

Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 08 June 2021	14:00	Remotely via Microsoft Teams,

PRESENT

I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; M Fotheringham, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; C Forbes, ROAR.

CHAIR

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Kraft, DEAR; and A Armstrong-Walter, S Graham, I Blair, C MacDonald and R Devine (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

S McDonald, Active Communities; M Mathieson, Barnados; J Gonani, DEAR; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S McLellan, RAMH; R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; C Masson, Save the Children; M Hill, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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The Chair welcomed M Fotheringham, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau to the meeting and advised that he had replaced Gavin Lovesey.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 11 March 2021.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 **MATTERS ARISING**

In relation to Item 2 – Matters Arising - S Graham intimated that the Council's Legal Services had advised that a grant award that had been accepted by an organisation would still require each Director or Committee member to sign the acceptance of grant offer and there was no leeway to delegate the sign-off to senior officers of the organisation. It was noted however, that there was an individual waiver if the person was suffering from ill health. It was further noted that the procedure had been reviewed on a number of occasions and the policy was now well established with no plans to revise the current policy.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

3 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

RFG.11.03.21(4) – Independent Review of Adult Social Care In Scotland – A McNiven and S McLellan met a key representative from Health and Social Care Partnership Scotland in relation to informing the national debate;

RFG.13.12.17(4b) – Greener Communities – The Strategic Partnership and Inequalities Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council advised that a Climate Change Lead Officer post was being advertised within the Council and a partnership group was being established around the climate emergency. It was agreed that once the Climate Change Lead Officer post was established that they be invited to a future meeting of the Forum;

RFG 03.09.20(4) – Mutual Support – A McNiven advised that more dates had been set for meetings this year and members would be advised in due course.

DECIDED:

(a) That the updates be noted; and

(b) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

4 **RENFREWSHIRE FALLS PREVENTION GROUP**

C Forbes, ROAR, gave a verbal update on the current work of the Renfrewshire Falls Prevention Group.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

5 **SOCIAL RENEWAL PLAN**

The Strategic Partnership and Inequalities Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council gave a presentation relative to the Council's Social Renewal Plan.

A Armstrong-Walter gave a brief summary of the approach that had been agreed by the Community Planning Executive Group; detailed the progress of the community impact assessment; highlighted the impact of the pandemic on communities; advised of the Public Services Panel results; detailed the engagement with equality groups; reviewed the key findings and key themes; advised of the principles around the plan; and advised of how they would develop partnership approach.

After discussion the Chair thanked A Armstrong-Walter for the presentation and it was agreed that an update would be submitted to a future meeting.

DECIDED:

- (a) That an update be submitted to a future meeting: and
- (b) That the presentation be noted.

6 **LOCAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW**

S Graham Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council advised that a review was currently underway of the Community Planning Local Partnership Group. He gave a brief summary of the role and structure of each of the seven partnerships and advised that a report would be submitted to the Council meeting in the autumn and he would come back to the Group with more information once the report had gone to the Council meeting.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

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C Forbes left the meeting during the following item.

7 **ASSETS AND RETURN TO OFFICE**

The Chair led a discussion by the Group in relation to the arrangements for re-opening of offices as well as other works spaces.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.