

10. INVITATION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration seeking approval to invite all active community councils in the ward to future meetings of the committee.

The report explained that whilst the council had a duty to have a Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils in its area, community councils were not part of the council's structure. They were independent bodies who ran their own affairs.

Local area committees were forums through which local issues were discussed and they encouraged discussion between local members, officers and the wider community. In terms of the council's standing orders, each local area committee was able to invite such third parties as it deemed appropriate to attend its meetings. The report invited members to agree that the three active community councils in the ward, namely: Armadale, Blackridge and Torphichen, be invited to attend future meetings of the committee on an ongoing basis. There was no community council currently active in Westfield & Bridgehouse.

The committee was invited to agree that all active community councils within the ward be invited to future meetings of the committee on an ongoing basis.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.