

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the BATHGATE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within CONFERENCE ROOM 14/15, BATHGATE PARTNERSHIP CENTRE, SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, BATHGATE, on 6 FEBRUARY 2023.

Present – Councillors Harry Cartmill (Chair), William Boyle and Pauline Stafford

Apologies – Councillor Tony Pearson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. COVID-19 LOCAL RECOVERY AND RENEWAL FUND

The committee considered a report by the Local Area Committee Lead Officer (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the projects allocated funding from the £150,000 Covid-19 Recovery and Renewal Fund approved by the committee on 14th December 2021 and inviting the reallocation of available funding due to project B41 being undeliverable.

It was recommended that the committee:

- (a) Notes the update on the approved projects;
- (b) Notes that £20,000 remained unallocated and could be redistributed; and
- (c) Agrees which project(s) listed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report should be supported from the £20,000.

Having heard the Lead Officer reiterate that funds could only be awarded to the original list of projects presented to committee in December 2021, members agreed to request that a report on potential solutions to the issue of bin storage at key areas in the town be presented to a future meeting for consideration.

Decision

- (a) To note the terms of the report.
- (b) To approve the award of the unallocated funding as follows:-
 - B26 – Award an additional £1500.
 - B9 – Award £8000 with the shop area at Elizabeth Drive, Boghall, to be prioritised.
 - B30 – Award £10,5000 and increase the maximum shop front grant available in the town from £750 to £2000.