

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 14 January 2014

Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, 14 January 2014 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Docherty, Higgins, MacGregor, McAnulty, McPake, Shields and Welsh, North Lanarkshire Council; Kieran Burns, Coatbridge Community Forum; David Shields, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector MacLeod, Police Scotland, and Lorna Yuill, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Hamill, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Ken Wilson, Head of Environment and Estates, Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager, Dave Sutton, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation) and Ian Hunter, Economic Development Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services; Raymond Taylor, Community Social Work Manager and David Dymock, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, and Sergeant Robertson, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Majid and Smith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Coatbridge Area Committee held on 22 October 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – BOARD MINUTES

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 11 September 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

4. There was submitted a report from Coatbridge Community Forum providing an overview of activity undertaken in partnership with local agencies advising (1) that a Facebook page had been developed and the Forum website was expected to go live in January 2014; (2) that discussions were ongoing in
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respect of dog fouling, lighting and problems with potholes; (3) that Kirkshaws Community Centre was seeking £3,000 from the Forum to assist with administration costs for an employability project, and (4) that the Forum had approached David Shields, NHS Lanarkshire for support in moving forward with the Forum's campaign on community safety matters.

Thereon, Kieran Burns was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 22 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 14 January 2014) dated 14 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) enclosing, in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative projects proposed for approval and delivery in 2013/14, and (2) setting out, in Appendix 2 to the report, the proposed programme of projects for delivery in 2014/15.

Thereon, Michele Battersby was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative projects set out in Appendix 1 to the report for delivery in 2013/14 be approved;
- (2) that the Local Development Programme projects set out in Appendix 2 for delivery in 2014/15 be noted, and
- (3) that the progress in delivering the projects and further alterations or additions to the programme be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 22 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 14 January 2014) dated 14 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on (1) Coatbridge Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) the National Review of Town Centres, and (3) footfall and vacancy rates within the Town Centre.

Thereon, Dave Sutton was heard in further explanation of the report and advised that Clyde Valley Housing Association had been successful in obtaining £150,000 of funding from the Scottish Government Regeneration Fund for the development of seven homes in Bank Street, Coatbridge.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Area Committee held on 14 January 2014) dated 14 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) enclosing, in Appendix 1 to the report, information and details of action which had been considered by the local Community Safety Sub-Group for the period from 1 September to

30 November 2013 including a statistical analysis of incidents within Wards 6, 9 and 10; (2) providing details of a number of positive initiatives from within the Coatbridge Locality, and (3) setting out, in Appendix 2 to the report, a summary of issues and initiatives implemented over the Christmas/New Year period.

Thereon Chief Inspector MacLeod and Lorna Yuill were heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 2013 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, Coatbridge Locality providing an update on (1) a number of initiatives undertaken by NHS Lanarkshire including the integration of health and social care, the Winter Plan, Festive Campaigns: Play Safe, Home Safe, Sexual Health and Detect Cancer Early campaign, and (2) the outcome of the Better Together Surveys of peoples' experiences of health care in Lanarkshire.

Thereon David Shields was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

9. There was submitted a report from Colin MacFarlane, Third Sector Representative, providing details of North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership activity in Coatbridge for the period up to December 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2013 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services providing an update on the performance of the Council's Youth Investment Programme (1) outlining the background to the programme which was launched following the allocation of an additional £1.7m to tackle youth unemployment; (2) advising that the Programme offered an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and was designed to financially support businesses to create additional job opportunities; (3) intimating that the target for the Programme was to support 5,000 unemployed residents back to work over three years via the Apprenticeships, Xtra Hands and New Start elements of the Programme; (4) indicating that the unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in Coatbridge was higher than the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (5) informing that, to date, 213 individuals had been supported into employment within the Coatbridge area; (6) stating that, while the figures show the Coatbridge area as a whole has an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, the results demonstrate the need to focus more efforts on Coatbridge south area to ensure that this area of high unemployment benefits from the Programme, and (7) indicating that the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme by promoting the Programme to employers and young people in most need.

Thereon, Ian Hunter was heard in further explanation of the report.

During discussion in relation to (1) the location of the appointed NLC Graduate Future posts; (2) the need to focus efforts on Coatbridge south area to ensure that this high unemployment area fully

benefits from the Programme, and (3) the amount of funding from the Programme which had been spent in Coatbridge, it was requested that the Head of Planning and Regeneration submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership providing (a) a breakdown of the location of the NLC Graduate Future appointments; (b) a plan setting out the action which would be undertaken to target the high level of unemployment in Coatbridge south area, and (c) details of the overall spend in the Coatbridge area.

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Planning and Regeneration submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership (a) providing a breakdown of the location of the NLC Graduate Futures posts; (b) detailing the overall spend from the Programme within the Coatbridge area, and (c) enclosing a plan setting out the action to target the high level of unemployment within the Coatbridge south area.
- (2) that it be noted that Coatbridge Local Area Team would continue to promote the Youth Investment Programme to ensure the most disadvantaged communities maximise the benefits from the Scheme.

DRUMPELLIER COUNTRY PARK WORKS UPDATE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

11. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 22 October 2013 when it was agreed that the Drumpellier Country Park Action Plan be updated to include timescales for implementation and costings for each issue identified, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 14 January 2014) dated 12 December 2013 by the Head of Environment and Estates (1) intimating that a survey was undertaken to identify the major infrastructure work required within the park; (2) enclosing, in the Appendices to the report, the Action Plan for the maintenance works and major infrastructure works together with the timescale for implementation and projected costings; (3) providing further details in relation to the progress of the maintenance works which could be carried out from within existing budgets, and (4) advising that, subject to funding becoming available, the major infrastructure improvements would be developed in three phases at an estimated cost of £685,642.

Thereon Ken Wilson was heard in further explanation of the report and in response to Members' questions intimated that, whilst routine maintenance works would continue to be carried out, no budget existed for the major infrastructure improvements. identified

Decided:

- (1) that the progress and scheduling of the maintenance work as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (2) that the survey work carried out to identify the major infrastructure work required be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that the major infrastructure works could only be carried out if appropriate funding became available, and
- (4) that it be noted the estimated resources required for the major infrastructure works was £685,642.

REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE

12. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Social Work Services Committee held on 15 August 2013 when, inter alia, the amended Anti-Social Behaviour Policy was
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approved, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 14 January 2014) dated 13 December 2013 by the Head of Housing Services (1) providing details of the progress of the implementation arrangements for the introduction of the remodelled Anti-Social Behaviour Service; (2) advising that (a) prior to the establishment of the Working Group an Internal Business Process Review Team had been set up and the objectives of the Team were highlighted within the report, and (b) the three stages of the Business Process Review were process mapping/evidence gathering, redesign and action/ implementation; (3) detailing within the report the six core principles – clarity of purpose, improve first point of contact, pro-active service with increased visibility, improved communications and processes, improved marketing of the new service and improved sustainability to break the cycle of anti-social behaviour, and (4) setting out within the report the proposals which had been agreed for the delivery of the new service.

Thereon David Dymock was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

13. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the progress of (1) the Coatbridge Local Area Team Action Plan for the period from 1 April to 30 September 2013 enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report , and (2) the implementation of the Action Plan.

Thereon Michele Battersby was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, 14 January 2014 at 3.55 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Docherty, Higgins, MacGregor, McAnulty, McPake, Shields and Welsh.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services); Head of Environment and Estates, Local Regeneration Manager, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation) and Economic Development Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services; Community Social Work Manager and Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Chief Inspector MacLeod and Sergeant Robertson, Police Scotland; D Shields, NHS Lanarkshire; K. Burns, Coatbridge Community Forum, and L. Yuill, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Majid and Smith.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Decided: the meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2014

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 14 January 2014 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – BOARD MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

(3) COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(4) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative projects set out in Appendix 1 to the report for delivery in 2013/14 be approved;
- (2) that the Local Development Programme projects set out in Appendix 2 for delivery in 2014/15 be noted, and
- (3) that the progress in delivering the projects and further alterations or additions to the programme be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

(5) COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(7) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(8) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(9) NORTH LANARKSHIRE YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Planning and Regeneration submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership (a) providing a breakdown of the location of the NLC Graduate Futures posts; (b) detailing the overall spend from the Programme within the Coatbridge area, and (c) enclosing a plan setting out the action to target the high level of unemployment within the Coatbridge south area.
- (2) that it be noted that Coatbridge Local Area Team would continue to promote the Youth Investment Programme to ensure the most disadvantaged communities maximise the benefits from the Scheme.

(10) DRUMPELLIER COUNTRY PARK WORKS UPDATE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

Decided:

- (1) that the progress and scheduling of the maintenance work as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (2) that the survey work carried out to identify the major infrastructure work required be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that the major infrastructure works could only be carried out if appropriate funding became available, and
- (4) that it be noted the estimated resources required for the major infrastructure works was £685,642.

(11) REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(12) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.