

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 14 December 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, George Black, Marie McNair, John Millar and Martin Rooney; Murdoch Cameron, MBE, Community Councils' Forum; Francis McNeill, Community Councils Forum; Tom Woodbridge, Dumbarton Community Forum; Neil Etherington, Clydebank Community Forum; Anne McDougall, CHCP Public Partnership Forum; Carolyn Leckie, Clydebank Women's Aid and Jeanette Benzie, Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel.

Attending: Peter Barry, Community Planning and Policy Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Raymond Walsh, Network Management Services Co-ordinator (in attendance for the item 'Update on Roads and Roundabouts Issues' only); Helen Weir and Tom Jackson, West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership (in attendance for the item 'Presentation – West Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drug Strategy 2011-2014' only); Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development and Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager (in attendance for the item 'Presentation – Regeneration in West Dunbartonshire' only); and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, Jim McElhill, Murdoch Cameron, Justeen Peacock, Rhona Young, Tom Nimmo, Tom Wilmhurst and Jeanette Benzie.

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.

UPDATE ON ROADS AND ROUNDABOUTS ISSUES

Raymond Walsh, Network Management Services Co-ordinator, West Dunbartonshire Council, provided a verbal update on this item.

After discussion and having heard Mr Walsh in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the update on Roads and Roundabouts in the area;
- (2) to note that any concerns in relation to issues surrounding roads and roundabouts should be communicated to the Traffic Section of the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Department in order that these matters could be taken forward and addressed;
- (3) to note that an invitation would be extended to Transport Scotland to attend a future meeting of the Committee in order to enable further discussion to take place on roads infrastructure at key areas such as Lomondgate Roundabout; Dumbarton; and
- (4) to note that all community groups had been sent information on the Snow Code and winter prevention advice and that any groups wishing more supplies of the leaflets should contact the Clerk with their request.

PRESENTATION - WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE ALCOHOL AND DRUG STRATEGY 2011-2014

A presentation on the above was given by Ms Helen Weir and Mr Tom Jackson of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership.

In this respect, a report was submitted by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership on the West Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drug Strategy 2011-2014.

Having heard Ms Weir and Mr Jackson in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee:-

- (1) agreed to note the content of the presentation on the West Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drug Strategy 2011-2014;
- (2) agreed that it would be helpful to invite one of the Licensing Standards Officers to a future meeting in order to give further information on the Pub Watch Scheme; and
- (3) passed on their thanks to Ms Weir and Mr Jackson for the interesting and informative nature of the presentation.

PRESENTATION – REGENERATION IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Mr Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development and Mr Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager, gave a presentation on regeneration in West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard Messrs. McAloon and McGuinness in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the presentation on regeneration in West Dunbartonshire particularly in relation to the progress and positive impact it was having on the communities of Clydebank, Dumbarton and Alexandria;
- (2) that a copy of the presentation slides would be sent to Members of the Committee for their interest and information; and
- (3) that it would be useful to have a presentation on the Tourism Strategy for a future meeting of the Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 19 October 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the undernoted correction:-

With regard to the item under the heading 'Minutes of Previous Meeting' (Page XXX refers) concerning Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Decision-Making, it was agreed that paragraph (2) should be adjusted to read "to note that the Leader of the Council had made a commitment to review the membership arrangements of the CPP Strategic Board, with particular reference to the DWP/Jobcentre Plus representative being given a place on the Board and to review decision making arrangements as between the Executive and Strategic Boards.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (CPC) – ROTA MEMBERSHIP PLACES

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive informing on arrangements to refresh the rota places as the current rota members have been on the Committee for the agreed timescale of two years.

After discussion and having heard the Policy Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the draw should take place from the seven groups/organisations (listed in paragraph 3.2 of the report) who have not previously had a place on the Committee; and
- (2) that having had the draw, which was carried out by Carolyn Leckie, Clydebank Women's Aid, to note that the successful groups or organisations consisted of the following:-
 - (a) Clydebank Asbestos Group; and
 - (b) Renton Community Development Trust.

- (3) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place on widening the membership of the Committee and that this would be done as part of the review of the Committee to take place during 2012. In this respect, it was suggested that one of the future meetings could be used specifically to discuss membership.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Having heard Councillor Brown, Chair, it was noted that the remainder of the business of this meeting would be continued to the next meeting of the Committee in February 2012.

The Chair also took the opportunity to wish everyone compliments of the season.

The meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.