

Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 24 May 2022	14:00	Remotely via Teams

Present

A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; J Gonani, DEAR; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel;

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

In Attendance

Z Hakim and S Brown (both Engage Renfrewshire); R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; D Dunn, J Kennedy, S Graham and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire 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 3 March 2022.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

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.

3 RACE EQUALITY TOOLKIT

Z Hakim, IN-Ren Network Officer, Engage Renfrewshire advised the Group of a new Race Equality Toolkit which was currently being designed.

He indicated that the toolkit, which would be launched on 6 June 2022, looked at history, employment, health and health and wellbeing. It had been sponsored by Skills Development Scotland and had a separate employability section.

The Group noted that a series of workshops would be held based on the toolkit after the launch and Members were encouraged to have a look at it and provide feedback.

DECIDED: That the verbal presentation be noted.

4 SOCIAL RENEWAL UPDATE

D Dunn, Planning & Policy Development Officer, Renfrewshire Council gave a presentation which updated Members on the Social Renewal project.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the social renewal work currently being undertaken, specifically in relation to key priorities around financial security and poverty. Some of the projects currently underway were highlighted and members were asked to get involved in the campaign.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 COMMUNITY PLAN REFRESH

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council gave an update on the refresh of the Community Plan (the Plan).

He gave a brief overview of the Plan and advised that the Council's own community plan was also being refreshed which linked in very closely with the wider Community Plan Document. He outlined the progress of the Plan and advised that he would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss how to get involved in the principles, action and outcomes of the Plan.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

6 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire gave a brief update on the status of the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.

He gave a brief overview of the Fund and advised that the second year of the funding would take place mid June 2022 and intimated he would keep members updated.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

7 UPDATE ON DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

S Cruickshank, Chair, Renfrewshire Access Panel gave a brief update on the progress of the Disability Resource Centre.

The Group noted that work was progressing on the Disability Resource Centre as it had been set on fire by vandals and they were hoping to open by end of June. S Cruickshank intimated his disappointment that there had been no upgrade carried out to the building.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

8 LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council gave a verbal update on the Local Partnerships.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.