

## Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 7 December 2023	14:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

### **Present**

A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Gonani, DEAR; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; and P Jung, RAMH.

### **Chair**

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

### **In Attendance**

G Sergeant, Police Scotland; C Murdoch, ROAR; C Robertson, J Gardyne, C MacDonald and S Graham (all Renfrewshire Council). and K Miller, D Roy and D Robb, Shopmobility Renfrewshire Ltd.

### **Apologies**

S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; M Fotheringham, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice; R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; C Forbes, ROAR; and C Masson, Save the Children.

### **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 October 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:**

- (c) That the update be noted; and
- (d) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

### **4 INTRODUCTION OF RAMH CEO – PETER JUNG**

A McNiven introduced advised that S McLellan had now left RAMH and he welcomed P Jung to the meeting as the new Chief Executive of RAMH.

Mr Jung thanked the Chair for the introduction and advised that he was looking forward to working with the Forum.

**DECIDED:** That the introduction be noted.

### **5 PARTNER INTEL PORTAL**

G Sergeant, Police Scotland gave an update on the expansion of Police Scotland's Partners Intelligence Portal (PIP).

This process was aimed at developing information around the threat, risk and harm posed by perpetrators and locations and would provide invaluable opportunities to target those who posed risk and protect those at risk of harm

He indicated he was happy to engage with any of the local organisation and they would receive training, access and any guidance required in the use of the portal. It was noted that RAMH and Shopmobility were among the 15 organisations who had taken up training for the PIP.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted

### **6 PROPOSED HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT**

J Wilby gave a presentation on the proposed heritage trail project.

He gave a brief outline of the listed history, the links and the access around the trail; highlighted the anti-social behaviour in certain areas; and listed the proposal.

He asked members to contact him directly if they were interested in contributing to this project.

#### **DECIDED:**

- (a) That the presentation be noted; and
- (b) That members could contact J Wilby directly if interested in contributing to the project.

## **7 SHOPMOBILITY**

K Miller, Office Manager, Shopmobility gave a presentation relative to the Shopmobility Service.

The presentation advised that Shopmobility Paisley and District was a free service helping people with limited mobility to visit Paisley town centre independently, with freedom and confidence. It was noted that shopping and travelling could present a range of challenges for people with mobility issues, who often had to rely on friends and family to help with these everyday activities.

Members were advised that Shopmobility Paisley and District offered free daily hire of manual and powered wheelchairs and powered scooters, to allow people to access shops and other facilities in Paisley independently. Manual wheelchairs and portable travel scooters were also available for longer term hire.

K Miller intimated that members of the public did not have to be registered disabled or a Blue Badge holder to make use of the Shopmobility service. The service was available to anyone with temporary or permanent mobility impairment, whether through disability, illness or injury.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

## **8 UPDATE ON AWARDS MADE THROUGH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND/LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS/WINTER CONNECTIONS**

S Graham gave a verbal update relative to various funding streams that local community and voluntary sector organisation were able to access.

**DECIDED:** That the verbal update be noted.

## **9 UPDATE ON THE REVIEW OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS**

S Graham, Partnerships Manager gave a presentation relative to Renfrewshire's Local Partnerships and the next phase of development.

The presentation gave a brief update on the development of the local partnerships; outlined the current operation and purpose of the consultation that had taken place; highlighted the feedback and next steps; and advised of the Scottish Democracy Matters consultation by the Scottish Government.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

## **10 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES JANUARY 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the proposed timetable of meetings for the Forum for Empowering Communities for 2024.

**DECIDED:** That the timetable of meetings, detailed in the report, for the Forum for Empowering Communities for 2024 be approved.