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## MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 2015

**Present:** Councillor Len Scoullar (Chair)

Robert Cowper, Argyll and Bute Council  
Jim Ferguson, Argyll and Bute Council  
Joe McCabe, Argyll and Bute Council  
Kathryn Armstrong, Fyne Homes  
Stephen Wood, Scottish Fire & Rescue  
Jan Byrne, Women's Aid

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-  
Richard Gorman, Environmental Health Officer

### 2. **MINUTES**

The minute of the Bute Community Safety Forum held on Friday 17 April 2015 was approved as a correct record. Proposed by Jim Ferguson and seconded by Robert Cowper

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

#### (a) **DOG FOULING SUPERVISORY CAMERA**

Robert Cowper advised since the last meeting a camera has been sourced and is in situ. Amenity Services will put together a partnership plan, taking advice from Ailsa Cunningham and Stewart McCracken as they were involved in a similar initiative in Dunoon. A launch date will be agreed and advertised within the Buteman.

#### **Action**

Jim Ferguson to arrange a pre-planning meeting with partners.

### 4. **PARTNERS UPDATE**

#### (a) **POLICE SCOTLAND**

A representative from Police Scotland was not present at the meeting and therefore no update was provided.

#### (b) **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

Scottish Fire and Rescue advised that they are campaigning on Fire Safety Intervention, which is mainly education of fire safety, and will involve Home Fire Safety visits carried out by the local fire station crew.

With the increase of fly tipping the public are being encouraged to report this by contacting Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or Police on 101. Also Dumb Dumpsters on 0845 230 409. These numbers are on Fire Scotland website.

Stephen Wood then gave a presentation on the Fire Services Strategic Plan which involves engagement with partners. The Retained Fire Service will be fully trained to deliver this plan.

(c) **FYNE HOMES**

Kathryn Armstrong advised that Fyne Homes are launching a Tenants and Residents Organisation; this is a requirement under new Legislation. This is advertised on the Scottish Housing Association website

Fyne Homes have received funding and have advertised a post in Rothesay for a modern apprentice for persons aged between 16 – 24 years.

The Housing Association's Nursery Nurse has set up and delivered various classes in the community.

Carol Hillington of Fyne Homes is taking forward an initiative called Fyne Heat. Tenants will receive information and advice on energy efficiency and how to saving energy as well as reducing bills.

(d) **WOMENS AID**

Womens Aid has received funding up to March 2016 for the refuge flat in Bute.

There is a support worker who works three days a week with Womens Aid.

**5. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

Amenity Services

Joe McCabe advised that the seconded warden post was recently advertised and an appointment would be made shortly.

Jim Ferguson advised they had been busy with dog fouling complaints and dealing with abandoned trailers and vehicles. They continue to work closely with the housing associations.

They are progressing with dog fouling with a focus on educating dog owners. One approach being taken is to work in partnership with resident groups and organisations.

Ailsa Cunningham is still on secondment. One of the environment wardens has taken another post within the department and a replacement should start on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Argyll and Bute

Councillor Scoullar advised that following an inspection and report by Audit Scotland in October 2014 a progress review is currently taking place. Interviews will be conducted with elected Members and Senior Officers and a report will follow in due course.

**6. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

Robert Cowper, the Community Safety Officer, tabled a report detailing a proposal to restructure Community Safety Partnership working that integrates community safety within community planning structures. The proposal was developed with community safety partners and has been endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership.

Discussions took place regarding the new structure. Women's Aid had concerns about support at a local level.

The new structure was endorsed and the chair agreed that this would be the final meeting of the Bute Community Safety Forum.

**7. AOCB**

Robert Cowper advised that following a Bute and Cowal Area Committee Meeting an action tracker had been raised for the Community Safety Forum to respond to an item on telephone calls where numbers are withheld by the caller. It was agreed that this is not an action for the Community Safety Forum.

The Chair thanked all organisations involved with Bute Community Safety Forum for their attendance past and present and for their input to the significant achievements of the Forum over the years.

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