

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

At a Meeting of the Community Alliance held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 9 August 2017 at 2.05 p.m.

Present: Anne MacDougall, Chair; Councillors Caroline McAllister and Sally Page; Rhona Young*, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Neil Etherington, HSCP Locality Engagement Network; Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group; Gillian Kirkwood*, Ysort-it; John Redpath and Gilbert Howatson, Community Councils' Forum; and Haji Munir*, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association.

* Attended later in the meeting.

Attending: Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability; Amanda Coulthard, Corporate and Community Planning Manager; Suzanne Greer, Community Planning Co-ordinator; Wendy Jack, Planning and Improvement Manager, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Stuart McLean, Group Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS), John Hainey, Linnvale and Drumry Community Council and Councillor Diane Docherty

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Martin Rooney; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland and Barbara Barnes, Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Locality Engagement Network.

Ms Anne MacDougall in the Chair

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms Anne MacDougall, Chair, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Community Alliance since the local government elections in May, and introductions were then given.

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 1 March 2017 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

COMMUNITY BUDGET – PHASE 2 UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Corporate and Community Planning Manager providing an overview of phase 2 of community budgeting across West Dunbartonshire.

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

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

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A report was submitted by the Corporate and Community Planning Manager providing an update on the recent public consultation activity in support of ongoing actions to develop the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027.

After discussion and having heard the Corporate and Community Planning Manager in further explanation, the Alliance agreed to note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Corporate and 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 and Community Planning Manager and Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed:-

- (1) having heard Anne MacDougall, Chair, to confirm that a presentation on Men's Shed would be given by Neil Etherington to the November meeting of

the Community Alliance with a presentation given by the Leisure Trust to the subsequent meeting of the Community Alliance; and

- (2) otherwise to note the content of the report and the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter.

Note: Rhona Young entered the meeting during consideration of the above item.

LOCAL PLANS – PROGRESS & SCRUTINY

A report was submitted by the Corporate and Community Planning providing an update on 2016/17 year end progress on delivery of a range of local priority plans, i.e. Local Police Plan, Local Fire Plan and Delivery & Improvement Group (DIG) action plans.

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

- (1) having heard Group Manager Stuart McLean, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, in respect of the Local Fire Plan – 2016/17 year-end report, to note the comprehensive content of the report and the helpful analysis behind the statistical data contained within; and
- (2) otherwise to note the content of the report and the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE DEVELOPMENT

A group discussion was led by Anne McDougall, Chair. As part of the discussion, Members discussed, amongst other things, how best to widen the membership to try and ensure that it was reaching representative organisations/groups, whilst staying true to its strategic aims.

After discussion and having heard Anne MacDougall, Chair, and the Corporate & Community Planning Manager in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed:-

- (1) to note the ongoing review of membership of the Community Alliance and the update given in this regard;
- (2) that it would be helpful for a Development session to be organised for the Community Alliance which would explore how best to engage community interest, including how best to engage with young people and ensure that the Alliance maintains a strategic role while supporting community representatives; and

- (3) to note that at the Development session, referred to at (2) above, an opportunity would also be given to discuss membership and consider other groups/organisations who should be present to ensure that the Community Alliance is as representative as possible. An opportunity would also be given to discuss the preferred meeting day and time to try and ensure that as many community representatives as possible could attend meetings.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

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

CLOSING REMARKS

John Hainey raised the issue of a professional BMX track that was being developed in Glasgow, under the auspices of Glasgow Life, and considered how this may impact on West Dunbartonshire. It was agreed that support/improvements to the BMX track located in Drumry, Clydebank could possibly be taken forward when the West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust gives its presentation to a future meeting of the Alliance.

The meeting closed at 3.57 p.m.