

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 24 MAY 2021.

Present –

Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan (Chair)	West Lothian Council
Councillor Tom Conn	West Lothian Council
Councillor Chris Horne	West Lothian Council
Councillor Andrew McGuire	West Lothian Council
Councillor Maria MacAulay	West Lothian Council
(substituting for Councillor Shemilt)	
Graham Hope (Chief Executive)	West Lothian Council
Elaine Cook (Depute Chief Executive)	West Lothian Council
Graeme Struthers	West Lothian Council
Donald Forrest	West Lothian Council
AnnMarie Carr	West Lothian Council
Alice Mitchell	West Lothian Council
Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government
Brian Robertson	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Debra Forrester	Police Scotland
Brenda Cumming	West Lothian Chamber of Commerce
John Sives	Joint Forum of Community Councils
Karen Morrison	Scottish Natural Heritage
Jackie Galbraith	West Lothian College
Alan McCloskey	Voluntary Sector Gateway
Tim Dent	West Lothian Leisure
Yvonne Lawton	Integration Joint Board

In Attendance –

Neil McInroy	CLES
Sinead O'Donnell	Fife Council
Ashley Goodfellow	NHS Lothian
Joanna Anderson	West Lothian Council
Susan Gordon	West Lothian Council

Apologies –

Councillor Moira Shemilt	West Lothian Council
David McCallum	Skills Development Scotland
Heather McNaughton	Historic Environment Scotland
Gill Jardine	Jobcentre Plus

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The Board confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 22 February 2021.
The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRESENTATION BY CLES - COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING IN WEST Lothian

The Board received a very informative presentation from Neil McInroy, Chief Executive of Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) providing an overview of community wealth building which was a people centred approach to local economic development which aimed to increase the flow of wealth back into the local economies and places by giving more control to local people and businesses. Community wealth was the maturing of economic development with a focus on growing social and environmental benefits into all economic activity. It was also wealth, power, institutions and community and about pre-distribution during and before wealth was created.

The presentation slides outlined the aims of community wealth building and background to its development; the commitment from Scottish Government in 2019 to build a robust, resilient wellbeing economy for Scotland, the recent appointment of a new Minister for Community Wealth and information on the roll out of community wealth building in six areas with Scottish Government assistance; information on the 5 pillars of wealth and some examples of successful projects under each pillar; the anchor key roles that community planning partners could have a role in the economics of wellbeing; and concluded with information on what local authorities could do to advance community wealth building to local communities.

On behalf of the Board, the chair thanked Neil for his fascinating presentation. The Board was invited to note the presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

4. PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING IN FIFE

The Board received an insightful presentation from Sinead O'Donnell, Fire Council, on the approach taken by Fife Council to develop and grow community wellbeing in Fife.

The slides explained how using the Preston City Council model, Fife Council had identified ways to improve its procurement process to build spend on local goods and services resulting in approximately £18m of community benefits. The presentation then moved on to focus on plural ownership of the economy under the Community Asset Transfer process and gave examples of some of the projects which had resulted in investment to Fife communities despite a capital receipt loss to the council. The presentation concluded with a full overview of the recommendations that had been developed by CLES for Fife Council and the concrete steps that were now planned to advance community wealth building by Fife Council.

On behalf of the Board, the chair thanked Sinead for her insightful presentation which gave real life local authority experience and a greater understanding of the actions councils and anchor institutions could take to

build community wealth in their areas. The Board was invited to note the presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

5. COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING IN WEST LoTHIAN

The Board received a presentation from Alice Mitchell, Economic Development Manager, which set out the current position in West Lothian in relation to progressing community wealth building. The presentation concluded with information on the next steps to be undertaken and the creation of a dedicated post to progress community wealth building in West Lothian.

The Chair thanked Alice for her presentation and then invited partners to indicate whether they were interested in becoming involved to expand community wealth building across West Lothian. Many organisations intimated their support and it was noted that work to identify anchor organisations would get underway when the new post holder commenced in approximately 4 weeks.

The Board was invited to note the contents of the presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

6. COVID-19 DATA SET

The Board considered the Covid-19 sentinel data set as at May 2021 which provided an overview of the impact of Covid-19.

The Board heard that additional indicators centred around the four harms had recently been identified and would be included in the sentinel data sets moving forward.

Decision

To note the Covid-19 data set update.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The note the dates of future meetings of the Board; these being:-

- Monday 30 August 2021
- Monday 15 November 2021
- Monday 21 February 2020

