

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 19 October 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Gail Casey, Jackie Maceira and Martin Rooney. Murdoch Cameron, West Dunbartonshire Community Councils Forum; Cathy Bauld, Association of Clydebank Residents Groups; Abdul Ghani, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association; Francis McNeill, West Dunbartonshire Community Councils Forum; Marjorie Muir, Dumbarton Community Forum and Rhona Young, West Dunbartonshire Seniors Association.

Attending: Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive; Liz Cochrane, Policy Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; Sandra Davidson, Section Head, Community Learning and Development; Alan Laurie, Strathclyde Police and Lorraine Beveridge, Administrative Assistant, Legal and Administrative Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Margaret Bootland, Dennis Brogan, Marie McNair and Andy White and Elizabeth Conn, John Diamond, Francis McGonagle and Hope Robertson.

Councillor Gail Casey in the Chair

CONVENER'S REMARKS

7271 **Councillor Casey, Convener, welcomed Councillor Rooney and Cathie Bauld to their first meeting of the Committee.**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7272 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 17 August 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

- 7273 Reference was made to the Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 17 August 2005 (Page 1811, paragraph 6616 refers), when it had been agreed that local organisations be requested to provide a nominee and a substitute to be their representative on the CPC.
- 7274 In this respect, a list containing details of nominations received was circulated for information.
- 7275 On the invitation of the Convener, the Chief Executive agreed to draw, by lot, the name of the successful organisation.
- 7276 Thereafter, the Committee:-
- (1) noted that the successful organisation drawn was Dumbarton Community and Commercial Association whose representative was Robert Kyle with Harry Johnston as his substitute;
 - (2) agreed that a letter be sent to the aforementioned Association confirming the appointments and inviting their representative or substitute to attend the next meeting of the Committee; and
 - (3) that a letter be sent to the other groups to thank them for their interest.

SCOTTISH WATER

- 7277 Iain MacLellan, Business and Community Liaison Manager, Scottish Water (in attendance for this item only), gave a presentation on Scottish Water's programme of development in relation to the regeneration of Clydebank and Dumbarton riversides and in particular in relation to the River Leven.
- 7278 In so doing, Mr MacLellan informed the Committee of the work currently being undertaken under Quality and Service II (Q & S II), which involved the Fisherwood Combined Sewerage Overflow (CSO), the Pilan Flas CSO Project, the India Street CSO Project and the work pending for Q & S III for Period 2006 – 2014.
- 7279 Thereafter, Mr MacLellan was heard in response to questions from the Committee, in particular in relation to flooding issues and the impact, which the regeneration of the Clydebank Waterfront would have on the Dalmuir Sewerage Works.
- 7280 After discussion and having heard Mr MacLellan in further explanation, it was agreed that he would collate questions asked by Members and, if required, would report to a future meeting of the Committee.

- 7281 Councillor Casey, Convener, on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr MacLellan for his very informative presentation.

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 7282 Martin McKendrick, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Department of Housing and Technical Services Department (in attendance for this item only), gave a presentation on methods used by West Dunbartonshire Council and Partner Agencies to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour (ASB).

- 7283 In so doing, he informed the Committee that in response to a range of core indicators provided by the Scottish Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council had set ASB targets for the next three years and that provisional funding of £1.7 million (2006/07) and £1.9 million (2007/08) had been awarded to the Council from the Scottish Executive. In this respect, an annual report would be produced for the public on the measures taken and confirming if targets had been met.

- 7284 Mr McKendrick advised that an analysis of an ASB survey, which had been carried out across West Dunbartonshire in September 2005, would be completed by November 2005.

- 7285 Thereafter, Mr McKendrick summarised the following strategies being used by West Dunbartonshire Council and other agencies to tackle anti social behaviour:-

- The Community Warden Service
- Anti Social Investigations and Support Teams
- Anti Social Behaviour Orders
- Acceptable Behaviour Agreements
- Working with young people
- Neighbourhood Mediation Service
- Environmental Initiatives, including fixed penalty notices for litter, dog fouling and graffiti notices
- Out of Hours Noise Service
- ASB helpline
- Communications/Media Strategy

- 7286 In response to questions from the Committee on (i) the effectiveness of the warden service; (ii) the litter problem, in particular outside Leven Valley Initiative building and schools; (iii) graffiti; (iv) how many ASBOs had been issued to date; (v) who receives the fines issued; and (vi) how the success of the strategies would be measured, Mr McKendrick advised that:-

- (i) although the Community Wardens did not have the power to issue penalties, hopefully their patrols of the areas would provide reassurance to the community;

- (ii) the Litter Control Officers had only recently received the powers to issue penalties, of which 100% had been paid and that the matter of providing metal bins outside schools could be investigated;
- (iii) persons caught defacing public property would be reported to the Procurator Fiscal or the police;
- (iv) the Acceptable Behaviour Agreement was just being implemented and the first young person would be signed up in the next 2 weeks;
- (v) it was assumed that any fines incurred would go to the Council; and
- (vi) the Scottish Executive would measure if the targets had been within the timescales agreed.

7287 After further discussion it was agreed that a report on the preliminary results of the initiatives would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

7288 Thereafter, Councillor Casey, Convener, on behalf of the Committee thanked him for his very informative presentation.

INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE – PROPOSED EVENT

7289 **A report was submitted by the Chief Executive outlining the potential for a Community Participation Committee thematic discussion session or event which would focus on young people and youth issues in West Dunbartonshire.**

7290 **After discussion and having heard the Section Head, Community Learning and Development in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-**

- (1) that a Community Participation Committee 'Youth Focus' event would be held to endeavour to find out young peoples' views on Anti Social Behaviour;**
- (2) that the planning group would consist of Francis McGonagle and Hope Robertson and relevant officers;**
- (3) that the date for the event be set by the planning group;**
- (4) that the event be held in a local hotel, to be chosen by the planning group; and**
- (5) that a budget of up to £700 be allocated for payment of the venue, transport, refreshments and food.**

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
COMMITTEE (CPC) – RELATIONSHIP WITH WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP (CPP)**

7291 **A report was submitted by the Chief Executive requesting the Committee to consider its role, in the context of the new Community Planning Partnership (CPP).**

7292 **After discussion and having heard the Policy Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-**

(1) to recommend to Council that Option 1 be approved, as follows:-

- (i) 3 places on the CPC for community representatives from the CPP Board;**
- (ii) Co-ordination of the work of the CPP and CPC by providing a briefing/feedback item on the agendas of both;**
- (iii) Establishment of pre-agenda meetings for the CPC community representatives; and**

(2) that, if the above proposal was approved by Council, the Policy Manager would liaise with Mr O'Donnell, Manager of West Dunbartonshire Partnership, in relation to the 3 places available on the CPC from the CPP Board.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE:
NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE
CITIZENS' PANEL**

7293 **A report was submitted by the Chief Executive containing information on the new arrangements for West Dunbartonshire Citizens' Panel.**

7294 **After discussion and having heard the Policy Officer, Community and Consultation, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-**

- (1) that the proposals to include an explanation on what the information would be used for on the user request form would be discussed at the next meeting of the Citizens' Panel Steering Group; and**
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.**

COMMUNITY DAY/COMMUNITY WEEK – PLANNING FOR 2006

7295 **A report was submitted by the Chief Executive:-**

- (a) providing background information on Community Week and on the Council's annual Community Day;**
- (b) containing details of the planning which was already underway for 2006; and**
- (c) inviting the Committee to put forward comments and suggestions in relation to these events.**

7296 **Following discussion and having heard the Policy Officer, Community and Consultation, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-**

- (1) to note that a catch phrase was required to project a positive image of the Community Day/Community Week; and**
- (2) that the proposal to have a competition which could ask questions on what information was provided at each stall, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Planning Group.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

7297 **The Committee had under consideration the order of priority for the undernoted previously proposed topics being placed on the Agenda for future meetings of the CPC:-**

- (a) Funding – Demonstration of Grantfinder by Lorne Campbell, Funding Officer with West Dunbartonshire Council;**
- (b) Welfare Rights – Information on Welfare Rights from John Hepburn, Welfare Rights Officer;**
- (c) Town Centres Initiative – Dumbarton and Vale of Leven;**
- (d) Clydebank Rebuilt;**
- (e) Up-date on the Health Improvement Role of West Dunbartonshire Council from the Health Improvement Officer; and**
- (f) Up-date on the Health Board changes.**

7298 **After discussion and having heard the Convener, the Committee agreed that the following items would be included in the December agenda of the CPC:-**

(1) Dumbarton Town Centre Initiative; and

(2) Hospital Issues and/or The Community Health Partnership .

7299 **In this respect, it was agreed that Mr Iain Davidson Porter, Town Centre Manager would be invited to give a presentation on Dumbarton Town Centre Initiative and that Mr George Murphy, Public Involvement Officer, Community Health Partnership and/or Mr Keith Redpath, Director of Community Health Partnership would be invited to give a presentation on Hospital Issues and/or The Community Health Partnership.**

OPEN FORUM

7300 The Committee noted that there were no Open Forum questions.

CONVENERS REMARKS

7301 After hearing the Convener, the Committee noted that a report would be submitted to the October meeting of the Council proposing, amongst other things, that the next meeting of the CPC be held on Wednesday, 7 December 2005 at 2.00 p.m. to be held in the Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton.

7302 After discussion the Committee agreed that the Policy Officer would investigate the matter and report to the Convener.

The meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.