

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 15 September 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, George Black, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, Jim McElhill, Marie McNair, John Millar, Martin Rooney and May Smillie; Tony Oliver, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum (Sub); Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Francis McNeill, Community Councils Forum; Megan Harrison, Faifley Neighbourhood Forum; Justeen Peacock, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; Tom Wilmhurst, Association of Clydebank Residents Group, Tom Woodbridge, Dumbarton Community Forum; and Neil Etherington, Clydebank Community Forum (Sub).

Attending: Peter Barry, Community Planning Partnership Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer - Community and Consultation; Rodney Thornton, Section Head - Waste and Transport Services; Keith Redpath, Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership; Craig Jardine, Manager of Educational Estates; and George Hawthorn, Senior Administrative Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Also

Attending: Mary Theresa Doherty, Faifley Neighbourhood Forum (Sub).

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Margaret Bootland; Carolyn Leckie and Ann Aire (Sub), Clydebank Women's Aid; Murdoch Cameron, MBE, Community Councils Forum; June Todd, MBE, Clydebank Community Forum; Jackie Maceira, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel (Sub); Haji Munir, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association; John Diamond, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum; Anne MacDougall, Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel; and Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Councillor Jim Brown in the Chair

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

Councillor Brown (Chair) informed the Committee that he had received a request from Councillor Martin Rooney to allow the Committee to consider a motion in connection with press statements made by Provost Agnew in relation to his attendance at meetings of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority Board.

Councillor Brown informed the Committee that he did not consider the motion to be a matter of urgency and therefore the motion would not be considered by the Committee.

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

After hearing Councillor Brown (Chair), the Committee agreed to vary the order of business as recorded hereinafter in these minutes.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 16 June 2010 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

INTEGRATION OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES WITH THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP - PROGRESS

A report was submitted by the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership providing an update on the integration of Social Work and Health Services.

After hearing the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made to date and the expected future progress required to allow the Council and the Health Board to consider whether it was appropriate to move to full integration with effect from 1 October 2010; and
- (2) to note that, if established, a representative from the Public Partnership Forum would serve on the CHCP Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business of the agenda.

PRESENTATION BY CLYDEBANK WOMEN'S AID

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 16 June 2010 (Page XXX refers), Annie O'Halloran and Margaret McLaren (in attendance for this item only) gave a presentation on the work of Clydebank Women's Aid and the services it provides to women and children in the Clydebank area.

After discussion and having heard Ms O'Halloran and Ms McLaren in answer to members' questions, the Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked them both for their excellent presentation and commended them on the valuable services which their organisation provides.

Ms O'Halloran and Ms McLaren thanked the Committee for giving them the opportunity to give the presentation and thereafter they left the meeting.

Note: Councillor R. McColl left the meeting at this point.

REGENERATION OF THE SCHOOLS' ESTATE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 16 June 2010 (Page XXX refers), a report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing the Committee with an update on the progress of the regeneration of the schools' estate.

After hearing the Manager of Educational Estates in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of this report.

FUNDING PROVISION FOR THE PPP SCHOOLS PROJECT

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 16 June 2010 (page XXX refers), a report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing information on how the schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) budget is funded and the resultant effect on the Council's overall budget.

After hearing the Manager of Educational Estates in answer to members' questions and points raised by the representative from Dumbarton Community Forum, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a further report on this matter be submitted to the Committee, at the same time as the report to Council, at which point all building works will have been completed; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

IMPROVED RECYCLING SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ALTERNATE WEEKLY COLLECTION SYSTEM – PROGRESS REPORT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing information on progress made since the change over from the weekly residual waste and four weekly dry recycle/garden waste collection system to an alternate weekly collection (AWC) system.

After hearing the Section Head - Waste and Transport Services in further explanation of the report and in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the figure shown in paragraph 3.3 of the report relating to the number of low level households should have read '15,593' and not '18,000' as printed;
- (2) to note the successful operational implementation of Phase 1 of the alternate weekly collection system and the positive impacts made on the Council's waste recycling performance;
- (3) to note that the Phase 1 planning, communication and implementation process would be utilised for Phase 2 of the project, commencing in December 2010; and
- (4) that a further report be presented to the Committee following completion of the glass recycling pilot in the Clydebank area.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 16 June 2010 (page XXX refers), a report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing an update on the successful tender for delivery of the Community Planning Partnership Community Engagement Support.

Following discussion and having heard the Manager Community Planning & Policy and the Policy Officer - Community and Consultation in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that Organisational Development and Support Consulting (ODS) had won the contract to deliver a range of community engagement services on behalf of the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership;
- (2) to note with concern that the Vale of Leven Community Forum is not progressing as quickly as the other two forums in this area
- (3) to note that while some community representatives welcomed the appointment of ODS, there was concern expressed by the representative of Clydebank Community Forum about the pace of progress; and

- (4) that a further more detailed report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee providing a comparison of the cost of the contract against the costs associated with the previous arrangements for providing community engagement services in-house.

COMMUNITY DAY REVIEW 2010

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing information on the findings of the Community Day review and making proposals for future arrangements.

Following discussion and having heard the Policy Officer - Community and Consultation in answer to members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the percentage shown on the last bullet point of paragraph 3.3 should have read '61.5%' and not '64%' as printed;
- (2) to note that, based on the findings of the review, although there was a level of loyalty to the event, other evidence suggested that, in the current climate, it was not the best use of resources (financial and officer); and
- (3) to recommend to the Council:-
 - (a) that Community Day no longer runs in its current format and that further work should be done to investigate the practicalities of making fuller use of other existing events (including gala days and fire station open days) for stall holders who wish to promote services and activities to the public; and
 - (b) that further work is done to investigate the potential for running a networking day for agencies and voluntary and community groups in the community planning context.

BUDGET FORUM MEETINGS

The Committee noted the undernoted dates for Budget Forum Meetings:-

Monday, 13 September 2010	Burgh Hall, Dumbarton	7 pm – 9 pm
Tuesday, 14 September 2010	Alexandria Community Centre	7 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday, 15 September 2010	Clydebank Town Hall	7 pm – 9 pm

After hearing Councillor Black, the Committee noted with concern that some members of the community in Bowling had reported that officers had suggested that the Bowling Village Hall and others could close as a result of proposed savings measures currently under consideration.

Note: Councillors Smillie and McNair left the meeting at this point.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to recommend to Council that any proposed closure to public services/buildings should be the subject of full and proper public consultation before being considered by Council;
- (2) to note that the Council had not yet agreed to form a Leisure Trust, but if a Trust was established then any decision on the future of leisure services would be made by the Leisure Trust and not the Council;
- (3) to note that the current budget road shows were additional consultations and were not in place of the budget forum meetings which take place in January each year;
- (4) to note the views of the representative from the Clydebank Community Forum that future budget consultation meetings should be conducted by the Council in association with the Community Council Forums in order to improve attendance at such events; and
- (5) to note the view of the representative from the Clydebank Seniors Forum that the Community Councils should be involved in the budget consultation process given their statutory role to represent their communities.

Councillors Rooney and Millar left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Councillor Brown (Chair) reminded Committee members 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 Crime Prevention Panel (November meeting)
- 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

- Shopmobility
- Community Planning Partnership/Community Forums

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (1) that the next update on Recycling and Waste Minimisation would be given after the 6 month pilot project on glass recycling in the Clydebank area had concluded;
- (2) that the next update on the Regeneration of the Schools' Estate would be submitted at the same time as the report to Council when all buildings works had been completed; and
- (3) that the item on Community Planning Partnership/Community Forums should be removed from the list.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that there were no Open Forum questions as there were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.