

**MINUTE**

of

**GIFFNOCK AND THORNLIEBANK, NETHERLEE STAMPERLAND AND  
WILLIAMWOOD AREA FORUM**

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Woodfarm High School, Woodfarm on 28 May 2014.**

**Present:**

Councillor Mary Montague (Chair)  
Councillor Jim Fletcher

Councillor Ralph Robertson

Bill Considine (Stamperland and Netherlee Community Council); Monty Cowen (Jewish Representative Council); Savio D'Souza (Giffnock Community Council); and Helena Shanks (Thornliebank Community Council).

Councillor Montague in the Chair

**Attending:**

Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Martin Armitage (Muirend and Netherlee Residents Association); Lynne Arnott (Thornliebank Seniors Forum); and Lisa-Marie Patton (Thornliebank and Giffnock Tenants and Residents Association)

**NEW SOUTH GLASGOW HOSPITALS CAMPUS**

1. Councillor Montague welcomed to the meeting Kate Munro, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde who had been invited to give the forum an update on progress in the development of the new South Glasgow Hospitals Campus.

Thanking the forum for the opportunity to address the meeting and explaining that NHS staff were happy to visit any community groups to discuss the project, Ms Munro explained the background to the creation of the campus site which was a £842 million project comprising four hospitals on a single site along with associated infrastructure.

She explained that on completion, there would be two major hospitals on the south side of Glasgow, the new South Glasgow Hospital and the Victoria. The new hospital would be for unplanned care such as A & E services and would also be the main in-patient site for South Glasgow as well as providing some "national" services such as for spinal injuries, whilst the Victoria would mostly deal with planned visits such as appointments and GP referrals, with a small number of beds for patients undergoing day surgery.

Full details of all the services to be provided on the new campus were outlined, it being noted that the buildings were now complete and wind and water tight. A number of rooms had already been fitted out and sealed pending hand over which would take place in January 2015 with the anticipated moves taking place between April and June 2015.

It was noted that patients had been heavily involved in room design and all bedrooms would be single rooms with en suite facilities. There had also been significant patient involvement in the design of A & E facilities.

Further details on the new children's hospital were outlined. In particular, it was explained that family support facilities such as Ronald McDonald House would be opening at the same time as the hospital.

Whilst outlining the laboratory services that would be provided, Ms Munro provided more information relating to the supporting infrastructure, particularly in respect of the arrangements for attending hospital either by car or public transport, and the associated car parking arrangements.

She explained that the Health Board had invested in a number of public transport routes and were also investing in public transport interchanges at various locations. In particular, £1.5 million was also being invested in Fastlink bus routes from the city centre.

A full discussion then took place on the challenges around the provision of adequate parking, not only for patients but also staff, and the provision of good public transport links. It was noted that Glasgow City Council were in the process of introducing parking restrictions in and around the hospital sites and the planning assumptions during development of the hospitals was that there would be no parking for staff.

It was noted that there were no direct public transport links between the eastern part of the authority and the new South Glasgow site, although Ms Munro explained that the majority of patients attending hospital would most likely be planned attendances at the Victoria. It would only be unplanned visits such as to A & E or in-patient visits where attendance at the South Glasgow site would be required. Any concerns about a lack of services should be directed to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

In response to further questions it was explained that the old Victoria Infirmary would close at the end of summer 2015, that the proceeds from the sale of the old hospital would go towards the cost of the new buildings and that no decisions had been reached in terms of the names of the new hospitals on the campus. Ms Munro also explained the proposed catering arrangements for the new hospitals.

On behalf of the forum, Councillor Montague thanked Ms Munro for her presentation.

## **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. The forum considered the Minute of the meeting held on 26 February 2014.

In the course of giving consideration to the Minute, Councillor Montague advised of the sad passing of Mr Bernard Fishman, a long standing member of the forum who had represented East Renfrewshire Crime Prevention Panel on the forum for many years.

Messrs Cowen and D'Souza and Ms Shanks also paid tribute to Mr Fishman highlighting that it was always a pleasure to meet him.

It was agreed that the forum should record its appreciation for the many years of public service that Mr Fishman had given particularly to the work of the forum.

The forum approved the Minute.

### **PROJECT MONITORING 2013/14 AND PROPOSALS 2014/15**

3. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of a project previously approved by the forum in 2013/14; the balance outstanding in the General Services budget for 2014/15; and details of a project that had been submitted for consideration.

The Clerk explained the reasons why the expenditure associated with the purchase and installation of 2 x LED zebra beacons at the zebra crossing at Orchard Park Avenue, Giffnock at a cost of £1,900 could not be committed by 31 March 2014. It was noted that given the circumstances the Roads and Transportation service had confirmed that it would arrange for the project to be carried out in 2014 and would meet the costs from its own budget.

Following discussion, the forum agreed:-

- (a) that the following project be approved

#### **General Services Budget – Opening Balance £9,760**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>COST/COMMENTS</b>
Replacement of 3 dead trees on Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock	£1,758
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,758</b>
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>£8,002</b>

- (b) the purchase and installation of 3 further trees on Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock be continued for further consideration; and
- (c) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

### **POLICE/FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES - UPDATE**

4. There were no police or fire representatives in attendance at the meeting.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held in Woodfarm High School on 3 September 2014 at 7 pm.