

Coatbridge, 15 January 2013 at 2 pm.

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Higgins, MacGregor, McAnulty, McPake, Shields and Welsh, North Lanarkshire Council; Alex Forrest and Patrick Reilly, Coatbridge Community Forum; David Shields, NHS Lanarkshire; Stuart McQueen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector MacLeod, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Hamill, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services); Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager, Dave Sutton, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation) and Jennifer Thomson, Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Raymond Taylor, Community Social Work Manager and Jamie Pettigrew, Service Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Iain Campbell, Project and Partnerships Officer, Learning and Leisure Services and Colin Walker, Estates and Facilities Manager, North Lanarkshire Leisure Limited; Inspector Baillie, Strathclyde Police and Rory McAlinden, SportScotland.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Majid and Smith.

DEATH OF COUNCILLOR THOMAS MAGINNIS

1. The Convener referred to the death, on Thursday, 29 November 2012, of Councillor Thomas Maginnis and spoke of his hard work for the area during his time with North Lanarkshire Council and of his popularity with the constituents of the Coatbridge West Ward.

Thereafter, the Local Area Partnership observed one minute's silence.

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

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

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 October 2012.

It was noted that it had been agreed that Coatbridge Youth Forum would be invited to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership to discuss the work being undertaken by the Forum and it was proposed that they be invited to the next meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that Coatbridge Youth Forum be invited to the meeting of the Local Area Partnership on 9 April 2013, and
- (2) that the terms of the Minutes be otherwise noted.

PRESENTATION - NORTH LANARKSHIRE PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY – ENGAGEMENT/NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2013 by the Head of Community Information and Learning regarding the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013/18 (1) setting out details of the approach for the ongoing engagement; (2) intimating that a Strategy Implementation and Review Group had been established to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy, and (3) indicating that the recommendations contained within the Strategy encompass consideration of new build, upgrades, changes to usage, additional maintenance work and alternative use or disposal.

Thereon, the Convener introduced Iain Campbell, Projects and Partnership Officer, North Lanarkshire Council who gave a presentation on the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013/18.

Iain Campbell provided further information in respect of:-

- the background to the Strategy which had taken into account the views of local clubs, organisations, sport in schools development staff, Facility Managers as well as Scottish governing bodies' representatives
- the context for the Strategy which included economic climate and financial conditions, legacies of major sporting events and developments in specific sports;
- the key messages contained within the Strategy;
- the key questions in relation to the delivery of projects;
- a summary of the main recommendations, and
- the key recommendations in respect of the Coatbridge Area;

Thereafter, Iain Campbell responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership and intimated that he would take forward all the issues and points raised at the meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the main recommendations, as set out within the presentation, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the establishment of the Strategy Implementation and Review Group to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy be noted;
- (3) that the specific recommendations relating to the Coatbridge Area, as set out within the presentation, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted, and
- (4) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services providing an update on the Youth Investment Programme; (1) outlining the background to the Programme which was launched following receipt of an additional allocation by the Scottish Government of £1.825m to tackle youth unemployment ; (2) advising that the Programme offers employers an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and was designed to financially support businesses to create additional job opportunities; (3) indicating that the target for the Programme was to support 5,000 unemployed residents back to work over three years via apprenticeships, the Xtra Hands Project and New Start 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, 104 individuals had been supported into employment within the Coatbridge area; (6) advising that while the figures show that the Coatbridge area as a whole has, currently, an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, initial results demonstrate a need to focus efforts on Coatbridge South to ensure that this area of high unemployment fully 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, assisting with registration applications and getting young people motivated and “job ready”.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that Coatbridge Local Area Team would promote the Youth Investment Programme, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – BOARD MINUTE

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 5 September 2012.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

7. There was submitted a report from Coatbridge Community Forum providing an overview of activity undertaken by the Forum in partnership with local agencies and highlighting a number of issues for further consideration.

Thereon, Alex Forrest was heard in further explanation of the report and provided an overview of the outcome of the survey of local residents which took place during the Coatbridge Hawaiian Beach Party Festival held in July 2012 and made reference to the desire for a community facility/hub within the Town Centre and requested that this matter be explored with Elected Members and Council officials. He intimated that following discussion with the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, Carnegie Library had been identified as a possible location and the Community Forum, in conjunction with the Community Councils in Coatbridge, was preparing a business case.

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services be invited to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership to outline the Council’s position in relation to the possible use of Carnegie Library as a community facility/hub, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 9 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 15 January 2013) dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) enclosing, as Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative projects identified for delivery in 2012/2013; (2) attaching as Appendix 2 to the report, a list of projects proposed for approval and delivery in 2013/2014, and (3) setting out details of three projects which had been placed on the holding list for 2013/2014.

Thereon, Michele Battersby was heard in further explanation of the report and highlighted a number of amendments to the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiatives for 2012/13.

Following discussion it was requested that the condition of the footpath/walkway around Drumpellier Country Park be raised with the Head of Land Services.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 including the estate based initiative projects be noted;
- (2) that the changes to the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative programme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the projects set out in Appendix 2 for delivery in 2013/2014 be noted;
- (4) that the three projects contained on the holdings list for 2013/2014, be noted;
- (5) 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, and
- (6) that the Head of Land Services investigate the condition of the footpaths/walkway around Drumpellier Country Park and provide an update report to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 9 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 15 January 2013) dated 15 January 2013 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) providing an update on (a) Dundyvan Church; (b) The Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme; (c) Merrystone Bridge, Blairhill Street; (d) Town Centre Parking, and (e) Town Centre Activities; (2) indicating that (a) New Finger Post Signs and two orientation panel signs had been fitted at the junction of Main Street and John Street; (b) Monklands Steering Group was delivering a series of projects along the Monkland Canal Heritage Path/National Cycle Network in conjunction with a number of partners, and (c) work was ongoing to identify a positive use for Carnegie Library, and (3) intimating that the Council's Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee had approved work on a Business Improvement District (BID) which would involve engaging with Town Centre businesses to raise awareness of BIDs in assessing whether any of the Town Centres could work towards developing a pilot BID in North Lanarkshire.

Thereon, Dave Sutton was heard in further explanation of the report and advised that the CARS bid had been unsuccessful.

Following discussion it was proposed (1) that the next update report provide details of the ownership of properties in Coatbridge town centre, including the Asda premises and the Faraday Retail Park and (2) that emergency works be carried out to Dundyvan Church to secure the building.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the next report to the Local Area Partnership include details of the ownership of all properties in Coatbridge town centre, including the Asda premises and the Faraday Retail Park;
- (2) that it be noted that the Head of Planning and Development would instruct emergency works to be carried out to Dundyvan Church to secure the building, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 9 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 15 January 2013) dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report, information and action which had been considered by the local Community Safety Sub-Group for the period September, October, November 2012 including a statistical analysis of incidents within Wards 6, 9 and 10, and (2) providing details of a number of positive initiatives within the Coatbridge Locality.

Thereon, Jamie Pettigrew, Chief Inspector MacLeod and Stuart McQueen were heard in further explanation of the report.

Councillor Higgins intimated that Paddock Street and Carnbroe Road remained a traffic hot spot which required traffic calming measures and requested that a formal traffic assessment be carried out.

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Roads and Transportation undertake a formal traffic assessment on Paddock Street and Carnbroe Road and report back to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2013 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, Coatbridge Locality providing (1) an update on a number of initiatives undertaken by NHS Lanarkshire, including the UNICEF Breastfeeding Programme, Teen Parents Group, Play @ Home, Youth Diversionary Activities, the Collaborative Themes Campaign and Welfare Reform, and (2) details on GP Practice patient populations for each GP practice in the Coatbridge area.

Thereon, David Shields was heard in further explanation of the report and intimated he would provide details on the outcome of the 2011/12 Patient Experience Survey of GP and Local NHS Services.

Councillor Welsh requested that the next report clarify the role of NHS Lanarkshire in the operation of GP practices in the Coatbridge area.

Decided:

- (1) that the next update report clarify the role of NHS Lanarkshire in the operation of GP practices in the Coatbridge area and provide details of the outcome of the 2011/12 Patient Experience Survey of GP and Local NHS Services, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

REMIT FROM NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) advising of the proposal to strengthen the role of the voluntary sector in the Local Community Planning Structures, and (2) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a paper which was approved by North Lanarkshire Partnership Board encouraging the voluntary sector to engage more effectively in the localities and to support the work of the Local Area Teams.

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

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
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Coatbridge, 15 January 2013 at 4.06 pm.

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CHAIR

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IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation) and Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Community Social Work Manager and Service Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Project and Partnerships Officer, Learning and Leisure Services; Estates and Facilities Manager, North Lanarkshire Leisure Limited; R. McAlinden, Sportscotland; A. Forrest and P. Reilly, Coatbridge Community Forum; D. Shields, NHS Lanarkshire; S. McQueen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector McLeod and Inspector Baillie, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

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1. DEATH OF COUNCILLOR THOMAS MAGINNIS

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

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

3. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2013

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 15 January 2013 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

Decided:

- (1) that Coatbridge Youth Forum be invited to the meeting of the Local Area Partnership on 9 April 2013, and
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