

Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 05 March 2020	14:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

PRESENT

I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; and L Devine, Save the Children.

CHAIR

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire); S Graham and C MacDonald (both Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

K Taylor, CAB; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; S McLellan, RAMH; and N Hanssen, ROAR.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair intimated that Item 4 – Fair Work in Scotland’s Social Care Sector 2019 had been deferred to the next meeting of the Forum.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 28 November 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**

In relation to Item 5 – DEAR Proposed New Outcomes, Relation to Forum and New Buddies, it was noted that the New Buddies Network Officer, which was being funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, would shortly be in post.

The Chair advised that two new members would be joining the Forum at the next meeting. Johannes Gonani would represent the Dear Group and the West of Scotland Regional Equality Council and Susan McDonald would represent Active Communities.

DECIDED: That the updates be noted.

4 **LOCAL PARTNERSHIP DROP-IN CONFERENCE EVENTS 2020**

There was submitted a report by the Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Local Partnership drop-in events.

The report advised that a series of Local Partnership drop-in events would take place across Renfrewshire during March 2020. It was noted that the conference events would be an opportunity for Local Partnerships to engage with the wider community, voluntary sector and with local people.

Discussion took place on the possibility of a community calendar. A McNiven indicated that he would raise this with Cultural Services.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the dates of the local partnership conference events in March be noted;
- (b) That it be agreed to support and publicise events to encourage wide participation in the conferences; and
- (c) That the broad outline of the community conference events as set out in the report be noted.

5 **FORUM CONFERENCE, 2 JUNE 2020**

There was submitted a report by the Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Forum Conference to be held on Tuesday 2 June 2020.

The report advised that Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities would be hosting an event in summer 2020 to raise awareness of the work of the Forum and connect with the wider third sector. The proposed date and venue for the event was Tuesday 2 June 2020, 12.30 to 4pm, at the Abercorn Centre, West College Scotland, Paisley.

Discussion took place on members of the Forum contributing to presentations on the day. It was agreed that a list of suggested topics with members' names against topics would be emailed to Forum members for discussion.

The Clerk advised that she was still waiting on a few biographies to be sent to her and had already sent reminder emails. It was noted that a further reminder would be sent.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that the event take place on Tuesday 2 June 2020, 12.30 to 4pm in the Abercorn Centre, West College Scotland; and

(b) That it be agreed that individual members would contribute to the event and bring ten attendees each to the event;

(c) That it be agreed that a list of suggested topics with members' names against topics would be emailed to Forum members for discussion; and

(d) That it be noted that the Clerk would send a further reminder to members who had not submitted their biographies.

6 **COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS UPDATE**

K McIntyre gave a presentation in relation to an update on the projects/groups she was involved with.

She outlined the present position in relation to the Early Action System Change; Home & Belonging; Barnardos Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategic Partnership; Improving the Cancer Journey; and the New Buddies Network Officer.

DECIDED: That the updates be noted.

7 **UPDATE ON OTHER COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS**

A verbal update was given by members who had been present at the other Community Planning groups.

DECIDED: That the updates be noted.