

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 03 December 2018	14:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

M Mathieson, Barnados; I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; A Clark, Create; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; S Duncan, Leap; A Fraser, Linstone Housing Association; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; K Taylor, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; K Graham, Renfrewshire Wide Credit Union; N Hansen, ROAR; and L Devine, Save the Children.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire.

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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| 1 | Minute of Previous Meeting | 5 - 8 |
| | Minute of previous meeting held on 3 September 2018. | |
| 2 | Matters Arising | |
| 3 | Rolling Action Log | 9 - 10 |
| | Report by Director of Finance & Resources. | |
| 4 | Community Asset Transfer | |
| | Presentation by Senior Asset & Estates Surveyor, Communities, Housing & Planning Services, 3rd Sector Development Officer, Engage Renfrewshire and Partnerships & Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 5 | More than Medicine | |
| | Verbal presentation by Community Partnership Manager, Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 6 | Renfrewshire Integration Network and Widening the Welcome | |
| | Verbal update by Community Team Manager, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership. | |
| 7 | Renfrewshire Affordable Credit Alliance: Talk Money Week | |
| | Presentation by Community & Partnership Manager, Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 8 | Feedback on Year of Young People 2018 | |
| | Verbal discussion by Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire. | |

9 Local Partnerships

11 - 12

Report by Partnerships Planning & Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service. (Not Available- To Follow)

10 Work of other CPP Groups

Discussion led by Chair.



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PRESENT

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CHAIR

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire.

IN ATTENDANCE

R McLean, Acumen; K McIntyre and S Miller (both Engage Renfrewshire); S Graham, and C MacDonald (both Renfrewshire Council); and N Hughes, Save the Children.

APOLOGIES

S McLellan, RAMH; R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 5 - Aspiring Communities - Study into Isolation, Loneliness & Social Connections of the agenda before item 4 - Creative Renfrewshire Update.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 25 June 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 **MATTERS ARISING**

DECIDED: There were no matters arising from the previous Minute.

3 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That action **RFG.13.12.17(4B)** be removed from the Action Log as this action was now complete;

(b) That the updates be noted; and

(c) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

4 **ASPIRING COMMUNITIES - STUDY INTO ISOLATION, LONELINESS & SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**

R McLean, Acumen, gave a presentation relative to the project "Connecting Our Communities – a consortium to promote social connections in Renfrewshire".

The presentation gave a brief overview of what the project was trying to achieve, the findings of a questionnaire; the organisations involved; the methods used; and highlighted the difficulties, challenges and lessons learned.

After discussion the Chair indicated that the research being developed would be brought back to a future meeting. R McLean was then thanked for the presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **CREATIVE RENFREWSHIRE UPDATE**

A Clark gave a brief overview of Creative Renfrewshire and how the Creative Renfrewshire Network was established. He highlighted the objectives of Creative Renfrewshire Network and outlined the next steps.

DECIDED: That the verbal presentation be noted.

6 **HEALTH NETWORKING UPDATE**

The Community & Partnerships Manager gave a verbal update on various health networks.

(a) **EARLY ACTIONS SYSTEMS CHANGE** – The Group was advised that during March 2018 Big Lottery Scotland had awarded £1 million to a collaborative bid between Dartington Service Design Lab, Renfrewshire Council, Engage Renfrewshire

and third sector partners for a project to improve emotional health and wellbeing and address issues around coercive relationships during adolescence. She advised that this was a three-year project aimed at supporting work which prevented problems from occurring rather than just dealing with the consequences. It was noted that the probationary period would end at the beginning of October and the funding would be awarded.

(b) **HEALTH NETWORK BREAKFAST** – The Group was advised that a breakfast network session had been held on 21 August 2018. The workshop session was held for charity/community organisations and HSCP staff who delivered health-based services in Renfrewshire to discuss the strengths and challenges of working in health within Renfrewshire; to develop effective referrals; and to assist signposting clients to other partners.

(c) **MORE THAN MEDICINE** – The Health & Social Care Alliance Scotland delivered its first More Than Medicine event in Renfrewshire in partnership with NHS GGC and Engage Renfrewshire. The event was a free opportunity for General Practice teams to engage with community services in Renfrewshire and the 'Lunch and Learn' session was developed to help organisations find out about the resources in the area and how ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) could be used to refer people to local support.

(d) **RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP** – The Group was advised that K McIntyre had been nominated for the position of Co-Chair to the Group. A McNiven advised that the Forum was delighted at the appointment and intimated that it was an opportunity for the third sector to influence discussion on public health issues.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

7 **AUTUMN COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCES**

There was submitted a report by the Partnerships Planning & Development Manager relative to the Autumn Community Planning Partnership conferences and the development of the Local Partnerships to replace and refocus Local Area Committees.

The report advised that plans for the Local Partnerships were being finalised and the report would be submitted to Council on 27 September 2018. Once approved, the arrangements would take immediate effect and would disband the Local Area Committees. A series of community events would be held throughout October, where information could be shared with communities about the new Local Partnerships and how they would work. These events would also help identify community priorities for the new Local Partnerships to consider in preparation for their first meetings in November and December 2018.

It was noted that the support of community and voluntary sector organisation would be essential in organising and delivering the conference events, particularly in encouraging people to attend. Members of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group were asked to support wherever possible the delivery of the Autumn conferences.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that the series of dates for conference events and the first

meetings of Local Partnerships were being arranged to take place before the end of calendar year 2018;

(b) That it be agreed that members of the Forum support as appropriate the organisation and delivery; and

(c) That it be agreed that, in particular, members communicate information about the conference events to service users and contacts to encourage wide community representation at conferences during Autumn 2018.

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES GROUP
ROLLING ACTION LOG**

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
<u>RFG.200917(3)</u>	Culture & the Community Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture through Community Plan themes to be raised with Exec Group • Presentation on Local business /Forum/Renfrewshire Creative Network – enhancing cultural activity to be submitted to future meeting of Forum. 	AMCN AMCN/AC		Future meeting Future meeting	Dec 2017	EG.08.12.17 Further discussion to take place at an additional Executive Group scheduled for February. RFG.21.03.18(2) Update to Group on discussion which took place at Special Meeting of Executive Group on 21 February 2018. RFG.JUNE.18 Presentation scheduled for meeting in September 2018. RFG.03.09.18(4) A Clark gave a presentation. RFG.25.06.18(2) S Graham advised that invitations were going out at the end of the week.
<u>RFG.13.12.17(4b)</u>	Greener Communities an informal grouping be convened of third sector organisations with expertise and interest in environmental issues as a sounding board for responding to greener issues.	AMcN/SG				RFG.03.0918(2) S Graham to prepare a pro-forma for circulation to members.
<u>RFG.25.06.18(5)</u>	Year of Young People (a) Members of the Forum to provide information on activities taking place within their organisations to celebrate YOYP2018; (b) Members of the Forum to provide information on how young people are listened to within their organisations, including arrangements for young people to be Board Members; and (c) Information to be collated on the wider third sector in Renfrewshire on how they were celebrating YOYP2018 and the information to be included within the overall activity of partners within Renfrewshire.					RFG.03.0918(2) Meeting held on 11 July with relevant parties. Community Falls Group being developed to be linked in with health and report to Forum. Issue to be raised with CPP Team.
<u>RFG.25.06.18(6)</u>	Older People's Wellbeing (a) The topic of older peoples' health/falls and community safety to be raised as an issue within other groups within the Partnership; and (b) A report to be submitted to a future meeting of the Forum outlining examples of good practice in relation to older people's wellbeing.	AMcN/NH/ SG				

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<u>RFG.25.06.18(8)</u>	<u>Improvement Service: Community Empowerment Action Learning Programme</u> Further action to be carried out on behalf of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership to inform community engagement.	SG				<u>RFG.03.0918(2)</u> Update provided at meeting
<u>RFG.03.0918(7)</u>	<u>Autumn Community Planning Partnership Conferences</u> (i) Members of Forum agreed to support as appropriate the organisation and delivery of the conference events; (ii) Members to circulate information relating to the conferences to service users and contacts.	All members All members				



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

On: 3 December 2018

Report by:

Stuart Graham, Partnerships Planning & Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

1. Summary

- 1.1 New arrangements for the establishment of Local Partnerships to replace Local Area Committees in Renfrewshire was agreed by Renfrewshire Council on 27 September 2018.
- 1.2 There will be seven Local Partnership areas established across Renfrewshire, based on aggregates of community councils. The key features of Local Partnerships are: a refresh of the aims of community level governance, a move from being committees to partnerships, extending voting rights to community organisations, a greater role for public services and wider engagement with communities. The paper to Renfrewshire Council is Item 4 on the following link:

<http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=nVNxdoM6ouKlyGtRRLbwwd4l8tYg0bfKK5F1uPGxZYK%2fdXkDPDqngA%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9lXnlq%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJff55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5olA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3d>

- 1.3 Seven events, attended by a total of 164 people, were held in October/November 2018 across all the proposed new partnership areas. The breakdown of attendance was as follows:

Venue	Attendance
Erskine Music and Media	15
Glenburn Community Centre	25
Johnstone Town Hall	44
Lochwinnoch	11
Paisley Town Hall	21
Renfrew Town Hall	24
Tannahill Centre	24

- 1.4 The events looked in particular at priorities for each of the local areas, how meetings should be conducted and criteria for membership. Applications for membership of Local Partnerships will be accepted until 14 December 2018.
- 1.5 The information generated from the events will be used to inform the establishment of the new Local Partnerships.
- 1.6 Subsequent to the events taking place in October and November, a decision was taken to postpone the initial round of Local Partnership meetings and reschedule these early in 2019. These arrangements are now being finalised.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
 - (a) Note that Local Partnerships will be established in 2019;
 - (b) Note the output from the Local Partnership Events held in autumn 2018; and
 - (c) Agrees to support the implementation of Local Partnerships in 2019.

3. Background

- 3.1 As reported to Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities in September 2018, Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is in the process of establishing geographic Local Partnerships, to replace the Local Area Committees operated by Renfrewshire Council. This will provide a more partnership-focused way for public services and local communities to engage with each other.
- 3.2 The arrangements for Local Partnerships were agreed by Renfrewshire Council on 27 September 2018. As part of these arrangements a series of local events was held during October/November 2018, as part of the preparation for launching the new Partnerships. This will now take place early in 2019.

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