

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE
held as a **VIRTUAL MEETING** via **MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **THURSDAY 3 JUNE 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

Stephen Clark, Chief Officer - Housing

Wendy Forrest, Head of Strategic Planning & Health Improvement, Clackmannanshire & Stirling HCSP & IJB

Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing

Graham Gibson, Senior Media Officer

Elaine Lawlor, Alcohol and Drug Partnership Coordinator (Forth Valley), Clackmannanshire & Stirling HCSP & IJB

Steven MacDonald, Economic Development Team Leader

Lynne McKinley, Senior Community Development Officer

Isabel McKnight, Chief Operating Officer Communities and Performance

Fiona McLean, Culture and Events Manager

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

Keir Stevenson, Place Development Manager

Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Clerk)

Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

Recording of meeting started

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Convener 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.

CR191 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies submitted.

CR192 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Susan McGill declared a non-financial interest in item CR201 “Active Stirling; McLaren Community Leisure Centre; Sistema Scotland; Raploch Urban Regeneration Company; The Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum (The Smith): Combined Performance And Update Report” as a Director of the Raploch Urban Regeneration Company and as a Trustee of The Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum and would leave the meeting during discussion of these items.

CR193 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

There were no items of urgent business.

CR194 MINUTES

Decision

Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on [4 February 2021](#) as an accurate record of proceedings.

CR195 ROLLING ACTION LOG

Committee requested the following updates to the Action Log:

CR127 – to be removed as complete

CR140 – second action to be removed as complete

CR160 – first action to be removed as complete

CR172 – second action to be removed as complete

CR173 – first and second action to be removed as complete

CR174 – to be removed as complete

CR181 – to be removed as complete

CR189 – to be removed as complete

Officers agreed to provide members with a note of timescales for the City Fibre roll out.

Officers agreed to provide Members with the weblink to the videos shared during poverty week.

Decision

Committee noted the content and updates to the Action Log.

CR196 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The report provided Committee Members with an update on some of the main activity being progressed by the Community Planning Partnership. The specific work streams highlighted were:

- Locality Action Plan progress
- Refresh of the Stirling Plan
- Scottish Sports Futures – Collaborative Opportunity

Following a Member query around the communities that provisions would be located, officers agreed to provide Members with a Briefing note detailing the Scottish Sports Futures locale of provisions.

Members considered that it would be beneficial that equalities narrative be included in future reporting should the Equality Impact Assessment not be required.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the contents of the report and specifically the progress in relation to the development of the Programme Level Resource Plan supporting the Locality Action Plans;
2. endorse the proposal for the refresh of the Stirling Plan; and
3. note the opportunity being progressed in partnership with Scottish Sports Futures (SSF).

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 22 April 2021, submitted).

CR197 PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT

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

Members raised concerns around the efficiency of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in processing applications and officers agreed to pass on the Committee concerns to the DWP.

Following a discussion around the costs for libraries and galleries/museums it was agreed that officers would provide Members with detail on the calculation of costs.

Members queried why digital activity had reduced in April and also if there was note of digital activities available, officers agreed to provide Members with a detailed breakdown on digital activities and information on the reduction in April.

Following a Member request it was agreed that a more detailed breakdown on the situation with libraries be included in future reporting.

Following a discussion around ticket sales, it was identified that some figures were estimated and officers agreed that for future reporting, estimated figures would be highlighted.

A Member queried the delayed recruitment recorded on page 28. Officers highlighted that recruitment had been curtailed in the pandemic and agreed to obtain more detail and provide an update to Members.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Chief Operating Officer – Communities & Performance, dated 30 April 2021, submitted).

CR198 CULTURE AND EVENTS UPDATE REPORT

The report provided Members with an update on progress made against the actions within the existing Cultural Strategy and outlined the plans for developing a new Cultural Plan for Stirling.

The report also provided an update on Stirling's Place Partnership and an outline of the revised plans for the re-opening of Stirling Council's cultural venues as well as the plans for cultural events for 2021 given the ongoing challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

A Member requested context on the stats recorded on the visits to the website referenced at 2.7.5 and officers agreed to provide more detail on the 4.5K website visits.

Following a discussion on the future plans for the Albert Halls and the Tolbooth it was agreed that Members would be provided with a briefing.

A discussion took place around Open and Micro Grants referenced at 2.7.3 and it was agreed that detail on the longer term support for the sector and those approved for micro-grants would be provided to Members.

A Member highlighted licensing issues at the Albert Halls which officers agreed to discuss with the Member outwith the meeting.

Decision

Committee agreed to note the content of the Culture and Events Update Report.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 24 May 2021, submitted).

CR199 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF GYPSY TRAVELLERS

The report introduced Committee corporately to the national Improving the Lives of Gypsy Travellers 2019-2021 Report and the updated COVID 19 Framework published in 2020. The report offered for consideration a proposal to assess work in Stirling against the priorities set out nationally, with a view to ensuring that action was maintained and established where appropriate to improve outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers locally.

Members agreed to change the third recommendation to remit to the Convener and Vice Convener to liaise with Officers on the reporting to the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee.

Following a discussion around the programme being put in place in 2021 for gypsy traveller history month it was agreed that a report be added to the Committee workplan in advance of June 2022 to discuss that year's programme.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the national approach to improving the lives of Gypsy Travellers, jointly published by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Scottish Government;
2. remit to the Community Planning Partnership Senior Officer Group to assess local activity against the national recommendations and produce a share Action Plan in response; and
3. remit to the Convener and Vice Convener to liaise with Officers on the reporting to the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 24 May 2021, submitted).

CR200 STIRLING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

The purpose of the report was to introduce Committee to the work of the Stirling Gender Based Violence Partnership including delivery against the national Equally Safe strategy and implementation of the Stirling Gender Based Violence Strategy (2020 – 2023). The report also provided a short overview of the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Following a discussion on numbers referred to support services and whether intervention had caused behaviours to desist it was agreed that officers would provide Members with the detail on the numbers attending intervention and the outcome framework.

Recommendation three required Committee to agree a reporting cycle and following discussion it was agreed that the Stirling Gender Based Violence Partnership would be reported to every second cycle of Committee.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the work of the multi-agency Stirling Gender Based Violence Partnership (SGBVP);
2. note the Stirling Gender Based Violence Strategy (2020 – 2023); and
3. a report to every second cycle of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee on the progress of the local Gender Based Violence action plan

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 22 April 2021, submitted).

In terms of Standing Order 74, the Committee adjourned at 11.50am for a comfort break.

Recording of meeting stopped

*The Meeting reconvened at 12.05pm
with all Elected Members (previously noted) present.*

Recording of meeting started

CR201 ACTIVE STIRLING; MCLAREN COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE; SISTEMA SCOTLAND; RAPLOCH URBAN REGENERATION COMPANY; THE STIRLING SMITH ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM (THE SMITH): COMBINED PERFORMANCE AND UPDATE REPORT

Having declared a non-financial interest, Councillor Susan McGill left the meeting during consideration of those parts of the report covering Raploch Urban Regeneration Company and Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum.

The report was required to evidence compliance with the 'Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound' issued by the Accounts Commission and COSLA, and with the Council's 'Local Code of Practice: Following the Public Pound and Funding External Bodies', approved in December 2014.

The combined report offered an overview of the performance and activity of the following organisations: - Active Stirling; McLaren Community Leisure Centre; Sistema Scotland (Big Noise Raploch); Raploch Urban Regeneration Company (Stirling Community Enterprise) and The Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum according to their contractual/Service Level/ Partnership Agreements, and within the context of continuing COVID 19 restrictions in place during the reporting period.

On behalf of the Committee, the Convener noted thanks to Dave Roxby on his endeavours on the board of Active Stirling and wished him well.

Members discussed the presentation of the report to allow for Members who declared an interest to be part of discussions for the relevant organisations. It was agreed that for future reporting the report would be split into two:

1. Active Stirling, MacLaren Leisure and Sistema Scotland (Big Noise Raploch)
2. Raploch Urban Regeneration Company (Stirling Community Enterprise) and The Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum

Members queried the online programme, broader outreach and support to P7 children transitioning to High School provided by Sistema. Officers agreed to provide Members with further detail on the Sistema programmes.

Members also requested that a briefing be arranged with Sistema which would also include representatives from Education and Social Care Services.

Decision

Committee agreed to note the Update Report and the information contained at Appendix 1.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 24 May 2021, submitted).

CR202 STIRLING FOOD FRAMEWORK

The report updated on work to progress food security within the Stirling Food Framework, generally, and specifically reported delivery of actions in the Framework itself. The report also offered for consideration proposals to advance food security work as part of COVID 19 recovery action, including use of the growth monies allocated in the 2021/22 Council budget.

Following a Member query on the healthy weight services and the size of population this deals with, officers agreed to provide additional detail to Members.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the recent activity within the Stirling Food Framework; and
2. the approach to advance food security work including use of the 2021/22 Growth Monies, in consultation with the Convenor and Vice Convenor of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 24 May 2021, submitted).

CR203 TRANSFER OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

The purpose of the report was to update Committee Members as to the decision taken at the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) meeting on 23 September 2020, to transfer strategic responsibility for the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) from the Regeneration and Inclusive Growth Service to the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

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

The Committee considered the reporting of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and agreed that this should take place on an ad hoc basis but further discussion would take place regarding this.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the Integrated Joint Board decision; and

2. the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership to be reported to the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee on an adhoc basis.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer – Clackmannanshire & Stirling H&SCP & Integration Joint Board, dated 21 May 2021, submitted).

CR204 COMMUNITY COUNCILS HEALTH CHECK

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on actions following the recommendations made at the last Community Planning & Regeneration Committee meeting in February 2021. Specifically the recommendations were to:

- ask officers to 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;
- ask officers to undertake further engagement with either community councils or internally and bring back recommendations to assist in resolving the issues raised in the report; and
- ask officers to consider whether reviving ‘Area Forums’ in a digital form would be beneficial in the short term.

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

Committee agreed to an additional recommendation for officer to explore Area Forums through the Community Engagement Strategy and report to the September meeting of Committee.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the findings and actions in the report;
2. note the content and actions contained in the report; and
3. instruct officers to explore Area Forums through the Community Engagement Strategy and report to the September meeting of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 24 May 2021, submitted).

CR205 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CITY

The report provided an update on actions being developed following the completion of the Dementia Friendly City Audit - “Making Stirling a Dementia Friendly City – A Citizen Led Places and Spaces Project”.

Decision

Committee agreed to:

1. note the contents of the report; and
2. note that officers would proceed with the proposed actions which support the implementation of the “Making Stirling a Dementia Friendly City” report.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 22 April 2021, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 1.40pm