

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Community Participation Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday 20 August 2003 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Gail Casey, Jackie Maceira, Connie O'Sullivan, Jack Duffy, and Dennis Brogan.

Attending: Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive; Liz Cochrane, Policy Manager; Anne Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation; and Fiona Anderson, Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors James Bolland, Margaret Bootland, Marie McNair and Andy White.

Councillor Gail Casey in the Chair

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

372 Before the business of the meeting, Councillor Casey welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Community Participation Committee and invited them to introduce themselves.

PRESENTATION

373 Ms Cochrane, Policy Manager and Ms Clegg, Policy Officer – Community and Consultation, gave a presentation on Community Consultation and Participation in West Dunbartonshire – The Story So Far. Ms Cochrane outlined the background to the Scheme of Decentralisation 1999/2002 and Ms Clegg explained the operation of the Scheme and the way forward for the immediate future.

374 On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Casey thanked both officers for their very informative presentation.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE – PROPOSALS FOR INTERIM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

375 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive asking the Committee to consider the arrangements for interim community representation on the Community Participation Committee.

376 After discussion and having heard the Chief Executive and the Policy Officer in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council that:-

- (1) attempts be made to widen the methods used to attract people;
- (2) those community groups which previously served on the Community Initiatives Committee be invited to nominate representatives to serve on the Community Participation Committee as an interim arrangement pending the Decentralisation Review; and
- (3) former Glasgow City Councillor, Catriona Renton, be invited to a future meeting to talk about her experiences of interacting effectively with young people.

SCHEME OF DECENTRALISATION 1999-2002 BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND REVIEW OF ACTION TO DATE

377 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing background information on the Council's Decentralisation Scheme together with an update on the review of the Scheme to date.

378 The Committee agreed to note the information.

REVIEW OF DECENTRALISATION SCHEME – PROGRAMME FOR REVIEW

379 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive making recommendations in respect of the review of the Decentralisation Scheme.

380 The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the review go forward as described in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.10 of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

381 It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 15 October 2003 at 10.00 a.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton.

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.