

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Thursday, 16 February 2023

Present:

Councillor Martin Rooney (Chair)
Councillor Michelle McGinty
Councillor Clare Steel
Peter Hessett
Amanda Graham
Laura Mason
Stephen Brooks
Stephen Daly
Gillian McNamara
Lesley James

John Anderson

Rona Gold

John McLuckie
Anne MacDougall
Judith McLaughlin
Damon Scott

Jimmy Hyslop
Lorna Gibson
Gregg McKearney
Colin MacBean
Gerry Watt
Sharon Kelly
Bruce Kiloh

Liz Connolly
Selina Ross
Ashley MacIntyre

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West Dunbartonshire Health and
Social Care Partnership
West Dunbartonshire Leisure
Trust
Shared Service, Community
Planning, Argyll and Bute Council
Argyll and Bute Council
Chair of Community Alliance
Department for Work and Pensions
Dunbartonshire Chamber of
Commerce
Nature Scot
Police Scotland
Scottish Fire and Rescue
Scottish Government
Scottish Prison Service
Skills Development Scotland
Strathclyde Partnership for
Transport
West College Scotland
West Dunbartonshire CVS
West Dunbartonshire Council

Apologies:

Peter Barry
Beth Culshaw

Fiona Taylor

Richard Millar
James Russell

West Dunbartonshire Council
West Dunbartonshire Health and
Social Care Partnership
West Dunbartonshire Health and
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Scottish Canals
Skills Development Scotland

Councillor Martin Rooney in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board held on 17 November 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

ACTION LOG

After discussion and having heard from the Shared Service Community Planning Manager, the Board agreed the action log would be updated to reflect additional actions following the meeting.

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Having heard the Chair, the Board agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

SPT PRESENTATION

Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport gave a presentation to the Board. The main points covered in the presentation were:-

- SPT;
- Our Area;
- Responsibilities;
- Current Trends;
- Delivering for West Dunbartonshire;
- Operational Activity in West Dunbartonshire;
- New RTS; and
- Cost of Living.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in further explanation and in answer to Members questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that the presentation would be circulated via email;
- (2) that useful links would be circulated via email and included within the minutes of the meeting; and
- (3) to note the update provided.

Regional Transport Strategy and associated documentation

<https://www.spt.co.uk/about-us/what-we-are-doing/regional-transport-strategy/vision/>

SPT: Delivering for West Dunbartonshire

https://www.spt.co.uk/media/0fdasup1/west-dunbartonshire_councilreport.pdf

Bus complaints

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/buses/bus-complaints/>

COMMUNITY PLANNING EXECUTIVE GROUP

A report was submitted by Peter Hessett, Chief Executive providing an update from the most recent Community Planning Executive Group meeting.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Executive in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

WELLBEING PRESENTATION

Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities; Stephen Brooks, Working 4 U Manager; Stephen Daly, Citizen and Digital Manager and Selina Ross, Chief Officer – West Dunbartonshire CVS gave a presentation to the Board. The main points covered in the presentation were:-

Introduction and Energy Fund, Working 4U Cost of Living Crisis (Stephen Brooks):-

- Overview of the Energy Fund - process, priority target group and partners;
- Total referrals made so far - 54 total referrals made with 48 successful applicants; and
- Unsuccessful applicants/ criteria.

Cost of Living Group and initiatives taking place (Amanda Graham):-

- Overview of the Cost of Living Working Group;
- Free gym/ swim sessions during summer and October breaks;
- Youth theatre;
- Winter programme in West Dunbartonshire; and
- Cost of Living Conference.

Welfare Fund (Stephen Daly):-

- Community Care Grants;
- Self-isolation Support Grants; and
- Scottish Welfare Fund.

Third Sector response to support wellbeing in communities (Selina Ross):-

- CVS Cost of Living Resources;
- Carers Support Card; and
- Being mindful of the increased demand while facing increasing costs.

After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that useful links would be circulated via email and included within the minutes of the meeting; and
- (2) to note the updates provided.

Cost of Living Advice

<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/cost-of-living/>

Scottish Welfare Fund

<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/welfarefund>

CVS Cost of Living Resources

<https://wdcvs.com/success-story/cost-of-living-resources-2/>

Scottish Pantry Network

<https://www.scottishpantrynetwork.org.uk/>

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS FOR OVERSIGHT

Community Justice Partnership Update – Lesley James

Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer gave a verbal update to the Board. The main points covered were:-

- that the Community Justice Strategy has yet to be rolled out by the Scottish Government;
- that a sub group would be established to consider how to strengthen the Stronger Custody Community Pathways;
- that a review would be carried out of the Arrest Referral Scheme;
- that Community Justice Scotland were asked to support implementation of the Caledonian Project and that a national training programme would be rolled out across Scotland. To. note that there has been a significant delay of 8-9 months due to funding streams and delivery of training and that a case has been made to the Scottish Government regarding West Dunbartonshire being prioritised;
- that a Safe Together presentation took place in January and that this approach would be taken forward and rolled out further; and

- that a Community Justice Co-Ordinator would be recruited.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that an update would be provided at a future meeting of the CPWD Management Board following the recruitment of a Community Justice Co-Ordinator; and
- (2) to note the update provided.

Joint Children's Services Inspection Update – Lesley James

Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer gave a verbal update to the Board. The main points covered were:-

- that the CPP Inspection for children at risk of harm commenced in September 2021 (involving key partners – Health, Education, Police Scotland, Social Work and third sector);
- that an Interim Report was published in May 2022 with key areas identified;
- that a further position statement and associated evidence would be due for submission on 28 February 2023; and
- that a response would be anticipated by 31 March 2023 which would determine whether the Care Inspectorate feel it is necessary to continue to work alongside the CPP in West Dunbartonshire or whether they are confident that sufficient progress has been made.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that an update would be provided at the CPWD Management Board meeting in May; and
- (2) to note the update provided.

Interim report on phases 1 and 2 of a joint inspection of services for children and young people at risk of harm in West Dunbartonshire

https://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/32/Joint_inspection_of_services_for_children_and_young_people_West_Dunbartonshire_May_2022_1.pdf

DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT GROUP (DIG) UPDATES

Flourishing – Gillian McNamara

Nurtured – Laura Mason

SAFE – Lorna Gibson

After discussion and having heard the relevant DIG Chairs in further explanation of their reports and in answer to Members questions, the Board agreed to note the updates provided and the position going forward in terms of each DIG area.

VALEDICTORY

Councillor Martin Rooney, Chair advised that this was the last meeting of the CPWD Management Board that Rona Gold, Shared Service Community Planning Manager would be attending.

On behalf of all Members of the CPWD Management Board, Peter Hissett, Chief Executive and Councillor Martin Rooney thanked Ms. Gold and her team for their hard work and valued support provided over the years.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Thursday, 18 May 2023 at 2.00 p.m. in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton, G82 1QL.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.