

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 21 March 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Gail Casey, Dennis Brogan, Jackie Maceira and Connie O'Sullivan. Murdoch Cameron, West Dunbartonshire Community Councils Forum; Francis McNeill, West Dunbartonshire Community Councils Forum; Jeanette Jennings, Faifley Neighbourhood Forum; Hope Robertson, Association of Clydebank Residents Groups; Bill Rankin, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; John Diamond, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum; Patricia Rice, Clydebank Community Forum; Bernard Bell, Feis Dhun Breatainn An Iar; Tony McGurn, Alternatives; Ian Campbell, Dumbarton Community Forum; Marjorie Muir, Dumbarton Community Forum; Jim Biddulph, Vale of Leven Community Forum; Robert Lockhart, Clydebank Seniors Forum and Rhona Young, Old Kilpatrick Senior Citizens.

Attending: Liz Cochrane, Policy Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Land Services; Tom Golcher, Community Development Manager, West Dunbartonshire Partnership; Mark Blair, Waste Minimisation and Education Officer; Fiona MacInnes, Team Leader Youth Services; Bridget Gow, Senior Worker for Youth Services and Fiona Anderson, Administrative Assistant, Legal and Administrative Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Bollan and Margaret McGregor. Ian Kenny, Association of Clydebank Residents Groups; Frances McGonagle, Gingerbread Scotland; and Abdul Ghani, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association;

Councillor Gail Casey in the Chair

5386 Councillor Casey welcomed Robert Lockhart of Clydebank Seniors Forum and Rhona Young, Old Kilpatrick Senior Citizens, as guests to the meeting.

RESIGNATION

5387 Councillor Casey advised the Committee that she had received notification from Councillor Bollan that he had resigned from the Community Participation Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5388 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 19 January 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

RESPONSES TO OPEN FORUM QUESTIONS

Information on Roads

- 5389 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services informing the Committee on the procedures used to manage and implement the Roads Maintenance Programme for West Dunbartonshire Council.
- 5390 Ronald Dinnie, Head of Land Services, was heard in answer to Members' questions arising from the report. Mr Dinnie was also heard in response to a question regarding the cancellation of football matches on grass pitches throughout the area. Mr Dinnie advised that pitch inspections take place on Thursdays/Fridays and a decision regarding suitability for play is reached depending on the result of the inspection and the weather forecast for the weekend.
- 5391 The Committee agreed to note:-
- (1) the ways in which roads services are planned and implemented in West Dunbartonshire; and
 - (2) that it was anticipated that the puffin crossing in Old Kilpatrick would be open by the end of April 2005 depending on Scottish Power connections.
- 5392 Following further discussion, the Committee noted that the Head of Land Services would pursue the following action points:-
- ◆ Investigate why Morrison's fuelling trucks heavy goods vehicles were using Bowling.
 - ◆ Question why emergency vehicles were using the A814 and not the A82.
 - ◆ Advise Amey on particular aspects of wear and tear on the A82.
 - ◆ Make enquiries about the maintenance of fencing from 1929 at a particular bridge on the A81.
 - ◆ Investigate wear and tear on traffic calming measures in Haldane.
 - ◆ Raise the problem of cars parking on the pavement in Bowling with the local Police Traffic Inspector.

PRESENTATIONS

(a) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN RECYCLING

- 5393 Mark Blair, Waste Minimisation and Education Officer gave a presentation on Community Involvement in Recycling.
- 5394 Having heard the Waste Minimisation and Education Officer in response to Members' questions, the Committee recommended that he be invited back later in the year to give an update particularly on the Pilot Scheme on recycling running in three schools.
- 5395 It was noted that Greenlight would shortly be assuming responsibility for all tenemental and flatted properties and Dalmoak Civic Amenity Site.
- 5396 The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked him for his interesting and informative presentation.

(b) YOUTH SERVICES

- 5397 Fiona MacInnes, Team Leader Youth Services, and Bridget Gow, Senior Worker for Youth Services, Community Learning and Development; gave a presentation on Youth Services in West Dunbartonshire.
- 5398 Following discussion and having heard the representatives of the Youth Services Team in further elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor Casey, on behalf of the Committee, thanked them for an enlightening and informative presentation.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 5399 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive informing the Committee of developments of Standards for Community Involvement and inviting comment and feedback.
- 5400 Tom Golcher, Community Development Manager, West Dunbartonshire, was in attendance to answer questions arising from the report and gave a short Presentation.
- 5401 Having heard the Community Development Manager, in further explanation and in response to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of Appendix 1 to the report.
- 5402 The Convener thanked the Community Development Manager for his contribution.

OPEN FORUM

**(a) Organisation of Business in CPC Meetings:
Use of Open Forum – Community Agenda Items**

- 5403 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive clarifying the use of Open Forum in Community Participation Committee meetings and suggesting a method for meeting other requirements of Committee Members.
- 5404 Having heard the Policy Officer in further explanation, and after discussion, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to have a standing agenda item for every meeting headed “Future agenda items from Community Representatives”;
 - (2) to support the principle of having all the necessary information available when discussing any questions or issues raised; and
 - (3) to allow Committee Members to raise urgent issues under the above standing agenda item and, if these were unable to be answered by the Elected Members and Officers present, the item would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting and/or the Committee Member concerned would receive a written response.

(b) Questions

- (1) In response to a community representative’s question, it was noted that Substitutes could ask for a point of clarification, subject to the agreement of the Convener.
- (2) In response to a community representative’s question, it was agreed that officers from Housing and Technical Services would investigate the issue of money which had been ring-fenced to provide new kitchens and new front doors being used to fund housing repairs and report back to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.