

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Education Centre, St. Margaret of Scotland Hospice, East Barns Street, Clydebank on Wednesday, 19 October 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, George Black, Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, Marie McNair 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; Tom Wilmhurst, Association of Clydebank Residents Groups; Tom Woodbridge, Dumbarton Community Forum; Neil Etherington, Clydebank Community Forum; Anne McDougall, CHCP Public Partnership Forum; Jeanette Benzie, Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel; Ann Aire, Clydebank Women's Aid.

Attending: Peter Barry, Community Planning and Policy Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Craig Jardine, Acting Service Manager, Corporate Asset Management (in attendance for the item 'Regeneration of the Schools' Estate Update' only); Jack McAulay, Roads & Transportation Manager (in attendance for the item 'Winter Maintenance Programme for 2011/12' only); Chief Inspector Fraser Candlish, Area Commander – Clydebank, Strathclyde Police, and Janice Winder, Partnership and Policy Officer (in attendance for the item 'Presentation – Police Reassurance Model' only); and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor John Millar, John Diamond and Rhona Young.

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 – POLICE REASSURANCE MODEL

Chief Inspector Fraser Candlish, Area Commander – Clydebank, Strathclyde Police, and Janice Winder, Partnership and Policy Officer, West Dunbartonshire Council, gave a presentation on the Police Reassurance Model. Scott McLennan, Public Reassurance Officer was also in attendance.

After discussion and having heard Chief Inspector Candlish and Ms Winder in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee:-

- (1) agreed to note the terms of the presentation on the Police Reassurance Model; and
- (2) passed on their thanks to Chief Inspector Candlish and Ms Winder for the interesting and informative content of the presentation.

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

It was noted that due to a technical problem, Ms Anne MacDougall and Mr George Murphy of the CHCP Public Partnership Forum would not be in a position to give a presentation on this issue to this meeting but that the presentation would be continued over to the next meeting of the Committee instead.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 17 August 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the undernoted correction:-

With regard to the item under the heading 'Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Decision-Making (Page XXX refers), it was agreed that paragraph (2) should be amended 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, with a view to a report coming back to the Committee in due course for Members' consideration".

REGENERATION OF THE SCHOOLS' ESTATE UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing Environmental and Economic Development providing an update on the progress of the regeneration of the schools' estate.

Having heard the Corporate Asset Manager in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

Jack McAulay, Manager of Roads and Transportation, provided a verbal update on the Winter Maintenance Programme for 2011/12.

In this regard, Mr McAulay advised the meeting that, as all roads cannot be treated at once, the Winter Maintenance Strategy defines priorities. Conditions may however on occasion be so severe that all resources are initially directed to keep the priority 1 and some of the priority 2 roads open.

West Dunbartonshire Council have now dealt with two severe winters. In 2009/10 some 5450 tonnes of salt were used and primary routes were treated 94 times. Last winter the primary routes were treated 119 times and over all classes of roads and footways, some 6111 tonnes of salt were used. Due to salt resilience measures being applied as a result of the severe weather and national shortage of salt stocks across the whole of the United Kingdom, measures were introduced to limit the application of salt and an additional 2223 tonnes of grit/salt mix was also spread. Public feedback has flagged up problems with excess grit and in 2011/12 efforts will be made to restrict the use of grit where possible, though in certain circumstances it will be unavoidable.

Following a question and answer session, the Committee thanked Mr McAulay for the informative nature of his presentation.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive informing of arrangements to update the membership of the Committee.

After discussion and having heard the Policy Officer, Community & Consultation in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to recommend to Council that a place should be made available for an individual to represent youth views. A worker from Y Sort-it was willing to fulfil this role and this would strengthen youth representation; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC BUDGET CONSULTATION EVENTS

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive informing of a new development in consulting on the Council's budget which builds on and strengthens the current arrangements.

Having heard the Policy Officer, Community & Consultation in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion at the meeting; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Committee members were invited to provide information for the Community News item in advance of meetings on an on-going basis. It was agreed to note that three Community Forum budget consultation events will be held as follows:-

Clydebank – Monday, 14 November 2011 (venue to be confirmed)

Vale of Leven – Tuesday, 15 November 2011 in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Headquarters

Dumbarton – Wednesday, 16 November 2011 (venue to be confirmed)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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

Having heard the Chair, it was agreed to remove 'Fairtrade' and 'Update on Clyde Valley CPP' from the list and that the following topics be approved:-

- Regeneration Issues (including Future Development on Strathleven Corridor) – December presentation
- Housing Allocation policy
- Regular update on Recycling and Waste Minimisation
- Council Tax Presentation – Scheduled for February 2012
- An update on Addiction Services and in particular whether funding is internal or external
- Securitisation of Assets
- Social and Economic Profile – Provisionally for December meeting (to be confirmed)

OPEN FORUM

It was noted that with regard to the latest edition of Community Participation News, the phone number for Fiona McGuigan, Leisure Services Co-ordinator, was incorrect. The Policy Officer, Community and Consultation will arrange for this to be corrected.

The Committee noted the update given by Councillor R. McColl concerning the anticipated opening of Clydebank Town Hall, following refurbishment, and noted the position in relation thereto.

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.