

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

At a Meeting of the Community Alliance held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 1 March 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Anne MacDougall, Chair; Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Barbara Barnes, HSCP Locality Engagement Network; Neil Etherington, HSCP Local Engagement Network; Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group; Gillian Kirkwood*, Ysort-it; Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Service; and John Hainey, Linnvale and Drumry Community Council.

* Attended later in the meeting.

Attending: Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability; Amanda Coulthard, Corporate & Community Planning Manager; Michelle Lynn, Client Business Partner; Wendy Jack, Planning and Improvement Manager, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Chief Superintendent Grant Manders, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland and Jim Hymas, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS).

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Gail Casey and Martin Rooney; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Gilbert Howatson, Community Councils' Forum (Substitute); and Haji Munir, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association.

Anne MacDougall (Chair) in the Chair

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Anne MacDougall, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were then given. Anne welcomed John Hainey, to his first meeting of the Community Alliance as a Linnvale & Drumry Community Council representative in the public gallery and invited Mr Hainey to join the members at the table during the Community Alliance.

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 Alliance held on 23 November 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to Hope Robertson's name being added to the list of apologies in the sederunt of the meeting.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ACTION PLAN 2017/18

A report was submitted by the Corporate & Community Planning Manager presenting options for key topics to be delivered over 2017/18.

After discussion and having heard the Corporate & Community Planning Manager and Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms and tenor of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter, including discussion on Elected Member attendance and issues relating to the transition from a Community Participation Committee to a Community Alliance;
- (2) to approve the draft action plan, appended to the report, for progression; and
- (3) to approve a review of membership being carried out.

Note: Gillian Kirkwood entered the meeting during consideration of the above item.

YOUR COMMUNITY UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Corporate & Community Planning Manager providing an update on the ongoing actions to deliver Your Community across West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard the Corporate & Community Planning Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed to note the content of the report and the discussion that had taken place.

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Corporate & Community Planning Manager providing an update on the range of issues, projects and initiatives currently underway within the partnership.

After discussion and having heard the Corporate & Community Planning Manager, Local Senior Officer Jim Hymas (SFRS) and Chief Superintendent Grant Manders (Police Scotland) in further explanation of their respective reports and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed:-

- (1) having heard Chief Superintendent Manders, in respect of the recently launched ***"Serving a Changing Scotland" - Our 10 Year Strategy for Policing***, also known as the 2026 Strategy, Community Alliance Members were encouraged to complete the consultation, which would be made available to them by email and/or hard copy, as required;
- (2) to note the verbal update given by the Corporate & Community Planning Manager on the Ministerial Visit on Monday, 23 January 2017, and the update provided by Neil Etherington in respect of the Minister for Local Government & Housing, Kevin Stewart's, visit to Men's Shed;
- (3) having heard Anne MacDougall, Chair, that it would be helpful for a presentation to be given on Men's Shed, as well as having a separate presentation on Youth Strategy at future meetings of the Community Alliance;
- (4) to note the progress made to date on delivery of the Quarter 2 2016-17 DIG Action Plans on the four Thematic Groups, i.e. Employability & Economic Growth; Safe, Strong & Involved Communities; Supporting Children & Families; and Older People; and
- (5) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A report was submitted by the Corporate & Community Planning providing an update on the ongoing actions to develop the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027.

After discussion and having heard the Corporate & Community Planning Manager and Planning and Improvement Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed to note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER STRATEGY

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration providing an update on West Dunbartonshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy and Procedures following guidance issued by the Scottish Government in December 2016 and the legislation coming into force on 23 January 2017.

After discussion and having heard the Client Business Partner and the Corporate & Community Planning Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed to note the content of the report and the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

It was noted that there was no questions from the public gallery.

CLOSING REMARKS – YSORT-IT

Gillian Kirkwood took the opportunity of advising Alliance Members of the success of Ysort-it in achieving two national awards in recognition of their work in the community. Anne MacDougall, Chair, on behalf of the Community Alliance, congratulated Ysort-it on their significant achievement.

The meeting closed at 11.47 a.m.