

MINUTE
of
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 9 May 2018.

Present:

Provost Jim Fletcher	Councillor Annette Ireland
Councillor Caroline Bamforth	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Tony Buchanan (Leader)	Councillor Jim McLean
Councillor Angela Convery	Councillor Colm Merrick
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Councillor Charlie Gilbert	Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Barbara Grant	Councillor Jim Swift

Provost Fletcher in the Chair

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Julie Murray, Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement; Jamie Reid, Partnership and Community Services Manager; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; and Paul O’Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Depute Provost Betty Cunningham; and Councillors Paul Aitken; David Macdonald and Gordon Wallace.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

404. Councillor O’Kane declared a financial interest in relation to Item 414 – East Renfrewshire Community Plan including Fairer East Ren by virtue of his employment with Enable Scotland.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

405. The Council considered the Minute of the meeting held on 28 March 2018.

Councillor Ireland referred to the item in relation to the ‘Notice of Motion’ (Page 340, Item

368 refers), and stated that during discussion of the matter, Councillor Macdonald had “....cited an incident in ‘Stamperland’ in summer 2017....” although the reference to ‘Stamperland’ was not recorded in the Minute.

She also indicated that during discussion of the same item, she referred to comments attributed to her in the second last paragraph on page 341 and clarified that the reference to an argument for change should have read “.....it was an argument to change the notification process and the period for public consultation....”. Furthermore, on page 342, in the first paragraph she had made reference to the Health and Safety Executive 2015 Guidance and the Waste Industry Safety and Health Forum Guidance 2015 and noted that although a general comment about documents was made, specific reference to these documents was not recorded in the Minute.

Councillor Ireland asked that the foregoing amendments be made to the Minute.

The Council agreed to approve the Minute, subject to the foregoing amendments.

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING – 3 MAY 2018

406. The Council considered and approved the Minute of the special meeting held on 3 May 2018.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

407. The Council considered and approved the Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted, except as otherwise referred to in Items 408 to 410 below:-

- (a) Cabinet – 5 April 2018;
- (b) Local Review Body – 11 April 2018;
- (c) Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 19 April;
- (d) Civic Hospitality Committee – 24 April;
- (e) Cabinet – 26 April 2018; and
- (f) Special Planning Applications Committee – 3 May 2018

CIVIC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – 24 APRIL 2018 – REQUEST FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY – RECOVERY ACROSS MENTAL HEALTH (RAMH) FUNDRAISING ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND QUIZ

408. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Civic Hospitality Committee of 24 April 2018 (Page 366, Item 392 refers), when it was agreed amongst other things that the request to purchase a table at the Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH) fundraising 40th Anniversary Dinner and Quiz and the proposal to meet the cost of wine and drinks for those attending from the Council during the meal be declined, Councillor Swift sought clarification of why in view of the nature of the organisation requests of this nature were being considered by the Council and not the East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

In reply, the Democratic Services Manager explained that the Council operated a community grants fund and that if applications for grants met the Council's funding criteria, organisations were entitled to apply for financial assistance from the fund. In addition, the Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership stated that the HSCP did provide funding to RAHM to a significant degree.

Provost Fletcher referred to the remit of the committee highlighting that it tried to accommodate as many requests as possible from a broad range of groups seeking funding within limited budget.

The Council noted the position.

CIVIC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – 24 APRIL 2018 – PROTOCOLS FOR THE USE OF THE COUNCIL CAR

409. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Civic Hospitality Committee of 24 April 2018 (Page 366, Item 393 refers), when the committee agreed the protocols for the use of the Council car, Councillor Convery sought clarification whether the Council had a list of those councillors who had used the car in the past.

In reply, the Democratic Services Manager stated that the car had been used so infrequently that no such list existed.

The Council noted the position.

CABINET – 5 APRIL 2018 – OPEN SPACE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018/20

410. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 5 April 2018 (Page 354, Item 382 refers), when the Cabinet had approved amongst other things the East Renfrewshire Open Space Asset Management Plan 2018/20, Councillor Bamforth stated that at the meeting she sought clarification why the Mearns Castle High School Outdoor Playing Fields adjacent to Broomburn Park, Newton Mearns did not appear in the Plan and had requested that it be included.

Whilst acknowledging that at the meeting it was explained to her that the park had simply been omitted from the Plan and would be included in the next review, Councillor Bamforth noted however that her request had not been recorded and asked that the Minute be amended accordingly.

The Council agreed that the Minute be amended accordingly.

STATEMENTS BY CONVENERS/REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT BOARDS/COMMITTEES

411. The following statements were made:-

(a) **Integration Joint Board – Councillor Bamforth**

Councillor Bamforth advised that at the last meeting of the Integration Joint Board on 4 April, the Chief Finance Officer provided details of the budget offer from both the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. She also indicated that the Board received an update on the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Fit for the Future redesign programme which should deliver staffing savings and efficiencies.

It was noted that work on the Integration Joint Board's Strategic Commissioning Plan continued and that this was the document that set out

how the Integration Joint Board would meet health and wellbeing outcomes over the next three years. The IJB had agreed its strategic priorities and these would be available to any member of the Council who wished to see them.

Concluding her remarks, Councillor Bamforth stated that the Board also received an update on preparations for the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act and was reassured that a great deal of partnership working had been undertaken in readiness for the new duties including the development of local eligibility criteria and work with East Renfrewshire Carers, Voluntary Action and Education colleagues on the development of Adult Carer Support Plan and Young Carer Statements. She indicated that all papers were available on line and briefings could be provided for councillors on request.

(b) **Convener for Community Services and Community Safety – Councillor Merrick.**

Councillor Merrick reported that in accordance with the decision taken at the meeting of the Council on 13 December 2017 the public consultation on options in relation to the future of Eastwood Park Leisure had been launched on 8 May 2018. He highlighted that Eastwood Park Leisure complex had been built more than 40 years ago and was, together with Barrhead Foundry, one of the two main sports centres operated by East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust together with Eastwood High School Sports Centre and Neilston Leisure Centre and accounted for some 65,000 customer visits every year.

Whilst commenting that over a half of the Trust's income was commercially generated, and of that 75% came from the Sports and Leisure Centres, Councillor Merrick stated that the Council's vision for these assets was therefore critical to the success of the Trust but more importantly was a crucial part of its vision for East Renfrewshire as a place to live and work. He outlined details of the consultation in the course of which he indicated that the public would be asked to choose between one of four options as their preferred option for developing leisure provision within the Eastwood area. He provided details of each of the options to the Council and explained that the public consultation would run for a period of six weeks and would close on 19 June 2018.

Concluding his remarks, Councillor Merrick emphasised that only if the public chose option 4 would the Council then move to look at possible sites through the normal planning process. He stated that the consultation would play a key role in helping shape how East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust continued to provide residents with high quality services and achieve division "to help and inspire people to be actively involved in sport, arts and culture".

The Council noted the position.

APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT MEMBERS ON COMMITTEES/BOARDS

412. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, seeking the appointment of replacement members on the Audit and Scrutiny Committee; the Licensing Committee/Licensing Board; the Planning Applications Committee; and Local Review Body following the resignations of Councillors Aitken and Macdonald.

The Council agreed that the following appointments be made:-

- (a) Audit and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Jim McLean;
- (b) Licensing Committee/Licensing Board – Councillor Charlie Gilbert; and
- (c) Planning Applications Committee and Local Review Body – Councillor Jim Swift.

PROVOST'S ENGAGEMENTS

413. The Council considered and noted a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of civic engagements attended and civic duties performed by Provost Fletcher since the last meeting.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLAN INCLUDING FAIRER EAST REN

414. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, seeking approval for the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) Community Plan, including Fairer East Ren, which set out the Council's vision and aspirations for East Renfrewshire. The report also sought delegation to the Council's Board Members (Councillors Buchanan, O'Kane and Miller) to approve any further refinements to the Plan before the meeting of the CPP Board in June.

Whilst noting that in response to the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act work had been underway to deliver the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) known as Fairer East Ren which had been approved at the meeting of the Council on 28 September 2017 (Page 153, Item 165 refers) and which had replaced the former Single Outcome Agreement, the report explained that there had been significant engagement with community planning partners who had reviewed socio-economic data to refine outcomes and intermediate outcomes for the Community Plan Fair East Ren Plan and the Council's Outcome Delivery Plan. Details of the work carried out had included an extensive programme of community engagement, gathering views from over 2,200 residents as well as data from East Renfrewshire's Citizen's Panel and Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire's Fairer Scotland conversations.

The report explained that arising from this work four key areas of focus had been identified. These were noted as Reducing the Impact of Child Poverty; Improved Employability; Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing; and Reducing Social Isolation, Loneliness and Increasing Safety.

The Community Plan was intended to set out the Community Planning Partnership's vision for East Renfrewshire, and the report indicated that it also provided a strategic focus with a 10-year horizon highlighting high-level ambition for East Renfrewshire by maintaining the 'golden thread' approach to performance management.

The report concluded by explaining that the Community Plan would remain a draft document until its final approval at the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board in June 2018.

Commenting on the strategic priority areas detailed in the Plan and in particular 'Early Years and Vulnerable Young People', Councillor Grant sought clarification whether the Council had made provision to support young people with additional support needs who were over the age of 18 in activities associated with drama and music and suggested that if no such provision was available then the Council should provide some.

In reply, the Partnership and Community Services Manager explained that the Council had a number of groups for young people with additional support needs although he was not aware of the existence of a drama group in the course of which in response to a question by Councillor Ireland he explained that the Council had a statutory obligation to create Locality Plans in communities which had the greatest incidence of multiple deprivation. He stated that at present the Council had prioritised the areas of Auchenback, Arthurlie, Dunterlie and Dovecothill. He also indicated that Neilston and Thornliebank would be the next two areas that would be given priority and that thereafter it was proposed to cascade to those areas in the most need. Whilst noting the comments of the Partnership and Community Services Manager, Councillor Ireland requested that areas within Ward 4 be given consideration in the future.

Commenting on the five key areas of focus in Fairer East Ren and in particular, the problem of 'loneliness', Councillor Swift sought clarification of what measures the Council had in place to tackle this problem.

In reply, the Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership emphasised that this was a significant priority for the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in the course of which she highlighted that the main thrust was to direct people to community led support organisations such as churches and the 3rd Sector.

The Council agreed:-

- (a) to approve the draft Community Plan; and
- (b) delegate responsibility to the Council's Community Planning Partnership Board members to approve any final refinements ahead of the formal approval of the document at the meeting of Community Planning Partnership Board in June 2018.

REVIEW OF DATA PROTECTION POLICY

415. The Council considered a report by the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement seeking approval of a revised Data Protection Policy. A copy of the Data Protection Policy was appended to the report.

The report explained that the adoption of the proposed policy would ensure that the Council's approach to the handling of personal data records with the new legislative requirements in place from 25 May onwards.

The Council agreed that the:-

- (a) revised Data Protection Policy which appeared as Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (b) new policy take effect as of 25 May 2018 and
- (c) policy be reviewed on an on-going two yearly basis.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019

416. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, seeking approval for the 2019 Meetings Calendar.

Whilst noting that in terms of the Council's Standing Orders, it was necessary for the full Council to approve the calendar of the Council, subject to the ability of committees to revise dates thereafter, the report highlighted that in recent years, due to the late approval of the Scottish Government Budget and the subsequent late confirmation of Local Government funding levels, it had been necessary for the originally scheduled Budget Meeting to be cancelled and re-arranged at relatively short notice.

The report proposed that given the problems experienced in the past, the scheduled Budget Meeting should take place at the end of February 2019 at which time it was expected that funding levels would have been confirmed before then and so the need for cancelling and re-arranging the meeting would be eliminated or at the very least minimised.

The Council approved the 2019 meetings calendar.

PROVOST

