

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Reception Hall, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 11 December 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Jim Brown, Jonathan McColl, John Millar, Ian Murray, Tommy Rainey, Gail Robertson, Martin Rooney, Kath Ryall and Hazel Sorrell; Walter Graham and Gilbert Howatson, Community Councils' Forum; Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Haji Munir, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association; Jim Eadie and Jackie Maceira, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; Anne MacDougall, CHCP Public Partnership Forum; Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group, Gillian Kirkwood, Ysort-it, Tom Wilmshurst, Association of Clydebank Residents Groups and Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Service.

**Attending:** Peter Barry, Head of Customer and Community Services; Amanda Coulthard, Corporate and Community Planning Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer (in attendance for the item 'Presentation – Pub Watch Scheme'); Lorna Campbell, Section Head, Community Learning & Development (in attendance for the item 'Implementing CLD Strategic Guidance in West Dunbartonshire'); Rodney Thornton, Fleet and Waste Services Manager (in attendance for the item 'Verbal Update on Recycling and Waste Minimisation'); Marion Smith, Section Head, Revenues & Benefits (in attendance for the item 'Verbal Update on Welfare Reform') and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

**Apologies:** Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor George Black; Barbara Barnes, West Dunbartonshire Community Care Forum and Angela Wilson, Executive Director Corporate Services.

**Councillor John Millar 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.

## **PRESENTATION – PUBWATCH SCHEME**

Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officers, gave a presentation on the Pubwatch Scheme in the West Dunbartonshire Area. The Pubwatch Scheme comprised of a voluntary group of Licence Holders who set standards of behaviour to be expected within their licenced premises and act robustly to combat crime and anti social behaviour.

Following a question and answer session, Councillor Millar, Chair, thanked Mr Clyde for his interesting and informative presentation and, thereafter, he left the meeting.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 18 September 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record with a small amendment. It was noted that any future developmental sessions for the Community Alliance would be made clearer in the agenda for the meeting.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services on the outcome of four recent Neighbourhood Listening Events setting-out some learning points which will inform future community engagement.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Customer and Community Services and the Corporate and Community Planning Manager in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed that the approach to neighbourhood community engagement is revised to ensure effectiveness and best use of resources.

## **DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing written feedback from the session on developing the Community Alliance held in September and making recommendations on future actions.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Customer and Community Services and the Corporate and Community Planning Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the report and agreed to holding further sessions on developing the Community Alliance. The feedback from the last Community Participation Committee (CPC) session would be used to develop and inform these stakeholder sessions.

## **STREET NUMBERING POLICY**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration on a proposed street numbering policy and seeking comments in this respect.

The Committee agreed to note the terms of the report.

## **IMPLEMENTING CLD STRATEGIC GUIDANCE IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services reporting on how National CLD Strategic Guidance for CPPs is being successfully implemented in West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard Lorna Campbell, Section Head, Community Learning and Development in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

## **VERBAL UPDATE ON RECYCLING AND WASTE MINIMISATION**

A verbal update was provided by Rodney Thornton, Fleet and Waste Services Manager on recycling and waste minimisation. Mr Thornton advised of current and future proposals in relation to waste minimisation and recycling in West Dunbartonshire.

Following a question and answer session, Councillor Millar, Chair, thanked Mr Thornton for his update and, thereafter, he left the meeting.

## **VERBAL UPDATE ON WELFARE REFORM**

A verbal update was provided by Marion Smith, Section Head, Revenues & Benefits on welfare reform. Ms Smith advised of the position in relation to current welfare and benefit reform and future proposals that would impact on the community in West Dunbartonshire.

Following a question and answer session, Councillor Millar, Chair, thanked Ms Smith for her update.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Community Representatives are invited to raise topics for inclusion on future Agendas.

Having heard Ms Pasquire, it was noted that she had not been able to attend a previous meeting of the Committee when the item she had raised 'Update on the issue of Vale of Leven Academy – traffic congestion' had been discussed.

Having heard Councillor Millar, Chair, it was agreed that Raymond Walsh, Network Management Services Co-ordinator, West Dunbartonshire Council would be invited to attend the next meeting in order to provide an update on this matter.

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY**

Members of the public were invited to ask questions of officers during the Open Forum Session.

Neil Etherington asked when the new Community Planning Partnership website would be updated. Amanda Coulthard, Corporate and Community Planning Manager advised that work was ongoing to update the website and make it more interesting and relevant, and that the 'go live' date for the refreshed website was expected to be no later than April 2014.

### **COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON**

Councillor Millar, Chair, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 12.12 p.m.