

## **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

Note of Meeting of the Community Alliance – Development Session held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

### **Attending:-**

Barbara Barnes, Community Representative  
Pauline Larking, Community Representative (Substitute member)  
Anne MacDougall, Community Representative (Chair)  
Brenda Pasquire, Community Representative  
Rhona Young, Community Representative  
Councillor Caroline McAllister (Vice Chair)  
Suzanne Greer, Acting Communities Manager / Community Empowerment Officer  
Brian McQuillan, Communities Project Worker – Communities Team  
Craig Stewart, Committee Officer

### **Apologies:-**

Jack Fordy, Community Representative  
Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

## **WELCOME**

Anne MacDougall, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the Development Session.

## **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – REVISED / DRAFT REMIT**

Anne MacDougall, Chair, gave the meeting a short resume of where we were at with regards to a revised / draft remit of the Community Alliance. Following discussion and having heard from Councillor McAllister (Vice Chair), community representatives and having heard Suzanne Greer, and Brian McQuillan in response, the Alliance agreed to note the following:-

- (1) That a reminder of meeting be sent out one week in advance of meetings;
- (2) Dates to be set in advance of meetings – some discussion around changing times/venues of meetings or keeping same, also around acoustics at Church Street Civic space, roving meetings/3 meetings in areas pm/eve, or possibility of conference calling in;
- (3) Comments on remit – officers should only attend on specific topics raised or to provide support/administration;

- (4) Too much information from Police/ Fire brigade at meetings – possibility of summarised versions of reports to be produced (Suzanne Greer to look into this and report back);
- (5) Feeling that lack of feedback and officers not answering questions, providing clear/understandable info. Too much strategic focus;
- (6) Membership of Community Alliance – discussion on inviting other Elected Members along to the next meeting, together with need to increase number of Councillors/wider representation – 3 representatives (in addition to Vice-Chair) and Substitutes for when cannot attend. Any changes to membership requires to go to Council for approval;
- (7) Need for balanced/wider representation from community, new groups to be included/promote the Alliance more widely. Links to community budgeting/ PB mainstreaming;
- (8) Initial review of membership before next meeting then wider promotion via conference etc.
- (9) Some groups not attending – find out the reason(s) for this;
- (10) Involvement of young people & Youth Council;
- (11) To review community database and send out letters with information on Community Alliance;
- (12) Possibility of event in either September/October – sub-group to plan conference, meeting in 2 weeks – sub group consists of Anne, Caroline, Brenda and Pauline;
- (13) Work plan to be developed;
- (14) Speakers on topics, similar to previous Community Participation Committee;
- (15) Possibility of streaming meetings in future; and
- (16) Name of Alliance.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that there should be a meeting on 11 June 2019 at 2.00pm in Church Street, and it was considered that smaller room like the Brock would be ideal. There was also discussion around an optional meeting in August, as well as a possible conference date of Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019. ***(Update Note: It has since been agreed to defer the meeting from 11 June to 29 August, to allow more time for preparation of agendas, reports and inviting new members along etc.)***

The meeting then closed.