

Coatbridge, 12 April 2005 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor M. Clark, Convener; Councillors A. Clarke, Gordon and Maginnis.

CHAIR

Councillor M. Clark (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Administration Department; Office Manager, Education Department; Head of Property Services, Housing and Property Services Department; Policy and Development Manager, Community Services Department and Road Network Team Leader, Planning and Environment Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector Hughes, Strathclyde Police and P. Winnie, Coatbridge Community Forum

APOLOGIES

Councillors Brooks, Burns and Smith.

COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE MINUTE

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 1 February 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM - MINUTE

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Community Forum held on 2 December 2004.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

GLENBOIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTE

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Glenboig Community Council held on 22 February 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

GOOD NEWS

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 2005 by the Director of Community Services detailing a number of community initiative projects and events undertaken and supported by the Department of Community Services within North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report (tabled) by Inspector Hughes, Strathclyde Police summarising the crime statistics in the Coatbridge area for the year to date and providing a comparison with the statistics in the same period in 2004.

Thereon, Inspector Hughes responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the crime statistics in the Coatbridge area for the year to date be noted.

REMIT FROM THE POLICY AND RESOURCES (PROPERTY) SUB-COMMITTEE OF 17 MARCH 2005 - FORMER MUNICIPAL BATHS, MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE - DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

6. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee of 17 March 2005 when, inter alia, that Sub-Committee, following consideration of a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Sub-Committee) dated 9 March 2005 by the Director of Housing and Property Services outlining potential opportunities for the development of the former Municipal Baths at Main Street, Coatbridge, had (1) approved the principle of progressing the development on the site of the former Municipal Baths and the associated Action Plan; (2) noted the allocation of funding to meet the requirements of the Action Plan, and (3) remitted the report to this Committee for its interest, there was submitted the said report by the Director of Housing and Property Services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ROADWORK PROGRAMMES

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding roads, footways, street lighting and structure renewal works undertaken in the Coatbridge area for the financial year 2004/05 (1) providing details of the Revenue Budget for the Roads and Transportation Service; (2) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a detailed works programme undertaken in the financial year 2004/05 to a value of £1,641,000; (3) indicating that the Council had shown improvement in the Statutory Performance Indicators in respect of roads, footways, street lighting and structure renewal, and (4) advising that the number of third party claims against the Council due to road defects had halved since the introduction of a carriageway and precinct safety inspection regime in 2001.

Decided: that the performance of the programme of works for roads, footpaths, street lighting and structure renewal work for 2004/2005 and the improved performance of the road maintenance service in the Coatbridge area be noted.