

Meeting Report – West Dunbartonshire Network

Date: Thursday 28th August 2014

Venue: Bellsmyre Development Trust, The Cutty Sark Centre, 58 Howatshaws Road, Bellsmyre, Dumbarton, G82 3DR



In Attendance:

Name	Title	Organisation
Cheryl Ewing	Local Network Development Officer	Generations Working Together
Clare McCall	Principal Teacher	St. Stephens Primary
Linda Dowers	Community Librarian	West Dunbartonshire Libraries
Anne Clegg	Policy Officer, Community & Consultation	West Dunbartonshire Council
Allison Donnelly	Administrator	Bellsmyre Development Trust

Apologies:

Name	Title	Organisation
Alex Wrens	Care Co-Ordinator	West Dunbartonshire Council

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and prior to round-table introductions provided context to the network, reiterating the purpose of the network as follows.

Local networks are designed to create networking opportunities for organisations and groups who would like to be kept up to date with what's happening in the local area; along with opportunities to link with other key partners in delivering current and future intergenerational activities. In addition members will hear what GWT is planning to do nationally, and how they can have an input in our policies and strategies.

Cheryl also informed the group of the changes in Network as she is now taking over from Alison Clyde as network development officer.

3. Generations Working Together - National Update

Cheryl Ewing gave update from GWT (please see attached document).

4. Member Updates:

- **Allison Donnelly:** As a new member Allison informed the group of recent changes in staffing and location of the Trust. The group was informed of toddler, youth and senior citizen clubs that are regularly held throughout the week. Bellsmyre Trust are also in the beginnings of forming links with local care homes/residential housing. Allison raised the issue that they would like to be more intergenerational and were looking for suggestions for IG project work. The trust also held a Community Gala which provided an opportunity to gather members of the community together, stalls were present from partner agencies such as Zero Waste Scotland and Autism Scotland.

The group were also informed of the 4 public laptops available, they also assist with employability, Bellsmyre Digital Community & Mouse Mates (50+ IT).

- **Linda Dowers:** New to the network Linda informed the group of current groups and classes available with the libraries, she is keen to report back to the libraries of IG project ideas.
- **Clare McCall:** St Stephens Primary have been working with a local Alzheimer's Scotland Day centre in Clydebank and have been working with a local residential housing/care home next to the school. Residents have been invited in for Friday Golden time to teach chess and cross stitch to the pupils. There is also a garden club which the community have been assisting with. Clare reports that they would like a more regular project rather than sporadic events, the idea of a IG choir was suggested – either working to bring existing choirs together or setting up a new one.
- **Anne Clegg:** Anne informed the group of the *Y Sort it* skill swap project that is running. One way this would target IG work would be by getting young people involved in local community councils and showing the groups how to use social media to benefit the communities. Work is also taking place to look at re-establishing community councils across West Dunbartonshire, it was highlighted that each community council can apply for a grant that is based on population – This can be done through West Dunbartonshire's Grants committee. It has also been noticed that there may not be a wide enough age range with community councils and this is being worked upon, also trying to target those who feel they may be too busy to involve themselves – with the skill share project social media could be used to overcome these barriers.

5. AOCB:

Anne will look at engaging relevant council members, providing a copy of the *Bringing Together Local Authorities and Intergenerational Practice in a Scottish Policy context* publication.

The group were also informed that there is a supplement to the *Amazing Things Youth Awards* Publication – A Guide to Adult Awards In Scotland

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/resources/amazing-things-supplement-a-guide-to-awards-for-adults-in-scotland>

8. Date of next meeting(s)

19th of November @ Young Street Sheltered housing, 1 Young Street, Clydebank, G81 3HP, 10am – 12 noon