



Report by the Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

Community Alliance

Thursday 29th August 2019

Subject: Community Transport

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide Alliance members with a summary of the emerging work associated with developing community transport provision in West Dunbartonshire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Alliance members are asked to note the content of the report.

3. Background

- 3.1** As has previously been reported, Community Alliance had indicated that community transport was a priority with the action plan.

- 3.2** Each phase of the work and been incremental and is outlined below:

- Community Engagement - March 2018 to December 2018
- Community Transport Network/ Working Group - August 2018 to December 2018
- Options Appraisal - January 2019 to March 2019

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The aim the initial community engagement phase from March 2018 to December 2018 was for community planning partners, community groups and voluntary organisations, representing communities of geography, interest and identity, to accessed information to develop their understanding of community transport including the benefits, beneficiaries, organisational structures and operating models.

Some of the objectives achieved in the community engagement phase included:

- Meet with a range of community stakeholders and partners including communities of geography, interest and identity
- Provide clear and easy to understand information to help people to develop an understanding of various aspect of community transport
- Use different formats of communication through verbal and electronic communications
- Signpost groups and organisations to funding and support
- Identify stakeholders to help develop community transport provision

- 4.2 In the next phase the aim was to provide the opportunity for a wide range of community organisations and groups to participate in the development of a Network/ Working Group.

Some of the objectives achieved in the phase to develop a Network/ Working Group included:

- Arrange meetings to discuss the purpose and direction of the network/forum
- Provide opportunities for geographical and thematic representation

- 4.3 The aim of the final phase was for the Network/ Working Group to develop a range of options for developing community transport provision with consideration of the possible impact of UK Government's Consultation on the use of section 19 and section 22 permits for road passenger transport in Great Britain.

Some of the objectives achieved in the phase to explore the different options available included:

- Consider and recommend suitable organisational structures
- Consider and recommend suitable operating models and approaches
- Consider and recommend a range of methods to identify needs/ demand
- Identify resources and support required to develop provision

- 4.4 The Network/ Steering Group was made up of 25 people representing communities of geography, interest and identity from across West Dunbartonshire including people representing charities, trusts, foundations, community councils, tenants and residents groups, forums, older people young people learning disabilities, physical disabilities, faith and people from black, minority and ethnic groups.

Members of the group represented the following community groups and voluntary organisations:

- Action Old Kilpatrick/ Old Kilpatrick Community Council

- Alexandria Over 50s Group
- Alzheimer Scotland
- Balloch and Haldane Community Council
- Beardmore Trust
- Carman Care
- Clydebank Churches Together
- Clydebank Seniors Forum
- Dumbarton Churches Together
- Dumbarton East Community Council
- Duntocher Tenants and Residents Association
- Faifley Community Council
- G15 Buses
- Isaro Social Integration Network
- Kilmaronock Community Council
- Leamy Foundation
- Linnvale and Drumry Community Bus
- Linnvale and Drumry Community Council
- Our Club/Dumbarton and District Disabled Children's Forum
- Shopmobility/ West Dunbartonshire Access Panel
- Silverton and Overtoun Community Council
- Tullichewan Tenants and Residents Association
- West Dunbartonshire Tenants and Residents Organisation

Three meetings were held across West Dunbartonshire which provided an opportunity for members to discuss and deliberate to:

- develop a collective understanding of community transport/ community transport organisation and services;
- raise awareness of funding and support available to develop a community transport organisation and services; and
- share community transport managers' experience of developing community transport organisations and services.

Guest speakers attended meetings to provide specialist knowledge, advice and information. These included representatives from Coalfield Community Transport, Community Transport Association, Community Transport Glasgow, Firstport , Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and West Dunbartonshire Council.

- 4.5 As a result of the community engagement and the community transport network/ steering group an action group, West Dunbartonshire Community Transport Action Group, was established in May 2019 to take the work forward.
- 4.6 The group are at the initial stage of scoping and action planning and have drafted a constitution, met with the Community Transport Association to access specialist advice and support. Meetings are planned with the Big Lottery Scotland to discuss funding options.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** None, all activity is delivered through existing team and volunteer capacity.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** None, all activity is delivered through existing team and partner capacity

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** As outlined previously there is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act sets a clear direction for involvement of communities in the design and delivery of services.
- 7.2** Developing community transport provision offers the opportunity to work with communities to build capacity and resilience allowing local groups to continue their positive contribution across West Dunbartonshire.
- 7.3** There remains a risk that the action group will not secure the funding they bid for.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** An EIA is not required as this is the continuation of existing activities.

9 Consultation

- 9.1** Using the National Standards for Community Engagement, Equality Act 2010 and West Dunbartonshire Council's Engaging Communities Framework a wide range of community planning partners, community groups and organisation, representing communities of geography, interest and identity, accessed information to develop their understanding of community transport and activities relating to the development of provision.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Local Outcome improvement Plan.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All