

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 19 March 2014 at 2.10 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, John Millar, Ian Murray, Martin Rooney and Kath Ryall; Gilbert Howatson, Community Councils' Forum; Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Jim Eadie, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel and Anne MacDougall, CHCP Public Partnership Forum.

Attending: Peter Barry, Head of Customer and Community Services; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Lorna Campbell, Section Head, Community Learning & Development (in attendance for the item 'Local Engagement Update'); Soumen Sengupta, Head of Strategy, Planning and Health Improvement (in attendance for the item 'Establishing a Shadow Health and Social Care Partnership for West Dunbartonshire') and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jonathan McColl, Tommy Rainey, Gail Robertson and Hazel Sorrell; Walter Graham, Community Councils' Forum; Barbara Barnes, West Dunbartonshire Community Care Forum; Gillian Kirkwood, Ysort-it; Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group; Angela Wilson, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Amanda Coulthard, Corporate and Community Planning Manager.

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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 11 December 2013 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT (SOA) 2014-17

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing of the recently agreed West Dunbartonshire Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) covering the period 2014-17.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Customer and Community Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the SOA for 2014-17, as approved by the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board at its meeting on 26 February 2014.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CONSULTATION

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the response submitted to the Scottish Government consultation on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill.

The Committee agreed to note the response submitted based on the input of all Community Planning Partnership Members.

UPDATE FROM NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing of recent correspondence from the National Community Planning Group on joint resourcing.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the letter from the National Community Planning Group as discussed by the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board at its meeting on 26 February 2014; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on recent engagement activity in relation to budget consultation, Youth Alliance and Adult Learning Partnership.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Customer and Community Services and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this item, including the very positive and constructive contributions;

- (2) that further updates would be brought to future meetings of the Committee (Community Alliance) to keep everyone fully informed and up-to-date on current and future developments in respect of community engagement; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ESTABLISHING A SHADOW HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

A report was submitted by the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing that both the Council and the NHSGGC Board have agreed to transition the current Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) to a shadow Health and Social Care Partnership for West Dunbartonshire in preparation for the enactment of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill 2013.

Having heard the Head of Strategy, Planning and Health Improvement, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

After discussion, it was agreed that the following items be submitted for further consideration at Committee:-

Wed 18 June, 2014 – Presentation and report

- New Community Planning Structure

Other proposed items for above meeting/future meetings:

- Local roads issues
- Regular update on Recycling and Waste Minimisation (particularly food waste and glass recycling)
- Update on Educational Estates

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

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

Mr Etherington asked a question in relation to the Community Planning website. Having heard the Head of Customer and Community Services, it was noted that the new Community Planning website was on track and scheduled to 'go live' in April 2014. Mr Etherington also asked a follow-up question in relation to the list of future agenda items, including the social/economic profile. Councillor Millar, Chair, advised that there would still be an opportunity for community representatives to raise items of interest and he considered that the best way for doing this would be by refreshing the list of future agenda items.

Ms McAleer raised a point in relation to zero-hours contracts and asked whether students of Clydebank College had been employed on these. Councillor Millar, Chair, advised that he was not aware of this, and given the Council's position in relation to zero hour contracts, it was a worthwhile point which would be taken on board.

CLOSING REMARKS BY CHAIR

Councillor Millar, Chair, closed the meeting by referring to the resignation of Councillor George Black as a member of the Committee. He then took the opportunity to pass on his thanks to Councillor Black for his valued service to the Committee over many years. The Committee concurred with Councillor Millar's remarks.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.