

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE held as a Virtual Meeting via MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021 at 10.00 am

Present

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Douglas DODDS

Councillor Scott FARMER

Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON

Councillor Jeremy MCDONALD

Councillor Susan MCGILL

In Attendance

Crawford Bell, Community Development Manager

Elaine Brown, Localities & Partnerships Co-ordinator

Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing

Ed Gibbon, Team Leader (Adult Learning)

Graham Gibson, Media Officer

Steven MacDonald, Economic Development Team Leader

Isabel McKnight, Chief Operating Officer Communities and Performance

Fiona McLean, Culture and Events Manager

Bruce McClure, Senior Manager, Delivery of CRD

Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism

Jean Houston, Governance Officer (Clerk)

Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

Also Present

Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)

Recording of meeting started

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor Kane as Convener of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting via MS Teams. He updated the meeting on the procedures related to MS Teams and the protocols that both Members and Officers should adhere to throughout the meeting.

The Convener asked the Clerk to carry out a roll call of all Members participating in the meeting.

CR182 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies submitted.

CR183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CR184 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

There were no items of urgent business.

CR185 MINUTES

Decision

Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on [12 November 2020](#) as an accurate record of proceedings.

CR186 ROLLING ACTION LOG

Decision

Committee noted the content and updates to the Action Log.

CR187 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES), provided a presentation to Committee on Community Wealth Building. Neil responded to a number of questions and comments from Members, and the Convener thanked him for his detailed presentation.

The Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing, presented the report which provided Committee Members with an update on some of the main activity being progressed by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP). The specific work streams highlighted were:

1. Executive Board Focus;
2. Locality Action Plan progress;
3. Community Wealth Building; and
4. Local Employability Partnership overview.

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

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the contents of the report and specifically note the progress in relation to the implementation of programme level delivery of locality action plans across the Partnership; and
2. note the work of the Local Employability Partnership and the Executive Board.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities and Chief Operating Officer – Communities & Performance, dated 26 January 2021, submitted).

CR188 PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer, Communities and Performance presented the report which provided the recommended performance indicators to be reported to Community Planning & Regeneration Committee, in line with Council Priorities.

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

It was noted that a Members' Briefing Session had already been diarised to discuss drug deaths.

Decision

Committee agreed to note the performance of reported indicators within the Committee Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Chief Operating Officer – Communities & Performance, dated 25 January 2021, submitted).

*At 11.35am the Committee agreed to adjourn
for a comfort break*

Recording of the meeting was stopped

*The Meeting reconvened at 11.40am
with all Elected Members (previously noted) present*

Recording of meeting started

CR189 COMMUNITY COUNCIL HEALTH CHECK

The report detailed the impact on Community Councils with changes to the Scheme of Establishment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report highlighted activity, engagement and operating issues across all active Community Councils during the period of restrictions from March 2020.

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

Motion

Addition of the following recommendations:

Committee agrees to:

1. Consider whether changes are required to the existing financial support to community councils (including the administration grant, the minute preparation

support grant and the community pride fund), to allow community councils to pay for technical support in running digital meetings;

2. Further engage with either community councils or internally and bring back recommendations to assist in resolving the issues raised in the report;
3. Consider whether reviving 'Area Forums' in a digital form would be beneficial in the short term; and
4. Bring forward a report to the next Community Planning & Regeneration Committee to update on all recommendations

Proposed by Councillor Chris Kane and seconded by Councillor Scott Farmer

There were no amendments submitted.

All Members except for Councillor Alasdair MacPherson agreed to the Motion.

Councillor MacPherson requested that his concerns around officer exhaustion, capacity and additional pressure due to the pandemic be recorded. He agreed with area forums but felt that this was a discussion to be had in the future. He also had concerns around additional pressure on officers to work in the evenings.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the contents of the report;
2. request officers consider whether changes were required to the existing financial support to community councils (including the administration grant, the minute preparation support grant and the community pride fund), to allow community councils to pay for technical support in running digital meetings;
3. request officers undertake further engagement with either community councils or internally and bring back recommendations to assist in resolving the issues raised in the report;
4. consider whether reviving 'Area Forums' in a digital form would be beneficial in the short term; and
5. ask officers to provide a report to the next Community Planning & Regeneration Committee to update on all recommendations.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 21 January 2021, submitted).

Councillor Alasdair MacPherson left the meeting.

CR190 STIRLING'S HOGMANAY 2020 – UPDATE REPORT

The report provided Committee Members with an update on Stirling's Hogmanay 2020.

Committee thanked Officers for their work on the impressive Hogmanay 2020 programme and wonderful fire work display.

Decision

Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 21 January 2021, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 12.25pm