

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 07 December 2023	14:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

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; P Jung, 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.

Members of the Press and Public

Members of the press and public wishing to attend the meeting should report to the reception where they will be met and directed to the meeting.

Red Jumper Day

Remember to wear your most Christmassy Jumper and bring £2 to help Save the Children.

Hybrid Meeting

Please note that this meeting is scheduled to be held in the meeting room at Engage Renfrewshire, 10 Falcon Crescent, Paisley. However, it is a hybrid meeting and arrangements have been made for members to join the meeting remotely should they wish.

Further Information

This is a meeting which is open to members of the public.

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

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

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| | Introduction of new member by A McNiven/P Jung. | |
| 5 | Partner Intel Portal | |
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| | Presentation by Shopmobility. | |
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| | Verbal update by Partnerships Manager, Renfrewshire Council. | |
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Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 3 October 2023	14:00	Remotely via Teams

Present

A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; M Fotheringham, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice; J Gonani, DEAR; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; and C Forbes, ROAR.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

In Attendance

R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and M Gilligan, C MacDonald and S Graham (all Renfrewshire Council). and M Dymond and K Miller, Shopmobility Renfrewshire Ltd.

Apologies

A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; M Mathieson, Barnardos; and G Sergeant, Police Scotland,

SEDERUNT

The Chair intimated that Item 4 – Partner Intel Portal had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be submitted to a future meeting.

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 18 May 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the update be noted; and
- (b) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

4 THE PROMISE

M Gilligan, Social Work Manager Operations/Promise Lead, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council, gave a presentation relative to the Promise, the Scottish Government's commitment to listen to the voices and needs of the care experienced community.

The presentation outlined the role of the Promise Manager; highlighted the priorities and outcomes; advised of progress and update; detailed the Promise Keeper update.

The presentation offered each board member to meet with the Promise Manager to discuss their progress and contribution in relation to The Promise; asked members to note the Renfrewshire Language Policy (guidelines for how we speak about and describe Care Experience and Care Experienced children and young people) and consider its use within members' organisations in Renfrewshire; to give due consideration in becoming a "Promise Keeper" or a representative; and to note that there was an offer for regular update reports to be brought to the Forum to ensure members were sighted on implications for policy and practice as the Promise work progresses.

DECIDED:

- (a) To note the progress and update;
- (b) To note that the Promise Manager had offered to meet with each member to discuss their progress and contribution in relation to The Promise;
- (c) To note the Renfrewshire Language Policy (guidelines for how we speak about and describe Care Experience and Care Experienced children and young people) and consider its use within members' organisations in Renfrewshire;

(d) That members would give due consideration in becoming a “Promise Keeper” or a representative; and

(e) That it be noted that there was an offer for regular update reports to be brought to the Forum to ensure members were sighted on implications for policy and practice as the Promise work progresses.

5 MY BUS

A verbal update was given by C Forbes, ROAR and S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel relative to their concerns with My Bus.

C Forbes advised that she had met with SPT along with S Cruickshank to address their concerns and they had been advised that there were a number of challenges which had been brought on by Brexit and Covid which could not be overcome. C Forbes also intimated that she had met with the management of the Tannahill Centre and the Manager of class care service who advised that they managed a small bus which was used for pre school and after school services however, the bus was now not fit for purpose, and she advised that they were now in the process of setting up a constituted community transport group. It was noted that a meeting had been set up with some elected members to see how to progress the transport solution.

A McNiven thanked them for the update and advised members that they should contact C Forbes directly if interested in being part of the Community Transport Group.

DECIDED:

(a) That the verbal update be noted; and

(b) That members should C Forbes directly in interested in being part of the Group.

6 TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

B McDowell, Trauma Informed Programme Lead, Chief Executive’s Service, Renfrewshire Council gave a presentation relative to trauma informed practice.

The presentation outlined the vision, background and definition of the programme; highlighted statistics relating to risks and outcomes; outlined the principles of trauma; shared the 6 “R”s of trauma informed cases; highlighted the road map; and looked at the development, actions and next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 FUNDING FOCUS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an update on the funding streams that local community and voluntary sector organisation were able to access.

The report advised that 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 would be launched during Autumn 2023. Three funding streams to note were: Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund; the new Sustainable Communities Fund; and Winter Connections 2023/24.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the funding streams were open during Autumn 2023 and were available to local community and voluntary groups.

8 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

J Gonani, DEAR advised that Black History month was celebrated in October in the UK. It was originally set up in USA to recognise the achievements of Caribbean and African people in the global north.

He intimated that Black History month was important to acknowledge the contributions of people from communities and the theme this year was “Celebrating Our Sisters and their contribution to society”.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

9 COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP UPDATE




A McNiven gave an update on the work of the Community Planning Executive Group and in particular the Working Group which was to be set up relative to partners working collaboratively in a financially challenging environment. He advised that this was an opportunity for the Forum to feed in views and get feedback from the process and influence the direction of travel.


DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That it be agreed that the next meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group would take place on 7 December 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>FEC 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				<u>FEC 3 Oct</u> Members were provided with an update and advised to contact C Forbes (ROAR) directly in interested in being part of the Community Transport Group.

Updated 20/11/2023



To: Forum for Empowering Communities

On: Thursday 7 December 2023

**Report by: John Wilby, Chairperson
Paisley West & Central Community Council**

TITLE: Proposed Heritage Trail Project

1 Summary

This report highlights the important complementary role of Paisley's Heritage Trail to Renfrewshire Council's Heritage Strategy. It identifies the extent of its reach, its contribution to partnered tourism, and highlights the need for major restoration works. It points to Council sources of capital funding for the necessary works.

Paisley West & Central Community Council seeks an early comprehensive programme of restoration and development. The full potential for this neglected, and significant part, of Paisley's heritage will be best achieved by an early co-ordinated commitment from relevant Renfrewshire Council officials and partner organisations.

2 Recommendations

That the Forum considers what support it can offer and how best to promote the agenda.

3 Background

Paisley's Heritage Trail extends from School Wynd to Oakshawhead and includes five linking access trails. It is home to several listed buildings, including Oakshaw Trinity Church, the Observatory, Gaelic Chapel, and the John Neilson Institute. Therefore, it is an important part of Paisley's Heritage Strategy, as witnessed by the hundreds of overseas visitors each year, many choosing an accompanied tour. The completion of the Museum and Observatory restoration and development projects will also heighten its historic importance and offers opportunities for a future partnership approach.

4 Restoration & Development

The past few years have seen a gradual deterioration in its condition. This ranges from un-painted, damaged, and missing historic street furniture to the absence of regular weed suppression and graffiti. An opportunity also exists to enhance the trail with improved signage, historically significant plaques along the route, and live historical enactments. Anti-social behaviour could be reduced by an additional strategically sited CCTV camera, and a locked gate at Oakshawhead, giving access only to the electricity sub-station.

5 Funding

The Community Council acknowledges this is a major project requiring significant capital expenditure. The greatest cost-benefit is likely to accrue from an early working partnership with Heritage Strategy managers and partner organisations. There may also be existing underspent Town Centre capital funding for this urgently required work. One other established source of revenue, yet to be exploited for ongoing maintenance, is the use by film companies seeking an historical location.

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To: **Forum for Empowering Communities Group**

On: **7 December 2023**

Report by:
The Clerk

**TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE
FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES GROUP
TO DECEMBER 2024**

1 Summary

The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Forum for Empowering Communities Group for the period January 2024 to December 2024.

2 Recommendation

That the timetable of meetings from January 2024 to December 2024, as indicated within the report, be agreed.

3 Background

3.1 At the meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group which was held on 4 September 2020 it was agreed that the meetings would alternative between Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and would commence at 2pm.

3.2 The location of the meetings will remain as TBC until nearer the time of the meeting.

3.3 The proposed dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 12 March 2023, 2pm - 4pm
- Thursday 16 May 2023, 2-4pm
- Tuesday 10 October 2023, 2pm - 4pm
- Thursday 5 December 2023, 2pm - 4pm

- 3.3 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.

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