MINUTE

of

GIFFNOCK AND THORNLIEBANK, NETHERLEE, STAMPERLAND AND WILLIAMWOOD AREA FORUM

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Woodfarm High School, Woodfarm, on 3 December 2014.

Present:

Councillor Montague

Councillor Gordon Wallace

Sergeant Jim Boyle (Police Scotland); Monty Cowen (Jewish Representative Council); Mr Kenneth Darroch (Thornliebank Seniors Forum); and Dan McPhail (Thornliebank Community Council).

Councillor Montague in the Chair

Attending:

Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Councillors Jim Fletcher, Gordon McCaskill, and Ralph Robertson, Lynne Arnott (Thornliebank Seniors Forum); Inspector Alan Dickson, Police Scotland; Savio D'Souza (Giffnock Community Council); Lisa Marie Patton (Thornliebank and Giffnock Tenants and Residents Association); and Helena Shanks (Thornliebank Community Council).

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Montague agreed to take Item 4 on the agenda as the first item in order to facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES – UPDATE

1. Sergeant Boyle began his update by advising that Chief Inspector Angela Carty had replaced Chief Inspector Campbell Crawford as the area commander for East Renfrewshire. He reported on the police annual winter initiative which was just about to start. This would see a high visibility police presence in the main shopping areas in East Renfrewshire. He also reported on the local priorities that had been identified in the Giffnock and Thornliebank (Ward 3) and Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood (Ward 4) and the action being taken by the police in respect of each priority.

Whilst noting that the annual public consultation exercise conducted by the police had taken place recently, Sergeant Boyle reported that the results would be published in February 2015 and would help to inform the Community Policing Plan updates for the Giffnock and Thornliebank, and Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood wards. Copies of the updates on the priorities for the respective wards were tabled at the meeting.

There followed a short question and answer session in the course of which Sergeant Boyle drew the forum's attention to a number of internet scams that were operating and advised that members of the public should report these to the police. He also highlighted the measures being taken by the police to improve road safety by targeting speeding motorists and inconsiderate drivers which was one of the priorities for Ward 4.

The forum noted the position.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 3 September 2014.

PROJECT MONITORING PROPOSALS 2014/15

3. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of projects previously approved by the forum in 2014/15; the balance outstanding in the General Services budget for 2014/15; and details of projects that had been submitted for consideration.

Following discussion, the forum agreed:-

(a) that the following projects be approved;

General Services Budget – Opening Balance £5,602

PROJECT	COST/COMMENTS
Replacement of three dead trees on Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock.	£1,758.00
Installation of dropped kerb across from 1 Addison Road, at 194 Carnwadric Road, Thornliebank.	£2,000.00
Purchase and installation of 2 more picnic benches to create a social area in Overlee Park.	£1,817.54
TOTAL	£5,575.54
REMAINING BALANCE	£26.46

- (b) that consideration of the proposal to extend the basketball practice area at Overlee Park be continued; and
- (c) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. It was noted that the next meeting would be held in Woodfarm High School on 25 February 2015 at 7 pm.