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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the MARRIAGE ROOM, 25 WEST KING STREET, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2013

Present: Councillor Richard Trail(Chair)

Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Maurice Corry	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor James Robb
Councillor David Kinniburgh	
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	

Attending: Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director of Community Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer
Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager
David Clements, IOD Projects Manager
Arlene Cullum, Social Enterprise Senior Officer
Stuart McCracken, Service Development Officer
Superintendent Barry McEwan, Police Scotland
Tom Murphy, Streetscene Area Manager

1. APOLOGIES

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

Councillor Gary Mulvaney

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES

(a) HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 11 June 2013 was approved as a true record.

(b) COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

The Minute of the previous Community Safety Forum held on 17 May 2013 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

No questions submitted.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND - MEETING WITH THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER

The Committee were given an update with regards to recent events within the Helensburgh and Lomond area, and on the recent introduction of Police Scotland by Superintendent Barry McEwan.

Members noted the information provided.

6. TELEPHONE CALL HANDLING FOR POLICE SCOTLAND

The Committee considered a report providing an update on arrangements which are in place for telephone call handling in Police Scotland.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report and asked that Superintendent McEwan provide further statistical information in regards any reduction in the inappropriate use of 999 by callers to the service.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 15 July 2013, submitted).

7. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS

The Committee considered a report which detailed the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations within the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Decision

Members agreed to award all of the grant recommendations detailed in the papers submitted by the Community Development Manager.

(Reference: Report by Community Development Manager, dated 5 August 2013, submitted).

8. AREA SCORECARD - QUARTER 1

The Committee considered a report presenting the Area Scorecard, with exceptional performance for financial quarter 1 of 2013-14 (April to June 2013).

Decision

Members agreed to note the report. The Executive Director of Community Services agreed to review and ascertain the statistics with regard to the number of Children on Child Protection Registers in particular with regard to where the influx of families are coming from, and disseminate to Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee members. Councillors Ellen Morton and George Freeman congratulated David Clements for providing clear information. They also congratulated the Waste Management Team with regards to the improvement in terms of the waste collection complaints as it was noted that the waste collection

statistic was inclusive of both general waste and recycling.

(Reference: Report by Improvement and Organisational Development Programme Manager, dated 13 August 2013, submitted).

9. QUARTERLY EVALUATION - CARE AT HOME PROVISION

The Committee considered a report providing an update on the 1st quarterly evaluation of the Care at Home provision within the Helensburgh and Lomond area, following the externalisation of services on 21st January 2013.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report. The Executive Director of Community Services agreed to provide information in relation to how much time a carer spends with a client on a week-to-week basis and disseminate to Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Community Services, dated 13 August 2013, submitted).

10. HERMITAGE PARK - HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION

The Committee considered a report providing an update of the draft Hermitage Park vision and the subsequent application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report and the changed timelines for activities and budget. The members also reconfirmed their support for this project and agreed to actively support future applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, dated 13 July 2013, submitted).

11. UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF REVENUE ROADS BUDGET

The Committee considered a report detailing the current level of expenditure of the Roads Operations Revenue Budget.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report. The Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure agreed to provide a clear breakdown of where the central budget of £1.4 million is spent to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, dated 17 July 2013, submitted).

12. STREETSCENE SERVICE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee considered a report proposing a draft service delivery model for 2014/15 and also proposing that a stakeholder workshop event be held.

Decision

The Area Committee unanimously agreed that:-

Due to the damaging impact these cuts could have on the maintenance of open spaces within Helensburgh and Lomond, and the resultant negative impression this would give to residents and visitors, the Area Committee agrees that no action be taken on this matter at this time.

The Committee further requests that the Council considers whether this budget saving is necessary in light of the 2012-13 underspend, and demand pressures identified in the 2013 Budget that are no longer required.

In addition the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee requests a report to this Committee on the methodology used to define the allocation of the area budget for the Streetscene service.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure, dated 13 August 2013, submitted).