

MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY on FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2013

Present: Councillor Len Scoullar (Chair)

Tricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager
Robert Cowper, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
James Ferguson, Area Streetscene Officer
Richard Gorman, Environmental Health Officer
Hugh McCormack, Streetscene Waste Supervision
Russell Bryne, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Stuart MacLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue
David Wilkinson, Police Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Helen Lambertini, Rape Crisis
Alison Black, TESSA
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Bute Community Safety Forum of 25th June 2013 were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Central Governance Manager advised that since the last meeting, an Officer from Trading Standards has been in contact with Donnie MacLeod to give him information on the no cold calling initiative.

She further advised that a letter has been sent to the Head of Education from the Safety Forum expressing concerns in relation to TESSA.

Councillor Scoullar informed the Forum that the Executive Director of Community Services had been in contact with the Head Teachers in regard to TESSA. It was agreed that the Forum would contact the Executive Director of Community Services to find out the outcome of the discussion with Head Teachers.

The Area Streetscene Officer informed the Forum that following on from the decriminalisation of parking that from May 2014 the Council will be employing a Parking Warden who will cover the Island and that there will be 4 across Argyll and Bute.

It was acknowledged that the current road markings were not adequate to support implementation of the decriminalised parking policy and

Councillor Scoullar agreed to write to the Head of Roads and Amenity Services on behalf of the Forum with regard to signage and road markings asking for clarification on the plans to address this critical issue.

(a) **ROYAL MAIL LEAFLETS**

The Group discussed the leaflet campaign for the Safe and Sound Event and the Area Governance Assistant since the last meeting, has investigated costs of a leaflet drop by Royal Mail.

The Central Governance Manager presented the group with two options of prices for sending out the leaflets.

Police Scotland advised that they had recently received funding locally for their serious organised crime leaflet campaign.

The Forum agreed to explore the costs and bring this back to the next meeting.

(b) **PRESENTATION ON RAPE CRISIS**

Unfortunately Helen Lambertini from Rape Crisis could not attend this meeting and therefore this item has been postponed to the next meeting.

4. SEXUAL HEALTH

A report was submitted to the Forum from Laura Stephenson from Argyll and Bute CHP.

The report went to all Community Planning Groups in September and it was agreed to bring the paper to the Community Safety Forums to help support and deliver local awareness raising.

Unfortunately Laura Stephenson could not attend this meeting and Councillor Scoullar agreed to invite her to the next meeting.

The Forum noted the information provided.

5. PARTNER UPDATES

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Russel from Scottish Fire and Rescue discussed the figures for the first quarter of the year and advised that there has been an increase in false alarms.

He confirmed a significant increase in dwelling fires – a rise from 4-8 and that this required to be targeted. He advised that they are providing free fire safety checks and are working closely with Police Scotland by sharing information in their adult risk database to highlight the request for a fire safety check.

He informed the Forum that no shops on the island are selling fireworks.

Police Scotland

Police Scotland advised the Forum that they had recently had a focus on bogus callers and had conducted a number of housing estate visits with no incidents relating to cold callers.

They further advised that they have been looking into charities that are employing companies to carry out door stop collections.

They informed the Forum that there has been limited input to schools this year in regard to Bonfire night but they will be carrying out scheduled visits. They advised this has not been a problem in the last 2 years but are hoping to carry out a 10/15 minute safety presentation in primary schools over the next 2 weeks to raise awareness and safety.

Police Scotland updated the Forum on the Scottish Government Campaign "Ready for Winter". This runs from 21st October – 24th November and they will be carrying out 64 national road shows across the area to give advice.

The Central Governance Manager confirmed that this would also be raised at Community Council meetings.

A number of drugs talks were planned for schools and a safety campaign was being planned for Christmas on drinking and being safe.

Argyll and Bute Council

The Area Streetscene Officer updated the Forum on initiatives in place to address dog fouling and that a number of incidents that are still ongoing in the area. He advised that they have visited 3 dog owners following complaints and that a lamp post camera would be coming to the island, from Dunoon, to keep a close eye on this issue.

The Forum was also notified of a focus on ensuring businesses comply with legislation in relation to disposal of waste via a licensed carrier (which is the Council on Bute). In this instance the Council was both enforcer and provider and there was a need to balance compliance with provision of an economic service given the current financial climate for local businesses.

6. BUTE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SUB GROUP - CASE STUDY

The Forum heard a presentation from the Environmental Health Officer in relation to an Argyll and Bute Case Study which had been ongoing in Bute.

He advised that since completing the study, there has been no further anti social behaviour issues and the fire and personal safety risks have been reduced.

The Forum noted the information provided and commended the positive

partnership approach.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator advised he has received 13 anti social behaviour cases on the island, 2 substantive cases, 8 that have actions against them and 5 being monitored. He advised this has been a decline in previous years.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no other business intimated.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be held on Friday 25th January 2014 at 10:15am in Eaglesham House, Rothesay.

