

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 23 March 2011 at 2.05 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, Jonathan McColl, Marie McNair*, Martin Rooney and May Smillie; Murdoch Cameron, MBE, Community Councils' Forum; John Diamond, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum, Neil Etherington, Clydebank Community Forum; Anne MacDougall, Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel; Haji Munir*, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association; Tom Nimmo, West Dunbartonshire Community Care Forum; Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau; Justeen Peacock, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; and Tom Woodbridge, Dumbarton Community Forum.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Peter Barry, Community Planning Partnership Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer - Community and Consultation; and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Also

Attending: Colin Smith, Community Worker, Community Participation Partnership; Marie Waugh, Chair, Clyde Shopmobility Group; Jim McKay, Treasurer, Clyde Shopmobility Group; Raymond Walsh, Network Management Services Co-ordinator; Margaret Walker, Section Head, Planning and Strategy, West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership; Lynn Townsend, Head of Service (Support), Educational Services; Ken Graham, Manager, Lifelong Learning, Educational Services; Richard Aird, Senior Officer, Library Services, Educational Services; and PC Ian Fleming and PC Alan Moffat, Strathclyde Police.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors George Black, Ronnie McColl, Jim McElhill and John Millar; and Francis McNeill, Community Councils' Forum.

Councillor Jim Brown 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 19 January 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to Carolyn Leckie, Clydebank Women's Aid (Sub), being recorded in the list of persons also attending the meeting, and the inclusion of Councillor Smillie in the list of persons for whom apologies had been intimated.

INTRODUCTIONS

At the request of Ms Waugh, Councillor Brown, Chair, invited those present to introduce themselves.

Note: Councillor McNair arrived at this point in the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY SHOPMOBILITY

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 14 April 2010 (Page 2807 refers), Colin Smith, Community Worker, and Marie Waugh, Clyde Shopmobility, gave a presentation on Shopmobility.

The main points covered in the presentation were:-

- An overview of the shopmobility scheme which aims to loan powered scooters, powered wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs to people who have a mobility difficulty, and offer a guidance service to people who have a visual impairment.
- The impact that shopmobility has on the lives of the people that it supports.
- The benefits that retailers can derive from shopmobility schemes.
- An overview of Clyde Shopmobility.

Following discussion and having heard the Community Planning Partnership Manager, the Community Worker and Ms Waugh in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Community Planning Partnership was presently involved in negotiations in respect of the funding of a one year pilot shopmobility scheme in Clydebank Shopping Centre which would cost between £60,000 and £65,000;
- (2) to note that Clydebank Shopping Centre had intimated that it would contribute £25,000 of the funding for the pilot scheme; and
- (3) that a report should be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee describing the up to date situation in respect of the negotiations concerning the funding of a pilot scheme.

Note: Mr Munir entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP (CHCP) – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REVIEW

A report was submitted by the Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership informing of the review of community engagement undertaken by the CHCP and requesting that the Committee specifically consider the recommendation that the membership of the Community Participation Committee should include formal and specified representation from the Community Health and Care Partnership's (CHCP) Public Partnership Forum (PPF).

Having heard Ms Walker in answer to a member's question, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the membership of the Community Participation Committee should include formal and specified representation from the Community Health and Care Partnership's Public Partnership Forum, subject to approval by full Council; and
- (2) to note that an amendment to the Council's Standing Orders would be required should Council agree to approve the change to the CPC's membership described in (1) above.

LOCAL ROADS AND ROUNDABOUTS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 19 January 2011 (Page XXX refers), when a request had been received from the representative of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Service for an officer from the Roads Department to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss issues regarding the narrow lanes on local roundabouts and misuse by motorists, the Committee noted that the Network Management Services Co-ordinator was in attendance to respond to members' questions on the matter.

Following discussion and having heard the Network Management Services Co-ordinator and PC Moffat in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:

- (1) to note the update which the Network Management Services Co-ordinator had provided in respect of repairs to potholes which had resulted from recent severe weather;
- (2) to note that the lane markings on the Lomond Gate roundabout were compliant with regulations;
- (3) that the Network Management Services Co-ordinator should: (i) investigate the reported issues with lane markings on the Kilbowie roundabout and raise the matter with Transport Scotland; (ii) investigate the concerns which members had raised in respect of the Barloan, Lomondgate, Church Street and St James Retail Park roundabouts; and (iii) provide members with an update in relation to these matters at a future meeting of the Committee; and

- (4) to note that an advisory leaflet entitled 'Clear the Way', aimed at improving the accessibility of roads for people with disabilities, would be issued by the Roads Department later this year.

PROVISION OF MOBILE CRÈCHE FACILITIES WITHIN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing information on the provision of Mobile Crèche facilities within the West Dunbartonshire area to support groups in the community.

Having heard the Head of Service (Support), Educational Services, in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the concerns which had been expressed by Members that the funding available may not be sufficient to meet demand;
- (2) to note the assurance which had been given by the Head of Service (Support) that the level of demand would be monitored over the first year of the new arrangement;
- (3) to note that Judy Ormond, Section Head, Early Years and Childcare was the point of contact within the Council with regard to the provision of crèche facilities; and
- (4) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE CONTACT CENTRE

The Committee noted that a briefing note had been distributed to all Elected Members and members of the CPC on the Corporate Contact Centre.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the briefing note; and
- (2) that a presentation on this matter should be given at a future meeting of the Committee.

“DIGITAL INFORMATION; DRIVING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION” – A SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing information on an ongoing project to develop a community information portal and digital archive, as part of a Scottish Government funded scheme.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to share this information with other potential stakeholders; and
- (3) to direct any enquiries to the relevant officers within the Libraries & Museums Section of Educational Services.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – CONSULTATION ON SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT (SOA)

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive informing of the consultation process on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and inviting comments on the process.

After discussion and having heard the Community Planning Partnership Manager in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that although the Vale of Leven Community Forum had not participated in the consultation process on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA), residents of the Vale of Leven had participated;
- (2) to note the success of the public reassurance initiative which had been piloted in Whitecrock;
- (3) to note the improvements in the provision of educational services in West Dunbartonshire, and in particular the reduction in the number of exclusions from schools and the success of the Support to Children and Families Programme;
- (4) to note that a feedback event for community members would take place on 3 May 2011; and
- (5) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 19 January 2011 (Page XXX refers), the Committee noted that, in consultation with the Convener, the Leader of the Administration and the Leader of the Opposition, it had been agreed that the date of the December 2011 meeting of the CPC be changed to Wednesday, 14 December 2011 and would be held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Committee members were invited to provide information for the Community News item in advance of meetings on an on-going basis.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Brown, Chair, invited community representatives to raise topics for inclusion on future Agendas.

It was noted that current topics included:-

- Clydebank Rebuilt
- Update on Regeneration of the Schools' Estate
- Fairtrade
- Regular update on Recycling and Waste Minimisation
- Future Development on Strathleven Corridor
- Council Tax Presentation (annually)
- An update on Addiction Services and in particular whether funding is internal or external
- Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership
- Community Planning Partnership/Community Forums
- What's On and Events Information - Council's Website

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note the request from the representative from Clydebank Community Forum for an update to be provided on the designations of staff in the Events and Halls section, in view of recent staff changes;
- (2) to note the suggestion from the representative from the Community Councils' Forum for an update to be provided on the Strathleven Corridor;
- (3) to note the request from the representative from Dumbarton Community Forum for an update to be provided to the Committee on the restructuring of the Community Learning and Development and Welfare Rights Sections;
- (4) to note that updated organisational structures of the Council's Departments were available on the Council's website, with the exception of Educational Services but that this structure would soon be available; and
- (5) to note that an update report on the glass recycling pilot in the Clydebank area would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that there were no Open Forum questions.

The Meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.