

Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 18 May 2023	14:00	Remotely via Teams

Present

Martin Mathieson, Barnardos; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; G Sergeant, Police Scotland; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; and C Forbes, ROAR.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

In Attendance

A McBride and Z Hakim (both Engage Renfrewshire); R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; G Sergeant, Police Scotland; and C MacDonald, D Pole and S Graham (all Renfrewshire Council).

Apologies

A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; J Gonani, DEAR: and J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community 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 14 March 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

In relation to Item 5 – Partners Intelligence Portal (PIP). It was noted that organisations continued to show an interest in Police Scotland's PIP. G Sergeant advised that a training course was likely to be in place by mid-June and he was happy to promote and discuss the initiative with any organisation.

In relation to Item 8 – Update on Local Partnerships and Grant Awards. It was noted that the grants were going through the current cycle of Local Partnerships. S Graham advised that there was a good range of applications. A McNiven intimated that it had been raised at the Local Partnerships that if any applications relating to Community Mental Health and Wellbeing did not received the funding they required then they would be able to contact A McBride at Engage Renfrewshire in relation to funding from the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

DECIDED: That the updates be noted.

3 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

In relation to the Refresh of the Community Plan, S Cruickshank advised that Third Sector groups were experiencing a lack of service from My Bus. It was agreed that C Forbes and S Cruickshank would submit a report to a future meeting of the Group with the intention of bringing it to the attention of the Executive Group, and S Graham advised that he would also look into the matter and report back at a future meeting

DECIDED:

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

4 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STATEMENT

A McBride, Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund Officer, Engage Renfrewshire, gave an update on the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

5 MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

A McBride gave a presentation relative to the Community Mental Health Network..

The presentation outlined the work of the Group; the network membership; highlighted the newsletter; and outlined the forthcoming events.

It was noted that the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Group had now merged with the Social Connectiveness Network and the Health & Wellbeing Network and were now known as the Renfrewshire Community Wellbeing Network.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted

6 DEAR GROUP AND RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION NETWORK (INREN)

S Graham gave a verbal presentation relative to the DEAR Group and specifically in relation to the equalities agenda. He outlined the purpose and scope of the Group; highlighted that the agenda was led by the members and rotating chair; and advised of the developing calendar of events.

Z Hakim gave an update in relation to the In-Ren Network and highlighted the membership; matters discussed at the meetings; cultural awareness training and other training which was coming up.

DECIDED: That the verbal updates be noted.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That it be agreed that the next meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group would take place on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 2pm.