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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY on FRIDAY, 26 APRIL 2013

Present: Councillor L Scoullar (Chair)

Stephen Doogan, Area Governance Officer
Robert Cowper, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
Jim Ferguson, Area Streetscene Officer
Hugh McCormack, Streetscene Waste Supervisor
Tony Meechan, Fire Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

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

Inspector Gordon Anderson, Police Scotland
Richard Gorman, Environmental Health Officer
Lorraine Prentice, Acting Area Children's Manager
Alison Black, Rape Crisis
Ellen Cromack, Elderly Forum

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Bute Community Safety Forum of 1st February 2013 were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Area Governance Officer advised the Nursery Crhymes DVD was being distributed to the other Community Safety Forums who had all indicated that they were supportive of its aims. The DVD is being offered to all the Argyll and Bute Secondary schools who are being asked to consider how they can be used without duplicating some of the materials in the TESSA programme.

(a) TELECARE

The Area Governance Officer advised that the Head of Adult Care has been in contact with Inspector Anderson to tackle the issue raised at the last meeting problem and get a way forward.

Councillor Scoullar advised that Councillor Macintyre had reservation about the telecare service and he was taking this forward with the Area Manager.

The Area Governance Officer advised that Ellen Cromack had emailed and asked that her request that the price of telecare could be kept as it is be recorded in the minute and the Bute Forum for Older Voices are concerned the person or persons that are given a contact number of the person with the monitor are much to old

themselves to be disturbed late at night.

4. NO COLD CALLING

The Area Governance Officer spoke on the initiative by Trading Standards supported by the Police to have “no cold calling” posters distributed and advised that areas could have no cold calling designated areas. There is a process that needs to be followed for the no cold calling areas. It is noted that there is no funding currently accessible to the council for this initiative.

The Group agreed the Area Streetscene Officer would get a specimen metal poster made and given to Councillor Scoullar to discuss at the Community Council to see if they would take the initiative forward because they could apply for funding from the Common Good Fund.

5. CLEAN UP SCOTLAND

The Area Streetscene Officer advised that Clean up Scotland is an initiative by Keep Scotland Beautiful and it is to replace National Spring Day, this initiative is for all year round.

The Group discussed the cleanliness monitoring index and the difficulties Officer had with extracting information from the council's system. The Area Streetscene Officer said this was being looked at.

The Area Streetscene Officer asked that any community groups register with Clean up Scotland if they have any initiatives so that activities can be co-ordinated.

Councillor Scoullar said he was on the Marine Prevention Group and spoke on the amount of rubbish being found on beaches and the Area Streetscene Officer said he would get him figures.

6. POSSIBILITY OF SAFE AND SOUND EVENT

The Area Governance Officer advised the Group of the Safe and Sound event Cowal Community Safety Forum was having in Strachur on 22nd May. It was agreed Councillor Scoullar would attend this event and see how well attended it was and bring back to the Group to see if it was worth having one in Bute.

7. PARTNER UPDATES

The Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator spoke on the ASBO Group advising the figures were decreasing with a 60% decrease in serious cases. He spoke on partnership working and advised of a case in Rothesay where fire proof bedding had been given out.

The Streetscene Waste Supervisor advised the biggest problem in Bute was dog fouling and he has issued some fixed penalties and letters.

Tony Meechan spoke on the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

advising there are 3 hubs North, East and West, with the headquarters being in Perth at the moment. Toni then spoke on the incident figures from 1st January to 31st March. He spoke on the Spring Strategy and looking at rubbish being dumped.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no other business intimated.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted the next Community Safety Forum meeting will be Friday 28th June 2013.

