

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Community Participation Committee: 21 March 2007

Subject: Community Day/Community Week 2007

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides background information on Community Week and on the Council's Community Day which are annual events. It gives details of arrangements for 2007.

2. Background

2.1 Community Week has been an annual happening in West Dunbartonshire for the last six years. The week is an opportunity to showcase community and voluntary activity and partnership working within West Dunbartonshire. It is co-ordinated by the community development staff of West Dunbartonshire Partnership with input from all partner agencies.

2.2 As part of "Involving Communities" our Decentralisation Scheme, Council has run an annual event, now called Community Day, since 1996. Community Day now starts Community Week and is one of its key events.

2.3 Community Day is an opportunity to consult our communities on different aspects of Council policy and services. It also enables a wide range of community and voluntary groups and agencies to network with one another, exchange information and make their services and activities known to the residents of West Dunbartonshire.

3. Main Issues

3.1 Community Week and Community Day are organised through a Planning Group which includes a wide range of Council and partner agency employees and representatives of the community.

3.2 Community Day

3.2.1 Community Day 2007 will take place on Saturday 31st March in the Meadow Centre, Dumbarton, from 11.00 until 3.00. The day is free and open to members of the public.

- 3.2.2** This year continues the 'Life is for Living' theme and the day will run in tandem with a West Dunbartonshire Sports Festival, run by Sports Development and taking place on the pitches outside the Meadow Centre including beat the goalie, small sided games, football skill training and various fun races and athletic events.
- 3.2.3** Indoors there will be over 60 display stalls providing information from a range of public service providers and community and voluntary groups.
- 3.2.4** In addition, there will be indoors demonstrations of basketball, shoto budo martial arts, hip hop dance and 'Signs and Wonders' (signing to music). A young Dumbarton band will play out the day to end the event.
- 3.2.5** Outdoor attractions will also be available, including a slide and trampoline for children, the Y-Sortit Cyberbus and the Anti-Vandalism Bus.
- 3.2.6** Your Radio will be broadcasting live at the event.

3.3 Community Week

3.3.1 Other planned events in Community Week are (subject to confirmation):

- WD Community Care Forum open day
- Over 50's club open day
- Needlecraft open day
- Feis Dhun Breatainn An Iar Gaelic club information session
- Robert The Bruce history talk
- Shoto Budo classes
- Citizens' Advice Bureau awareness days
- First Aid training
- Recycling Information Sessions
- Poetry Reading Classes
- Manage your pain group events session
- Neuro Linguistic Programming
- Floral Demonstrations
- Healthy Living Initiative Learning opportunities day
- Zen Shiatsu health and relaxation classes

3.4 Extensive publicity is organized with roadside banners, press advertising, local radio coverage and posters and leaflets.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** A risk assessment has been carried out in relation to the area outside the Meadow Centre and within the centre itself.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** Community Day and Community Week provide opportunities for networking, informal consultation and information provision and demonstrate the wide range of community activity within West Dunbartonshire.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1** The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.
- 8.2** Members of the Committee are invited to attend Community Day and Community Week events.

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Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All