

## **STIRLING COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING, on THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 10 am**

### **Present**

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Maureen BENNISON  
Councillor Douglas DODDS

Councillor Scott FARMER  
Councillor Jeremy MCDONALD

### **In Attendance**

Elaine Brown, Lead Officer Clackmannanshire and Stirling ADP  
Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing  
Mark Henderson, Media Officer  
Lynne McKinley, Team Leader  
Fiona McLean, Culture and Quality Team Leader  
Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism  
Scott Ross, Portfolio and Business Manager  
David McDougall, Governance Officer (Clerk)  
Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

### **Also In Attendance**

Caroline Mathers, Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum  
Natalie Masterson, Stirling Voluntary Enterprise

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

### **CR129 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Alasdair MacPherson.

### **CR130 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **CR131 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **CR132 MINUTES – 30 MAY 2019**

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 30 May 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings.

## **CR133 ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Committee agreed to note the Rolling Action Log

## **CR134 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.

Officers noted that due to the reporting period, indicators that were complete were showing as red but this would be amended for future reports.

Members highlighted that libraries were performing well and they were a highly valued community service. Councillor Dodds requested that his congratulations were passed on to the library within Ward 3.

Officers responded to a number of questions from Members and provided further detail on items within the report.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the performance of reported indicators within the Committee Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 27 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR135 THE STIRLING SMITH ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM – SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT**

The report provided Committee with an update on the activity, new developments and performance of the Smith Museum and Art Gallery over the last six months.

The Convener welcomed Caroline Mathers to the meeting and it was noted that Caroline had been in post since Dr King's retirement. Caroline Mathers introduced herself to the meeting and noted some of the changes that had taken place at the Smith over the last year.

Members highlighted that it was important for the Smith not to lose the Stirling identity and the important Stirling stories and Caroline Mathers stated that she did not believe that the Stirling stories would be lost within the Smith.

Officers responded to a number of questions from Members and provided further detail on items within the report.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 27 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR136 CITY OF VOLUNTEERING 2020**

The report offered for consideration a suggested approach to delivering Stirling's ambition to become a City and Council area that values volunteers and volunteering; actively works to increase the numbers of volunteers; and provide supportive and varied opportunities for volunteers and volunteering organisations. The report also suggested where the 2019/20 Volunteering Growth monies could be best spent in support of this ambition.

The Convener passed on his thanks to Natalie Masterson and her colleagues within Volunteer Scotland for their work and the recent inspiring Volunteer Awards.

Natalie Masterson advised that Volunteer Scotland were aiming for a 50% increase in people participating in volunteering. Within deprived communities, the volunteering level was sitting below the national average, the service wanted to work within these communities to alleviate the barriers.

Officers highlighted that the Council's Volunteering Policy was in draft and would be presented to committee for approval.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the contents of the report; and
2. the use of the Volunteering Growth monies as specified at paragraph 2.5 of the report.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 27 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR137 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP: UPDATE**

The report provided a summary of recent activity within the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

The reporting structure to the leadership forums had been revised to provide stronger lines of accountability and clarity of purpose for all sub partnerships within the CPP. Sub partnerships had been aligned to the four outcomes of the Stirling Plan; and exception reporting to the Executive Group would be delivered by these sub partnerships against each outcome.

The Stirling Plan Annual Report had been completed and would be reported to Council for approval in October 2019. A first draft high-level action plan for ongoing delivery of the Stirling Plan had been agreed and was now being progressed to Specific,

Measurable, Relevant and Timebound (SMART) tasks by the Senior Officer Group. The SMART plan would be reported to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee in November 2019.

A procurement exercise had been undertaken to bring in an external provider to deliver locality action plans for the Council and the CPP. Eight locality action plans with and for the communities of Plean, Raploch, Cornton, Cultenhove, Fallin, Cowie, Mercat Cross and City Centre; and Bannockburn and Hillpark would be delivered by December 2019.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 21 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR138 CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK – 7-13 OCTOBER 2019**

Challenge Poverty Week was introduced in Scotland in 2013. Led by The Poverty Alliance, the week long campaign was designed to highlight the growing problem of poverty in Scotland and to showcase work being done across Scotland to address poverty. The national campaign had cross party support and The Poverty Alliance were seeking an increased level of participation from local authorities in 2019.

Taking part in Challenge Poverty Week allowed the Council to promote the work being done in support of Council priority B: 'We will target all forms of poverty across our communities and mitigate the impact of austerity and welfare cuts on those hit the hardest.'

Members noted that the report highlighted the things that the Council were doing well but there had to be a reviewed appreciation of what work was still needed to tackle poverty. Officers agreed to provide a further report to January 2020 Committee meeting highlighting the work to promote the Council's efforts.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:

1. support participation in Challenge Poverty Week 2019;
2. participation in the events detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; and
3. delegate authority to the Senior Manager, Economic Development and Communities, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, to agree the detail of any additional events and activities that would be supported.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 27 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR139 YOUR PLACE, YOUR PRIORITIES – ONE YEAR ON**

The purpose of the report was to provide a final report on Your Place, Your Priorities (small grants participatory budgeting) which included information on each project that was awarded funding.

It was noted that the report was to update the Committee but future reports would be presented to either Finance & Economy Committee or Council.

Members gave their thanks to the Community Engagement Team for their work as this was a great opportunity for smaller organisations to engage in the community.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note the content of the final report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 21 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR140 DRUG RELATED DEATHS IN SCOTLAND (2018)**

The report highlighted the rising trend in drug related deaths. The report also provided an overview of current actions being undertaken to respond to drug related deaths (DRDs) in Stirling, and highlighted the need for continuing collaborative action to be considered by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

It was noted that there was positive partnership working with police to help identify trends and also real time information from other local authorities.

Following a member query regarding future reporting, officers agreed to submit a further report to the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee in January 2020.

The Convener highlighted that as an organisation the Council required to ensure that it was being proactive and requested an additional recommendation be included. It was agreed that this would be included as point 5 of the decision.

Discussion took place around members receiving further information and it was agreed that a Members Briefing would be held.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the contents of the report;
2. note that the issue would also be discussed at the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP);
3. recommend that the Stirling CPP prioritised discussion on this issue at its November meeting;
4. recommend that the Health and Social Care Partnership also prioritised consideration at its November meeting; and
5. task officers to audit the proactive and reactive performance of Council Services to ensure they were currently doing all they could to tackle this issue.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 27 August 2019, submitted).

## **CR141 ADVICE SERVICES REVIEW AND OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

The report advised Committee the progress made to Review internal advice services, and recommended next steps in options appraisal.

The Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism advised that the review had concluded and the information would be reviewed.

Members emphasised the importance for employees and trade unions to be engaged in the process at all times.

It was noted that updates would be reported to future meetings of Community Planning & Regeneration Committee.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:

1. note that the Review and Options Appraisal was complete; and
2. note that the Options Appraisal would now be progressed as appropriate by relevant Senior Managers.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Economic Development and Communities, dated 30 August 2019, submitted).

**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 items of business on the grounds they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 13, of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.**

## **CR142 STIRLING MARATHON**

The report presented Committee with a proposal for a replacement marathon event following on from the recent decision by the Great Run Company to cease staging the Great Stirling Run. The report sought agreement from the Committee to enter into a three year agreement with a new event organiser for a new marathon event.

Following a Member query the Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism provided further detail and background to the event organiser. It was highlighted that previous concerns around branding, route, prize, road closures and security were either addressed or being addressed and all decisions would be subject to a multi-agency sign off.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:

1. Stirling Council Officers proceeding with plans to develop a new marathon event in place of the previous Great Stirling Run; and
2. delegate authority to the Senior Manager for Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in Consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of Community Planning and Regeneration along with the Chief Governance Officer, to negotiate and agree suitable terms and then sign a contractual agreement with the proposed event organiser.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 27 August 2019, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 12.15pm

