

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 31 JANUARY 2020.

Present – Councillors Dom McGuire (Chair), Alison Adamson, Robert De Bold and Andrew Miller

In Attendance

Scott McKillop – Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

David Lees – Cleaner Communities Manager

Sandy Ross – Area Housing Manager

Gillian Simpson – Accountant

Stephen Egan – Eliburn Community Council

Brian Johnston – Livingston Village Community Council

Julie Henderson – Knightsridge Community Council

Jill Parton – Carmondean Community Council

Tom Heron – The Vennie Outreach Project Manager

Trisha Fallon – The Vennie Outreach Officer

Nikki Robertson – The Vennie Outreach Officer

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 9 - Town Centre Fund 2019/20

Councillor Alison Adamson declared an interest as a member of the Almond Valley Heritage Trust Board of Trustees. As the item was for information, she would participate in consideration of this item.

Councillor Dom McGuire declared an interest as a member of the Almond Valley Heritage Trust Board of Trustees. As the item was for information, he would participate in consideration of this item.

Councillor Andrew Miller declared an interest as a member of the Almond Valley Heritage Trust Board of Trustees. As the item was for information, he would participate in consideration of this item.

Stephen Egan (Eliburn Community Council) declared an interest as he had been involved in making applications to the Town Centre Fund. As the item was for information, he would participate in consideration of this item.

Julie Henderson (Knightsridge Community Council) declared an interest as she had been involved in making applications to the Town Centre Fund. As the item was for information, she would participate in consideration of this item.

Brian Johnston (Eliburn Community Council) declared an interest as he had been involved in making applications to the Town Centre Fund. As

the item was for information, he would participate in consideration of this item.

Jill Parton (Carmondean Community Council) declared an interest as she had been involved in making applications to the Town Centre Fund. As the item was for information, she would participate in consideration of this item.

#### Agenda item 8 - Community Regeneration Update

Councillor Andrew Miller declared an interest as a Board member of the Vennie. He would participate in consideration of this item.

Julie Henderson (Knightsridge Community Council) declared an interest as a Board member of the Vennie. She would participate in consideration of this item.

## 2 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled that agenda item 8, *Community Regeneration Update*, would be considered before agenda item 5, *General Services Capital Programme Update*.

## 3 MINUTE

The panel approved the minute of its meeting held on 22 November 2019 as a correct record. The Chair thereafter signed the minute.

## 4 COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration and a presentation by the Vennie Outreach Project Manager informing members of progress towards developing a regeneration plan within the ward, and other related activities.

During discussion, officers indicated that work to locate funding sources for the Vennie was ongoing; outreach work was also discussed.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee note:

1. Progress with regeneration work in Knightsridge;
2. The efforts of council officers in supporting community capacity building in the area;
3. An update on Vennie activity; and

4. A presentation from staff at the Vennie with regard to the outreach project.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report.

### 5 GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing members with an update on general services capital investment in the ward during 2018/19 and planned investment for the nine-year period 2019/20 to 2027/28.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. The progress made in delivering the approved general services capital programme within the Livingston North ward in 2018/19;
2. The approved capital projects in the ward for 2019/20 to 2027/28;
3. That detailed allocations of block budgets for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 to specific programmes attributable to specific wards would be undertaken in 2022;
4. That progress in delivery of the 2019/20 programme was being reported to Council Executive as part of detailed budget monitoring exercises during the course of the year; and
5. That an updated capital investment programme would be presented to Council for approval in February 2020.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report.

### 6 SERVICE UPDATE - OPERATIONAL SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services apprising members of the Operational Services activities for Livingston North from 1 November 2019 to 31 December 2019.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the work carried out by the service within the local area; and

2. Advise of any areas that required further information or investigation.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7 HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing members with an overview of the service activities within Livingston North Ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 October 2019 to 31 December 2019.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8 TOWN CENTRE FUND 2019/20

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating members on progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects agreed by the Council Executive on 22 October 2019.

It was noted during discussion that the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration had the delegated authority to transfer funds between existing projects to balance overspend and underspend, whereas the use of funds on any new projects would have to be approved by Council Executive.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. That nine projects had been agreed within the ward;
2. That officers were working with applicants to support the delivery of the projects; and
3. That further progress updates would be brought to the committee.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

9      WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan, subject to the following additions:

- Regular updates on the Deans South estate and the Ability Centre to be included on future meeting agendas.
- Campus Police Officer Update to be included in the Police report for the 6 March meeting.