

MINUTE

of

NEWTON MEARNS SOUTH, BUSBY CLARKSTON AND EAGLESHAM AREA FORUM

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Williamwood High School on 9 September 2014

Present:

Provost Alastair Carmichael
Councillor Alan Lafferty

Councillor Ian McAlpine
Councillor Stewart Miller

Inspector Alan Dickson (Police Scotland); George McLachlan (Busby Community Council); John Seenan (East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch Association); and Irene Yona (Newton Mearns Community Council).

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

Attending:

Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager.

Apologies:

Councillors Barbara Grant and Jim Swift and Bill Duguid (Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council).

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting of 29 May 2014.

PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2014/15

2. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive giving details of the expenditure and projects associated with the allocated General Services budget for 2014/15.

Having heard Councillor McAlpine on the request for resurfacing at Kings Drive/Gardens, and Mr Daly indicate that he had been unaware of the lack of progress in moving forward the project to install a small slide and matting at the children's playpark at Cartside Drive, but that he would take this matter up with the appropriate officers, the forum noted the report.

POLICE/FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE

3. Inspector Dickson reported that Acting Chief Inspector Crawford was moving to the Operational Planning section in Govan and that Chief Inspector Angela Carty had been appointed Chief Inspector for the area, taking up post on 17 September.

Inspector Dickson explained that the police annual satisfaction survey was currently taking place. This would allow the force to determine levels of satisfaction with the service and help shape priorities for the coming year.

He also tabled the Quarter 1 performance figures, in respect of which further comment was made. Reference was made in particular to the number of serious assaults that had taken place in East Renfrewshire already in 2014/15, which at 14 was higher than the 7 recorded for the whole of 2013/14. It was confirmed that all 14 had been detected. Good progress in tackling theft and housebreaking was also reported.

In response to questions, Inspector Dickson explained it would be up to the new Chief Inspector to decide whether the quarterly ward meetings with councillors would continue. He also explained the position regarding parking enforcement around the Broom shops, it being explained that parking enforcement was now a matter for the Council's Community Warden Service. However, the wardens were aware of those circumstances where police intervention was required, and would contact the police as appropriate. He also commented on the ability of the police to check vehicle details, particularly valid road fund licences, in view of the imminent change where vehicles would no longer display a licence disc on the windscreen.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

4. In response to a question regarding repairs to the community council notice board at Broom shops, Mr Daly clarified that whilst the area forum had purchased the noticeboard for the community council and arrangements had been made by officers for it to be installed, notice boards were the property of community councils and so it was their responsibility to arrange and pay for any maintenance that was required.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2014 at 7pm in Mearns Castle High School.