

**MINUTE**

**of**

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

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Woodfarm High School, Woodfarm on 26 February 2014.**

**Present:**

Councillor Mary Montague (Chair)  
Councillor Jim Fletcher

Councillor Vincent Waters

Ritchie Adam (Thornliebank Community Council); Lynne Arnott (Thornliebank Seniors Forum); Bill Considine (Stamperland and Netherlee Community Council); Monty Cowen (Jewish Representative Council); Inspector Alan Dickson (Police Scotland); Savio D'Souza (Giffnock Community Council); Bernard Fishman (Eastwood Crime Prevention Panel); and Lisa Marie Patton (Thornliebank and Giffnock Tenants and Residents Association).

Councillor Montague in the Chair

**Attending:**

Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Ralph Robertson and Gordon Wallace.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 27 November 2013.

**PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2013/14**

2. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of the proposals previously approved by the forum together with details of the balance outstanding in the General Services budget.

The forum was advised that under the delegated powers that were granted to the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services in consultation with the Chair at the meeting of the forum on 27 November 2013, to approve any projects up to the end of the current financial year, Councillor Montague had approved the two projects as detailed below.

(a) **General Services Budget – Opening Balance £2,425**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>COST/COMMENTS</b>
Purchase and installation of 3 litter bins at the following locations:- (a) Clarkston Road x 2; and (b) Orchard Park x 1.	£525 (3 x £175)
Purchase and installation of 2 x LED zebra beacons at the zebra crossing at Orchard Park Avenue, Giffnock.	£1,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,425</b>
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2014/15**

3. The forum considered and noted a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, advising that the forum's 2014/15 General Services budget would be £9,760.

**POLICE/FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – UPDATE**

4. Councillor Montague invited Inspector Dickson to give an update on the activities of the Police Scotland in the forum's area since the date of the last meeting.

Inspector Dickson began by advising of the new opening hours of the Barrhead and Giffnock Police offices in the course of which he explained that the offices would be staffed by civilian workers allowing more police officers to be out on the streets. He also intimated that the 3-year Local Police Plan 2014-17 which set the local priorities of Police Scotland in East Renfrewshire had now been completed and would be submitted to the Council for approval towards the end of March 2014. Copies of the April to December 2013 update reports for the Giffnock and Thornliebank and Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood multi member wards were tabled. He reported on the local priorities in each ward and provided further details of the crime statistics in respect of each priority.

There followed a short question and answer session in the course of which Inspector Dickson clarified a number of operational issues in the forum's area.

The forum noted the position.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held in Woodfarm High School on 28 May 2014 at 7 pm.