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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE ROTHESAY on FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Councillor Len Scoullar (Chair)

Robert Cowper, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator
Jen O'Brien, Womens Aid
Inspector Paul Robertson, Police Scotland
Kathryn Armstrong, Fyne Homes
Jim Ferguson, Amenity Warden
Paul McCaig, Amenity Warden
Craig Boland, Buteman
Richard Gorman, Environmental Health Officer
David Cowley, Scottish Fire and Rescue

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

Dee Hancock, Bute Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator

2. **MINUTES**

The minute of the Bute Community Safety Forum held on Friday 14 November 2014 was approved as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) **DOG FOULING SUPERVISORY CAMERA**

Councillor Len Scoullar provided an update to the group on the proposal of Bute looking to get it's own supervisory camera to help control dog fouling. He informed the group that the three local housing associations had agreed in principal to contribute £750 each towards a new camera. A discussion took place regarding applying to the Rothesay Common Good Fund for the remainder of the cost. It was noted that Apple Tree Nursery already have an application in to the Common Good Fund for a camera to monitor dog fouling. Robert Cowper informed the group that there are legal implications attached to deploying a camera, and that there is strict criteria that needs to be adhered to. He also informed the group that discussions would need to take place with Police Scotland in order to determine whether they would be willing to monitor the camera.

Actions

1. Robert Cowper to have a discussion with Brian Fitzpatrick about the most suitable camera and the logistics.
2. Councillor Scoullar to speak to Apple Tree Nursery regarding there existing application to the Common Good Fund.
3. Further discussion required regarding putting in an application

to the Rothesay Common Good Fund.

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

David Cowley from Scottish Fire and Rescue updated the Forum on their most recent figures and advised that:

- In the last quarter 32 home fire safety visits had been carried out.
- There is currently a national fire safety TV campaign with accompanying literature and information being rolled out across Scotland.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue are currently going through structural changes in Argyll and Bute.
- David advised that he would be happy to assist members of the Forum in regards to possibly a small amount of funding along with any resources that may be useful.

(c) FYNE HOMES

A representative from Fyne Homes was not present at the meeting and therefore no update was provided.

(d) WOMENS AID

Jan O'Brien, Womens Aid briefly explained that the purpose of Womens Aid was to help with long term domestic abuse and the long term issues that this can create.

She informed the group that there is currently no guarantee as to whether Scottish Government funding for Womens Aid on Bute will be available after March 2015. It was noted that Womens Aid has provided a service on Bute for the last fifteen years and that it is a valuable asset to the area.

5. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Environmental Health

Ailleachd Vernon, Environmental Health Officer gave a verbal update on the following points:

- Environmental Health are currently working on annual gas safety inspections in conjunction with Scottish Fire and Rescue.
- A property action group is in place to deal with several buildings which are in disrepair on Bute.
- Environmental Health are currently working with the organisers of Bute Fest to ensure smooth running of this years festival.

Actions

1. Ailleachd Vernon to find out further information on the safety of the West Church building.
2. Councillor Scoullar to circulate the West Church report to the members of the Forum.
3. Ailleachd Vernon to email David Cowley with the details of Bute Fest.

Amenity Services

Jim Ferguson, Amenity Warden gave a verbal update on the following points:

- Most of the abandoned vehicles have now been dealt with.
- There is still an issue regarding abandoned trailers but this is being looked into.
- Paul McCabe has now settled into his Environmental Warden Role on Bute.
- Ailsa Cunningham is currently on a secondment until the end of March but this may be extended.

A discussion took place regarding using advertising as a deterrent to people who allow their dogs to foul. Craig Boland from the Buteman informed the group that he had already raised this with the Councils Communications department but so far had not had a reply. It was suggested that something should be put in the local paper in the police section highlighting the fining process for dog fouling.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Robert Cowper, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator gave a verbal update on the following points:

- The Anti Social Behaviour sub group doesn't meet again until March so there is no new update available.
- Still seven cases in Bute which all have actions against them.

A discussion took place regarding whether anti social behaviour was more prevalent in certain age groups. Robert Cowper informed the group that it was more lifestyle and social circumstances that related to the behaviour of some individuals. He also informed the group that there is a multi agency approach when dealing with anti social behaviour.

6. AOCB

No further items were raised.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 17th April, 10.15am Eaglesham House, Bute

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