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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2013

Present: Councillor L Scoullar (Chair)

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Inspector Gordon Anderson, Police Scotland
Russell Byrne, Fire Scotland
Alison Black, TESSA
Rosemary McMillan, ACHA
Donnie MacLeod, Bute Community Council
Ellen Cromack, Elderly Forum
Catherine Davidones

1. APOLOGIES

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

Robert Cowper, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
John Duncan, Area Childrens Manager
James Ferguson, Area Streetscene Officer
Hugh McCormack, Streetscene Waste Supervision
Heather Lambertini, Rape Crisis

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Bute Community Safety Forum of 26th April 2013 were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) NO COLD CALLING

Donnie MacLeod from Bute Community Council advised that he did not have enough information about the No Cold Calling initiative and it was agreed the Area Governance Manger would get an Officer from Trading Standards to contact him. He also advised that residents were not keen on putting up the no cold calling posters on their front doors.

Inspector Anderson said that although the police had intercepted some potential cold callers the island status meant that not many came to Bute and that people should not worry unduly.

(b) SAFE AND SOUND EVENT

The Chair advised the meeting that the event held in Strachur by the Cowal Community Safety Forum was very well attended by partners and the stalls were very interesting but it was very poorly attended by the public and this group would have to decide if this was the best

use of resources.

The Group discussed having a leaflet campaign and Russell Byrne advised that the Fire Service have done this in the past through the Royal Mail but the only problem was you needed to get the leaflets to Perth. It was agreed the Area Governance Assistant would investigate costs of a leaflet drop by Royal Mail.

4. TESSA

Alison Black advised that TESSA had secured funding for 3 years from Comic Relief to give age appropriate information to S1 to S7 pupils for 10 secondary schools in Argyll and Bute. Alison Black the expressed her concerns that Oban High and Hermitage in Helensburgh have contacted her saying they do not want to participate. Alison is concerned that over 2000 young people who would have participated in these workshops are potentially now at risk. Alison is also concerned that Comic Relief could withdraw the funding because the programme is not going to all 10 schools. Councillor Scoullar asked Alison to write to him with all the information and he would take it forward. It was also agreed a letter would be sent to Carol Walker, Head of Education from the Safety Forum expressing their concerns.

5. PRESENTATION ON RAPE CRISIS

Due to apologies being received from Heather Lambertini this item was postponed to the next meeting.

6. PARTNER UPDATES

Ellen Cromack advised there had been a change in office bearers at the Elderly Forum AGM and the group were a bit concerned about their funding because the no longer get money from the Healthy Living Initiative.

Alison Black advised that the Rape Crisis in Argyll and Bute are very busy especially after the Jimmy Saville incidents, people have been coming forward.

Donnie MacLeod advised the gardens at Montague Street and High Street are nearly finished and asked that the police keep an eye on the area to stop it getting vandalised.

Rosemary McMillan said there had been a rise in the number of unwanted fire alarms in Ferfadd Court and this was due to residents leaving their dinner unattended. Rosemary advised that the Care Commission have a fire safety unit and they will talk to the residents.

Russell Byrne advised that Fire Scotland have attended 27 incidents in the last quarter. He advised that a large amount of these are false alarms which are a large drain on resources. He spoke on the cook safe course the fire brigade carried out in the sheltered accommodation in Dunoon and it was hoped this will be rolled out elsewhere. Russell advised the

Group of the fire safety checks that Fire Scotland carry out in domestic households where they provide advice. Councillor Scoullar suggested Fire Scotland giving a talk to the Bute Forum for Older Voices and it was agreed he would get the group to contact the relevant Officer.

Gordon Anderson said that the Police had attended the cycle proficiency tests at the school and the nursery children had visited the station. The Anti Social Sub Group are steadily dealing with the items on the agenda with cases getting less. Gordon advised he was on Radio Bute discussing road safety and advised that there are not many serious roads safety incidents and that the police are always out with the speed gun. He spoke on online safety advising that this was a massive problem and getting bigger, Officers go into schools to try and raise awareness. The local Police Officers had a football team in the HELP project football tournament.

Ellen Cromack asked about cars parking on the pavement and if the police would book them and Gordon advised that it depended on the size of pavement and if it was causing an obstruction, they have issued tickets in the past. Gordon advised that once the decriminalisation of the parking is agreed it will be up to the Council to issue parking tickets.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor Scoullar advised the Group that at the Area Committee in the morning the discussion was regarding Bye Laws for Rothesay Harbour and that it was all in connection with safety for boat users.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted the next Community Safety Forum meeting will be Friday 25th October 2013.

