

Agenda

Community Alliance

Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020

Time: 14:00

Venue: 'The Denny' Meeting Room, Council Offices, 16 Church Street,
Dumbarton

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of the Community Alliance as detailed above. The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

JOYCE WHITE

Chief Executive

Distribution:

Anne MacDougall, Chair

Community Representatives and Voluntary Sector Members

Elected Members:-

Councillor C McAllister (Vice-Chair)

Councillor J Millar

Councillor S Page

All other Councillors for information

Date of issue: 6 March 2020

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2020

AGENDA

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COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

At a Meeting of the Community Alliance held in the 'The Brock' Meeting Room, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 2.0 p.m.

Present: Anne MacDougall, Chair; Councillors Caroline McAllister and Sally Page; Rhona Young, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Barbara Barnes, Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Locality Engagement Network; Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau; Jack Fordy, Community Councils' Forum; Jackie Maceira, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel; Frances McGonagle and Polly Wheelans, WDTRO.

Attending: Suzanne Greer, Acting Communities Manager/Community Empowerment Officer; Stephen Burns, Communities Project Worker - Communities Team and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf Councillor John Millar.

Ms Anne MacDougall 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.

NOTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Note of Meeting of the Community Alliance held on 12 November 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY

The Acting Communities Manager/Community Empowerment Officer gave a short presentation on the West Dunbartonshire Community Empowerment Strategy, 'Making Things Happen in Your Community'.

Following a question and answer session, Anne MacDougall, Chair, thanked Suzanne for the interesting and informative presentation.

CONFERENCE PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY/LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY

The Communities Project Worker – Communities Team gave a verbal update in relation to the plans for the above. After discussion, it was noted that arrangements were well in hand for the 'Get Involved' Community Conference which would be held in Clydebank Town Hall on Saturday, 22 February 2020.

LONELINESS AND ISOLATION FUND/FUNDING FOR ELDERLY

Rhona Young raised the issue of a fund of £10,000, of which approximately £2,200 remained for disbursement, aimed at combatting loneliness and isolation in the elderly. After discussion, the Acting Communities Manager/Community Empowerment Officer advised that the website link giving further information on conditions, etc. could be circulated for information.

GREENSPACE ISSUES

Having heard Anne MacDougall, Chair, it was noted that this item had been raised by some members of the community, and it was about the state of some of the parks and cemeteries, and concerns of leaves not getting lifted.

Having heard the Acting Communities Manager/Community Empowerment Officer, it was agreed that, in future, it would be helpful if officers could be provided with a summary of what the issues/concerns were, in order that an appropriate response could be provided for the meeting.

COUNCIL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Rhona Young raised the issue of difficulties in being able to contact officers using the council telephone system. Having heard the Acting Communities Manager/Community Empowerment Officer, the Community Alliance agreed to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter. Again, it was agreed that it would be helpful, in future, if officers could be provided with a summary of what the main issues of concerns were, in order that an appropriate response could be provided for the meeting.

ENFORCEMENT ON NEW PARKING LAWS – 2021/ITEM FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE (CPWD) MANAGEMENT BOARD

It was noted that this item would become law in 2021, and was mainly concerned with pavement parking causing difficulties to wheelchair users and those with prams/buggies, etc.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Some discussion took place on organised dog walkers using parks, such as Levensgrove, for walking dogs. The Community Alliance noted the terms of the discussion that had taken place.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton.

The meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

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Report by Acting Communities Manager

Community Alliance

Thursday 12th March 2020

Subject: Community Alliance Conference February 2020 Report

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Community Alliance members on the Community Alliance conference held on 22nd February 2020 in Clydebank Town hall.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Community Alliance members are asked to note the content of the report and give consideration to the key outcomes from the Conference and agree next steps moving forward.

3. Background

3.1 The aims of the conference were to raise awareness of the Community Alliance and reach out to new members. It also included a soft launch of the Community Empowerment Strategy which the Alliance will have a role in implementing.

3.2 The Conference was planned by a sub group of the Alliance supported by the Communities team. The group met regularly in the months running up to the Conference. The event was widely publicised via mailing lists and networks, social media and posters in key locations.

3.3 The event was attended by over 60 people, these included members of the community and representatives of groups such as Community Councils, Tenants and Residents Association, Parent Councils, Made with Love and the Champions Board. Other attendees included Scottish Community Development Centre, Police Scotland, British Transport Police, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, Greenspace, HSPC and community media group The Clydesider. The conference agenda included presentations and workshops and there was a networking lunch and information stalls also.

3.4 Overall feedback from participants on the day were positive. The town hall was a hive of activity with all attendees able to voice their opinions and participate in question and answer sessions with each of the speakers. One of the most highlighted benefits of the day was the opportunity to meet people from groups across the authority and the chance to find out about existing local provisions. Evaluation forms were completed and all comments and feedback will be taken account of in planning for future events and passed on as relevant. There were some negative comments on the venue in terms of temperature, acoustics and visual displays in the Grand hall.

4. Main Issues

4.1 Some of the information from the workshops is still being analysed for key themes and further information will be presented to the Alliance. Also there were some people interested in further information and in joining the Alliance. It was also an opportunity to promote the Community Transport action group, Community councils and the Community Council forum.

4.2 The next steps will be to further analyse the responses to the workshop questions and identify the key findings from these. This will inform the development of an action plan, also to follow up on contacts interested in more information or further involvement.

4.3 There is a need to build on they key findings and to promote the Alliance more widely. This can be done using a variety of methods such as promotional materials, social media and the development of a communications and marketing plan. Also there is a need to consider the timing, format and location of meetings in reaching out to new members and ways of including young people and increasing the representativeness of the Alliance.

4.4. The key themes emerging from the conference will inform the workplan for the Alliance for 2020/1 which will allow planning of meetings and inviting speakers and making the meetings more accessible and appealing to new members.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All