

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 03 October 2023	14:00	Remotely via Teams,

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

F Garabedian, Active Communities; M Mathieson, Barnados; A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; J Gonani, DEAR; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; G Sergeant, Police Scotland; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; M Fotheringham, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; C Forbes, ROAR; and C Masson, Save the Children.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire.

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest & Transparency Statements

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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| 1 | Minute of Previous Meeting | 1 - 4 |
| | Minute of previous meeting held on 18 May 2023. | |
| 2 | Matters Arising | |
| 3 | Rolling Action Log | 5 - 6 |
| | Report by Clerk. | |
| 4 | Partner Intel Portal | |
| | Verbal Update by G Sergeant, Police Scotland. | |
| 5 | The Promise | |
| | Presentation by Maurice Gilligan, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 6 | My Bus | |
| | Verbal update by Cassie Forbes, ROAR. | |
| 7 | Trauma Informed Practice | |
| | Presentation by Bonnie McDowell, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 8 | Funding Focus | 7 - 10 |
| | Joint report by A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire and S Graham, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 9 | Black History Month | |
| | Verbal update by J Gonani, DEAR. | |
| 10 | Community Planning Groups Update | |
| | Update by A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 11 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | The next Forum for Empowering Communities will take place on 7 December 2023 at 2pm. | |



Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 18 May 2023	14:00	Remotely via Teams

Present

Martin Mathieson, Barnardos; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; G Sergeant, Police Scotland; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; and C Forbes, ROAR.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

In Attendance

A McBride and Z Hakim (both Engage Renfrewshire); R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; G Sergeant, Police Scotland; and C MacDonald, D Pole and S Graham (all Renfrewshire Council).

Apologies

A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; J Gonani, DEAR: and J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council;

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 14 March 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

In relation to Item 5 – Partners Intelligence Portal (PIP). It was noted that organisations continued to show an interest in Police Scotland's PIP. G Sergeant advised that a training course was likely to be in place by mid-June and he was happy to promote and discuss the initiative with any organisation.

In relation to Item 8 – Update on Local Partnerships and Grant Awards. It was noted that the grants were going through the current cycle of Local Partnerships. S Graham advised that there was a good range of applications. A McNiven intimated that it had been raised at the Local Partnerships that if any applications relating to Community Mental Health and Wellbeing did not received the funding they required then they would be able to contact A McBride at Engage Renfrewshire in relation to funding from the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

DECIDED: That the updates be noted.

3 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

In relation to the Refresh of the Community Plan, S Cruickshank advised that Third Sector groups were experiencing a lack of service from My Bus. It was agreed that C Forbes and S Cruickshank would submit a report to a future meeting of the Group with the intention of bringing it to the attention of the Executive Group, and S Graham advised that he would also look into the matter and report back at a future meeting

DECIDED:

- (a) That C Forbes and S Cruickshank submit a report to a future meeting of the Group in relation to the lack of service from My Bus;
- (b) That S Graham investigate the lack of service from My Bus to Third Sector groups;
- (c) That the update be noted; and
- (d) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

4 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STATEMENT

A McBride, Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund Officer, Engage Renfrewshire, gave an update on the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

5 MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

A McBride gave a presentation relative to the Community Mental Health Network..

The presentation outlined the work of the Group; the network membership; highlighted the newsletter; and outlined the forthcoming events.

It was noted that the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Group had now merged with the Social Connectiveness Network and the Health & Wellbeing Network and were now known as the Renfrewshire Community Wellbeing Network.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted

6 DEAR GROUP AND RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION NETWORK (INREN)

S Graham gave a verbal presentation relative to the DEAR Group and specifically in relation to the equalities agenda. He outlined the purpose and scope of the Group; highlighted that the agenda was led by the members and rotating chair; and advised of the developing calendar of events.




Z Hakim gave an update in relation to the In-Ren Network and highlighted the membership; matters discussed at the meetings; cultural awareness training and other training which was coming up.


DECIDED: That the verbal updates be noted.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That it be agreed that the next meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group would take place on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 2pm.

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ROLLING ACTION LOG

	Action is on track	KEY
	Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed. Action required to bring up to satisfactory level	
	Past deadline date and action required.	

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
<u>FEC180621 (5)</u>	SOCIAL RENEWAL PLAN Agreed that an update be submitted to a future meeting	AMcN				<u>RFG 24.4.22(4)</u> Members were given an update
<u>FEC291022(6)</u>	REFRESH OF COMMUNITY PLAN Copy of the report to be circulated to members after Council meeting on 29 August 2022	CMacD			19/10/22	Circulated to Members
<u>FEC180523 (2)</u>	COMMUNITY PLAN (a) That C Forbes and S Cruickshank submit a report to a future meeting of the Group in relation to the lack of service from My Bus; (b) That S Graham investigate the lack of service from My Bus to Third Sector groups;	CF/SC/ AMcN				

Updated 2/8/2023



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

On: 3 October 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Funding Focus

1. Summary

1.1 Community planning partners in Renfrewshire manage a number of funding streams that local community and voluntary sector organisations are able to access.

1.2 In addition to established funding streams such as the Villages Investment Fund, Parks Play Areas and Greenspaces Fund, Local Partnership funding and Celebrating Renfrewshire, a number of funding streams will be launched during Autumn 2023. Three funding streams to note are as follows:

1.3 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

1.3.1 Engage Renfrewshire is launching the third year of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, which is funded by the Scottish Government. Key dates are:

- Fund Opens: September 29th 2023
- Fund Closes: November 30th 2023
- Cross-sector panel meet to deliberate: Jan/early Feb 2024

1.3.2 Applications of under £2,000 may receive outcome before Christmas but funding would not be received until early 2024. Funding will be distributed by March 31st 2024 at latest and activity can run until Jan 30th 2025.

- 1.3.3 The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund can fund projects and activity that promote early intervention and prevention with regards to mental health and wellbeing for the adult (16+) population. Applications are welcome from unconstituted groups (cap of £2,000) or constituted groups (suggested request £10,000).
- 1.3.4 An exhibition of photographs from six groups funded through the second year of funding of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund will be held on October 5th at Renfrew Town Hall from 3:30pm – 6:30pm (official opening 4:00pm).
- 1.3.5 Photography is by Open Aye CIC, a local social enterprise based out in Lochwinnoch. To attend, please contact amcbride@engagerenfrewshire.com.

1.4 Sustainable Communities Fund

- 1.4.1 Renfrewshire Council's new Sustainable Communities Fund combines the Community Empowerment Fund and Climate Change Action Fund into a single, easy to access £1M grant fund. The Fund is further boosted by £550K from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Communities and Place for the support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure.
- 1.4.2 The new Sustainable Communities Fund will strengthen work within communities to identify opportunities for land and assets within local areas to develop local projects which benefit those who live there – connecting people through regenerated local spaces and tackling inequality through community collaboration. The fund will be awarded using a tiered model of funding.
- 1.4.3 **Small - awards up to £10K:** capital and revenue funding to develop local projects and initiatives which are targeted at enabling community participation and promoting community collaboration and which build resilience within our communities.
Intermediate – awards of £10K to £25K: capital and revenue funding to develop projects or organisations with a focus on improving community infrastructure and/or community wellbeing and which have the potential to be replicated in other areas; and
Large – awards up to £100K: larger capital grants with the aim of supporting communities that aspire to take ownership or develop land or buildings in local communities.

1.5 Winter Connections 2023-24

- 1.5.1 Renfrewshire Council manages Winter Connections 2023-2024, which opened for applications on Friday 22nd September.
- 1.5.2 Winter Connections is a network of local places and spaces where people can connect to others in their community this winter. The Winter Connections Fund can provide small grants of up to £2,000 to organisations to help with the additional costs of making venues, activities and sessions open as part of the Winter Connections Programme.
- 1.5.3 There is no closing date for this funding as it will be allocated on a rolling basis. The fund will remain open until the available funding has been used. Application as early as possible is advised

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities note the funding streams opening during Autumn 2023 that are available to local community and voluntary groups.

