
Coatbridge, 7 June 2005 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Clark, Convener; Councillors Maginnis, Shields and Smith.

CHAIR

Councillor M. Clark (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager and Administrative Officer, Administration Department; Assistant Chief Executive (Community Regeneration), Community Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, Project Co-ordinator, Community Services Department; Service Manager, Housing and Property Services Department, and Senior Planning Officer, Planning and Environment Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Brooks, Burns, Cassidy and Gordon.

COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE MINUTE

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 12 April 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM - MINUTES

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Community Forum held on 5 February, 7 April and 10 May 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

GOOD NEWS

3. There was submitted a report dated 20 April 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.

SUMMER BREAKOUT BROCHURE

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 May 2005 by the Director of Community Services together with the Community Services Department Summer Breakout Brochure (tabled) which provided details of Summer Holiday activities for children and young people in North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the publication of the Community Services Department Summer Breakout Brochure 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 ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE OF 24 MAY 2005 - COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

6. With reference to paragraph 17 of the Minute of the meeting of the Economic Regeneration Committee held on 24 May 2005 when that Committee, following consideration of a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 28 April 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment, had (1) approved the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan as a means for delivering sustainable regeneration; (2) agreed that the projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report would form the basis of the on-going regeneration priorities in Coatbridge Town Centre, and (3) remitted the report to this Committee for its interest, there was submitted the said report thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SMALL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 1 February 2005 when this Committee approved and recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee (1) the categories identified in the report for prioritising delivery of the proposed projects; (2) that the Director of Planning and Environment proceed with the development of the projects in categories 1 and 2 for delivery in 2005/2006, and (3) that the Director of Planning and Environment assist in the delivery of Category 3 Projects with local community groups and organisations and submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee on whether funding from the Small Communities Budget was appropriate, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 May 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment advising of the progress on the projects contained within the Small Communities Programme for the Coatbridge area (a) intimating that Martin Berkeley, Environmental Design, were appointed to carry out the design work for the five Category 1 Projects; (b) indicating that Category 2 Projects would require additional finance and resources from a range of partners which, to date, has not been secured; (c) advising that Category 3 Projects would be more appropriately delivered from other funding sources or organisations and required additional input from other Council Departments, and (d) providing details of the work carried out to the derelict land adjacent to the bus turning circle in Carnbroe Road which had been completed.

Decided: that the progress of the projects contained within the Small Communities Programme for the Coatbridge area, be noted.

ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES 2005/2006

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 May 2005 by the Director of Housing and Property Services together with an amended appendix (tabled) regarding Estate Based Initiative Projects which had been identified by the Coatbridge Area Housing Office (1) indicating that a budget of £156,000 had been allocated for Estate Based Initiative Projects across North Lanarkshire, and (2) advising that the projects identified represented locally determined priorities which would benefit the local environment.

Decided: that the projects for the Coatbridge area, detailed in the amended Appendix be approved.

CONSULTATION EVENTS

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 May 2005 by the Chief Executive advising of Consultation Events on the Council's Community Engagement Strategy, Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Childrens' Services Plan (1) advising that over 700 summary documents had been distributed to Voluntary / Community Sector and Partner agencies operating within North Lanarkshire; (2) providing details of the local events which will be held throughout North Lanarkshire, and (3) intimating that the Consultation Event in Coatbridge would be held in St. Patrick's Primary School on 9 June 2005 at 7 pm.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.