

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 7 MAY 2021.

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

In Attendance

Jim Jack, Lead Officer / Head of Operational Services
Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
Beverley Akinlami,
Sandy Ross, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Andy Johnston,
Stevie Egan, Eliburn Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 6 – Community Regeneration and Town Centre Fund Update

Stevie Egan, Eliburn CC, declared an interest in item 6as there was an update within the report on the community council's town centre funding project.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair agreed that the committee would discuss each of the information only reports on the agenda.

3. MINUTE

The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 19 March 2021 as a correct record subject to noting that Stevie Egan was a member of Eliburn Community Council not Carmondean. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) providing an update on youth work activities undertaken in the ward from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, service review and Covid-19 recovery and renewal planning.

It was recommended that committee notes the progress made by CLD Youth Services and partners; in particular:

1. The development of creative and innovative co-designed delivery models.

2. The establishment of a dedicated CLD Youth Services social media presence to promote the learning offer and maintain engagement with children, young people and communities.
3. A new model for the delivery of community-based youth provision.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND TOWN CENTRE FUND UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating members on activities to support communities across the ward and progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects for the ward agreed by the Council Executive on 22 October 2019 and 15 December 2020.

It was recommended that the committee notes:

1. The support provided to residents across Livingston via an energy grants scheme which was provided by two local community organisations and supported by council services;
2. Upcoming IT support which would be provided to some Knightsridge residents through the Connecting Scotland initiative;
3. Details of the new Food Pantry within Deans which was being provided by the Livingston Islamic Centre & Mosque;
4. An update on funding provided by council to the Vennie and an update on the project;
5. Ongoing support to Livingston United Football Club in their efforts to achieve “senior” club status and come a community club;
6. The updates for Town Centre Fund 2019/20 and 2020/21 projects for the ward; and
7. An update on progress towards Livingston North Partnership Centre.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing 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 Quarter 4 1st January to 31st March 2021.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. SERVICE UPDATE - OPERATIONAL SERVICES - REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES (HEREWITH).

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services appraising members of the Operational Services activities for Livingston North from 1 January to 31 March 2021.

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 require further information or investigation.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan subject to including a further report on the CLD Youth Services to the June meeting.