

SCDN Dunbartonshire Online Network Meeting

Tuesday 22nd February 2022, Online Via Zoom

Present: Stephen Burns, Community Project Worker – West Dunbartonshire Council, Lynn Sweeny, Community Safety Advocate - Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Susan Campbell – CD Consultant – SCDN.

Apologies: Isobel Plunkett, Activist - AOK/OK Community Council, Claire Guthrie, Community Worker – East Dunbartonshire Council, Anne Reed, Community Safety Advocate - Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Anne-Marie Timoney, Community Worker, East Dunbartonshire Council.

Welcome

Susan welcomed Lynn and Stephen. There had been a number of apologies so today's meeting was a small one.

Updates

Lynn fed back that she is a busy as ever monitoring and fitting fire alarms. The service has also been inundated with referrals re domestic abuse and this has increased significantly over the course of the pandemic. These referrals come through Women's Aid, the multi-agency team – MARAC – meetings whose meetings have increased too. Fire risk checks are done and resources required are getting lower. There has also been an increase in elderly at risk referrals. Lynn's role is to promote prevention and protection.

She has also noticed a greater uptake of service in her voluntary role with Childline. Mental health services are really struggling just now to keep up with demand.

Stephen continues to support volunteers offering help with prescriptions, shopping etc. though this is reducing. The work on the mainstream PB project continues with HSCP and Greenspace each donating £50,000 for health or outdoor amenities outcomes. The projects need to take place in Clydebank and a further deadline for applications has been extended until the end of February.

He continues to work on the West Dunbartonshire Community Transport project. This will initially support people who need help to attend medical appointments, but it is hoped that it can grow to include a social aspect too. He is also working on a review of West Dunbartonshire Community Asset Transfer policy to make it more user friendly and support an increase in uptake.

The Community Alliance is disbanding as it is no longer active and a colleague is working on what will replace this.

SCDN Update

SCDN continues to work predominately online. We are hoping to be able to offer our conference and AGM face to face this year in August if things continue as they are. We are also working on our engagement report, collating all of the feedback from members and contacts from 2018 – 2021 and this should be available in May. Our strategy is also being updated.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th April at 10 am, online and you can register [here](#)

We agreed to discuss with the rest of the group at the next meeting the possibility of arranging a visit to a project for the following meeting.

Please note the next meeting is scheduled later than six-weekly due to the Easter holiday.