

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 18 April 2012 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, George Black, Jim Finn, John Millar and Martin Rooney; Murdoch Cameron, MBE, Community Councils' Forum; Francis McNeill, Community Councils' Forum; Justeen Peacock, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; Haji Munir, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association; Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Tom Woodbridge, Dumbarton Community Forum; Neil Etherington, Clydebank Community Forum; Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group and Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Service.

Attending: Peter Barry, Community Planning and Policy Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Soumen Sengupta, Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement (in attendance for the item 'Approval of the Vale Centre for Health & Care' only); Colin Newman, Team Leader, Building Standards and John Walker, Lead Building Standards Surveyor (in attendance for the item 'Street Naming Policy') and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Councillors Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl and Jim McElhill, Anne MacDougall, CHCP Public Partnership Forum, David Colrairie, Clydebank Asbestos Group and Gillian Kirkwood, YSort-It.

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.

PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP (CHCP) PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Having heard Councillor Brown, Chair, it was noted that due to unavoidable circumstances, the presentation on the work of the Forum would be continued to the next meeting of the Committee.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Prior to commencing with the business of the meeting, Councillor Brown wished Elected Members well in the forthcoming local government elections. He also took the opportunity to thank all the community representatives and officers, particularly Peter Barry and Anne Clegg, for their hard work and commitment over the past 5 years.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 22 February 2012 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE - EVALUATION

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing information on the Community Participation Committee outputs over the last year and inviting community members and Elected Members to respond to evaluation questionnaires.

After discussion and having heard the Policy Officer (Community & Consultation) in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place on points 3.1 - 3.5 in the report;
- (2) to note that community representatives on the Committee should return the evaluation forms, which they would receive in the post with a pre-paid envelope, and that recent past rota group members and the new rota group members would be included;
- (3) to note that Elected Members should return the evaluation forms which they received electronically;
- (4) to note the complimentary remarks from community representatives in terms of the Committee's success in allowing community engagement; and
- (5) to note that a report providing feedback on the evaluation process would be made to the August meeting of the Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE VALE CENTRE FOR HEALTH & CARE

A report was submitted by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership bringing to the Community Participation Committee's attention the Scottish Government's formal approval of the Full Business Case for the new Vale Health & Care Centre.

It was noted that a model of the new Vale Health & Care Centre had been set up to enable Members to view it.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to express its appreciation to the Community Health & Care Partnership (CHCP) (and other partners) for securing this important development for the local area, and acknowledge the important contribution that local community groups have made to the plans for the new Centre.

STREET NAMING POLICY

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development presenting a proposed street naming policy to the Committee and inviting comments from the Committee and its member groups.

After discussion and having heard the Team Leader, Building Standards in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion on the proposed policy for street naming contained in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to note the point raised in connection with Community Councils being the appropriate statutory body for consultation with regard to planning matters, including the issue of street naming;
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee outlining proposals for appropriate community consultation, which would also include schools etc.; and
- (4) that, in the interim, in the event that any street names of developments were required to be identified, then officers would seek community views prior to any decision being made on recommendations for a street name.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Committee members were reminded 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.

Current topics include:-

- Housing Allocation policy

- Regular update on Recycling and Waste Minimisation
- Pub Watch Scheme (Licensing)
- Securitisation of Assets
- Discussion with Transport Scotland regarding roundabouts and ancillary roads issues
- Presentation on Tourism Strategy
- How do we improve participation from our Communities?
- Council Tax (Annual Update)

After discussion and having heard the Community Planning and Policy Manager, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of tourism and, in particular, discussions on Dumbarton Castle, Dunglass Castle and the issue of ensuring that the area was kept as clear and tidy as possible in order to encourage tourism and give tourists a good impression;
- (2) to note that the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Department (HEED) was the appropriate department in the Council in relation to tourism matters, and that the appropriate officer be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee in order to enable a presentation to be given on this subject; and
- (3) that having received a presentation from the relevant officer from HEEDs, invitations would then be extended to the appropriate National Tourism bodies, in order to invite them to a future meeting of the Committee and to enable a coordinated focus to be taken on Tourism in the area.

OPEN FORUM

Neil Etherington raised the issue of Management Advisory Committees (MACs) and requested that this go forward as an agenda item to the next meeting of the Committee. Councillor Brown, Chair, confirmed that with the consent of the Committee he was happy for this to be done.

The Committee noted that Councillor Rooney would take up the issue raised by Justeen Peacock in relation to an access issue that she raised.

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.