScotland to discuss Winterfest funding opportunities for 2019.

There had been early discussions with the BID Director of GO Forth Stirling to work together with local businesses to develop a more engaging programme of festive family friendly activities throughout the city centre, in particular around the Christmas Light Switch On event. The potential to work with partners to run a fun festive sporting event during the Winterfest period would also be explored.

If new external funding could be sourced it would be the intention to bring in a higher profile act for the Hogmanay event whilst keeping the same successful format and family friendly focus. The addition of the Wallace Monument Fireworks Display would also be explored. The capacity on the esplanade could also be increased for each event to generate more income.

Motion

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1. to note the success of the Stirling Winterfest Programme 2018 and the associated cultural and economic benefits it brought to Stirling; and
2. that officers progress with planning and delivering the programme for Winterfest 2019 using existing economic growth budgets and in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee."

Proposed by Councillor Chris Kane and seconded by Councillor Maureen Bennison

Amendment

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with the Convener, Vice Convener of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee and Opposition Spokesperson.”

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Dodds and seconded by Councillor Jeremy McDonald

On the roll being called the Members present voted as follows:-

For the Amendment (2)

Councillor Douglas Dodds
Councillor Jeremy McDonald

Against the Amendment (4)

Councillor Maureen Bennison
Councillor Evelyn Tweed
Councillor Chris Kane
Councillor Alasdair MacPherson

The Amendment fell by 4 votes to 2 votes

For the Motion (4)

Councillor Maureen Bennison
Councillor Evelyn Tweed
Councillor Chris Kane
Councillor Alasdair MacPherson

Against the Motion (2)

Councillor Douglas Dodds
Councillor Jeremy McDonald

The Motion was carried by 4 votes to 2 votes

Decision

The Committee agreed:

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2. that officers progress with planning and delivering the programme for Winterfest 2019 using existing economic growth budgets and in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 20 February 2019, submitted).

In accordance with Standing Order 42, the Panel adjourned at 11.50 am for a comfort break.

The meeting reconvened at 11.55 am. Elected Members (previously noted) with the exception of Councillor Bennison, who left at the comfort break, were present.

CR115 STIRLING PLACE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The report outlined an update on Stirling Place Partnership, funded by Creative Scotland, Stirling Council and cultural partners. Delivering the Stirling Place Partnership Plan was an action within the Cultural Strategy for Stirling (2016 – 2020).

Ruth Currie, Place Partnership Manager provided a presentation which outlined updates on the following areas:

- Creative Hub
- Cultural Connectors
- Cultural Commissions
- Culture Symposium

A review of Place Partnership would take place with cultural partners, including Creative Scotland, taking account of the progress so far, learning and priorities coming forward from the creative sector. This would inform the Place Partnership Plan for year 2.

Discussion took place around monitoring and recoding KPIs, with officers advising that this would be a robust framework over different levels such as:

- Business/Job Creation
- Improvement of Cultural Lives
- Impact on Disadvantaged Families
- Health & Wellbeing Improvements

Following a Member query around the operation of the Men's Shed and creating a space that did not eliminate people, officers confirmed that a space had been created for inclusion of all individuals including women, taking into account their individual needs and specific projects.

Members highlighted the excellent work and facilities which had been created and hoped for positive progression.

Decision

The Committee noted the progress of the Stirling Place Partnership to date.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 19 March 2019, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 12.30pm