

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 7 December 2005 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Gail Casey, George Black, Dennis Brogan*, Jackie Maceira, Marie McNair, Martin Rooney and Joe Pilkington. Francis McNeill and Tom Nimmo, West Dunbartonshire Community Care Forum; Bill Rankin, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; John Diamond, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum; Bernard Bell, Feis Dhun Breatainn An Iar; Ian Campbell, Dumbarton Community Forum; and Harry Johnston, Dumbarton Community and Commercial Association.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Liz Cochrane, Policy Manager; Sandra Davidson, Section Head, Community Learning and Development; and George Hawthorn, Senior Administrative Officer, Legal and Administrative Services.

Also

Attending: Ian Davison Porter, Town Centres' Manager; and George Murphy, Public Involvement Officer, West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership.

Apologies: Councillor Margaret Bootland, Murdoch Cameron, West Dunbartonshire Community Councils' Forum; Robert Kyle, Dumbarton Community and Commercial Association; Rhona Young, West Dunbartonshire Seniors Association; and Marjorie Muir, Dumbarton Community Forum.

Councillor Gail Casey in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7679 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 19 October 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

7880 With reference to the item headed "Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour" (Page 1971, paragraphs 7282/88 refer), the Convener informed the Committee that Rhona Young had sent a letter confirming that the ASSIST Team had dealt with the anti-social behaviour issues which had arisen in Old Kilpatrick.

7681 The Committee noted the position.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

7682 The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that Hope Robertson had resigned from this Committee due to personal reasons; and
- (2) to note that the Association of Clydebank Residents Groups had advised that it no longer wished to be represented on the Community Participation Committee (CPC).

7683 After hearing Councillor Casey, Convener, welcome Harry Johnston and Tom Nimmo, to their first meeting of the CPC, the Committee agreed that a letter be sent to Hope Robertson thanking her for her contribution to the work of the CPC.

Note: Councillor Brogan entered the meeting during the following presentation.

DUMBARTON TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVE

7684 Ian Davison Porter, Town Centres' Manager gave a presentation on the Dumbarton Town Centre Initiative and in particular on the various works which were ongoing and had been planned to develop the Town Centre.

7685 Having heard Mr Davison Porter in answer to Members' questions, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked him for his very interesting and informative presentation.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

7686 George Murphy, Public Involvement Officer of the Community Health Partnership gave a presentation on the establishment of the Community Health Partnership in West Dunbartonshire.

7687 Having heard Mr Murphy in answer to Members' questions, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked him for his very interesting and informative presentation.

7688 At this point, Mr Murphy and Mr Davison Porter left the meeting.

WDC CONSULTATION STRATEGY

- 7689 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive:-
- (a) providing information on the Council's Draft Consultation Strategy; and
 - (b) inviting comments on the proposed Strategy and in particular on the role of the CPC in relation to consultation.
- 7690 After hearing the Policy Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to make the following general comments on the proposed document:-
 - (a) that there appeared to be some duplication in the content of the document and therefore, where possible, officers should try to eliminate this; and
 - (b) that some of the language used within the document was ambiguous and needed to be tightened up;
 - (2) to note that Community Groups should submit their detailed comments on the document prior to 28th January 2006, in order to ensure that their comments were taken into account; and
 - (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Note: Councillor McNair left the meeting during discussion on the above item.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY LEARNING DEVELOPMENT (& GUIDANCE) PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

- 7691 A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services:-
- (a) explaining the background of the West Dunbartonshire Community Learning, Development (& Guidance) Partnership; and
 - (b) requesting the Community Participation Committee to consider nominating up to 4 of its community members as representatives on the Partnership.
- 7692 After discussion, and having heard the Section Head, Community Learning and Development in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to nominate Bernard Bell and Tom Nimmo as representatives from this Committee to serve on the West Dunbartonshire Community Learning, Development (& Guidance) Partnership; and

- (2) to note that there were two more places available to the Committee to nominate representatives at future meetings; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRE-AGENDA MEETINGS FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (CPC) COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

7693 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) advising the Committee of proposals for arrangements for pre-agenda Meetings for community representatives on the CPC;
- (b) inviting comments on the proposals; and
- (c) inviting suggestions for alternative arrangements.

7694 After discussion and having heard the Policy Manager, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to support the proposal to introduce pre-agenda meetings for community representatives;
- (2) to note that the majority of those community representatives in attendance would prefer pre-agenda meetings to take place at 1.00 p.m., with the full meeting commencing at 2.00 p.m., not at 10.00 a.m. as previously agreed by Council; and
- (3) to recommend to Council that the times of the meetings of the Community Participation Committee be altered to allow the above arrangement to take place.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE – TIMETABLE 2006

7695 The Committee agreed to note the timetable of future meetings of the CPC and to await the Council decision in respect of the proposed change of times.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

7696 Following discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that presentations on (i) Changes to the Health Board Boundaries and (ii) Tourism (Joint Presentation by the Tourist Board and Jim McKelvie, Events Officer), be made at the next meeting of the Committee;

- (2) that a presentation on Welfare Rights should be made to the meeting of the CPC in April 2006; and
- (3) that 'Care in the Community' be added to the list of future items for discussion.

OPEN FORUM

7697 The Committee noted that there were no open forum questions.

The meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.