

Minute of Meeting

Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 04 September 2019	14:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

PRESENT

M Mathieson, Barnados; I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; N Hansen, ROAR; and L Devine, Save the Children.

CHAIR

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire); S Graham, Nicola Drummond and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); and R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

APOLOGIES

K Taylor, CAB; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; and S McLellan, RAMH.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chairperson indicated that there was an additional item in relation to Sanctuary Gardens, Underwood Road, Paisley which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Chairperson, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 4 of this Minute, was urgent authorised its consideration.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 12 June 2019.

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 **MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that a Partnership Post was currently being advertised for the DEAR Group

4 **SANCTUARY GARDENS, UNDERWOOD ROAD, PAISLEY**

A presentation was given by S Graham relative to the new Sanctuary Gardens based at Underwood Road.

The presentation highlighted that the garden space was helping to tackle social isolation in Paisley. People's awareness of the West End Growing Grounds Association charity had surged after it switched its location to Underwood Road. Housing provider Sanctuary worked with its contractor and the Council to move the charity's allotments from nearby Sutherland Street.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5(a) **TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP**

N Davidson gave a presentation relative to the Team Up to Clean Up campaign. She gave a brief background as to how the project was established; detailed the work that had been achieved so far; indicated how the project operated; highlighted some of the successes; and outlined how the Green Spaces, Play Parks and Villages Fund Operated.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5(b) **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND**

S Graham gave a presentation relative to the Community Empowerment Fund. He gave a brief background to the establishment of the Fund; outlined the requirements for projects; highlighted some of the positive outcomes and successful applicants; and detailed key dates for applications.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY FALLS PREVENTION GROUP UPDATE

N Hansen advised that a new Community Falls Group had been established which focused on early intervention and prevention of loneliness and falls. She indicated that a communication and training programme had been established and the Group was looking for relevant partners to enable community engagement. It was noted that the leaflet "Do you want to keep your dignity" was available for distribution throughout Renfrewshire.

DECIDED: That the verbal presentation be noted.

7 LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS/EVENTS CONFERENCE

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.

There then followed a discussion in relation to Local Partnerships, key strategies and priorities. L Devine, Save the Children advised that if communities were applying for Greenspace Funding they would not be eligible if the projects were on Council land. It was noted that this would impact on future projects being developed by local partnerships and . It was agreed that

DECIDED: That the report and verbal update be noted.

8 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.

9 UPDATE 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.