

Minute of Meeting

Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 20 March 2019	14:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

PRESENT

K Taylor, CAB; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; and L Devine, Save the Children.

CHAIR

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire); A Armstrong-Walter, S Graham, and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and C Robertson (ROAR).

APOLOGIES

I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; S McLellan, RAMH; and N Hanssen, ROAR.

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 3 December 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

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

3 RENFREWSHIRE FALLS PREVENTION GROUP

C Robertson, ROAR gave a verbal update on the work of the Falls Prevention Group. She advised that the focus of the Group was on preventing people from falling and strengthening their resistance. The Group was made up of local government, health and third sector professionals. It was noted that leaflets had been produced with exercises and helpful information.

DECIDED: That the verbal presentation be noted.

4 UPCOMING COUNCIL CONSULTATION

S Graham gave a verbal presentation on the development of a new consultation the Council was undertaking which was aimed at redefining the Council's values and its relationship with communities, partners and businesses. He advised that the consultation would look at engagement relative to what communities wanted to see in their local areas and the relationship between the community and the Council. It was highlighted that staff engagement within the Council had commenced and would look at the values that supported a positive working environment to create the best possible conditions for staff.

DECIDED: That the verbal presentation be noted.

5 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Local Partnership meetings.

The report advised that seven Local Partnerships had been established to provide a focus for partnership working in localities to address priorities. The Partnerships would have greater involvement with community representatives and partner organisations, while retaining the function of allocating funding to local community activity. It was noted that the first meetings would take place between 19 March and 4 April 2019 and a programme of further meetings and events would be scheduled to take place during 2019/20.

L Devine, Save the Children, advised that if community projects were applying to Greenspace Scotland to secure funding for local greenspace projects the applications would not be eligible if they were based on Council land. It was noted that this would impact on future projects being developed by local partnerships. It was agreed that

DECIDED: That the report and verbal update be noted.

6 YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE INFORMATION

S Graham gave an update relative to activities taking place within partner organisation to celebrate Year of Young People. He advised that Members had provided information in relation how young people were listened to within their organisations, including arrangements for young people to be board members. The information had now been collated and would be shared with members.

DECIDED:

(a) That the verbal update be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that the collated Year of Young People information be shared with Members.

7 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Under reference to Item 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 3 December 2018, A McNiven proposed that the following Members be nominated to feedback on the activity of the various Community Planning Partnership groups and the Future Paisley Partnership Board, this was agreed:-

Oversight Group – Stuart Graham
Executive Group – Alan McNiven
Improving Life Chances – Karen McIntyre
HSCP Strategic Planning Group – Karen McIntyre/John Wilby
Future Paisley Partnership – Alan McNiven

Nominated members who had been present at the last meeting of the various groups gave a verbal update in respect of:

Oversight Group;
Health & Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group;
Improving Life Chances Group: and
Executive Group.

It was noted that the Future Paisley Partnership Board update would be given at the next meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities.

DECIDED:

(a) That the nominations in relation to feedback on the activity of the various community planning partnership groups be agreed; and

(d) That the updates be noted.