

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 9 April 2013

Coatbridge, 9 April 2013 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Docherty, Higgins, MacGregor, McAnulty, McPake, Majid, Smith and Welsh, North Lanarkshire Council; Alex Forrest and Patrick Reilly, Coatbridge Community Forum; Janice Scouller, NHS Lanarkshire; Stuart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Chief Inspector MacLeod, Police Scotland.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Hamill, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) Eric Hislop, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, Alex Ramsey, Assistant Business Manager (Roads Operations) North, Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager and Jennifer Thomson, Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Joe McElholm, Manager, Older Adult Services and David Dymock, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services and Inspector Baillie, Police Scotland.

APOLOGY

Councillor Shields.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener welcomed Councillor Docherty to his first meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership.

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 15 January 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – BOARD MINUTE

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 14 November 2012.

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 by the Forum in partnership with local agencies and highlighting a number of issues for further consideration.

Thereon, Kieran Burns provided an update on the work being undertaken by the Community Councils in Coatbridge, in conjunction with Coatbridge Community Forum, in respect of Carnegie Library, Academy Street, Coatbridge. He advised (1) that their aim was to preserve the building and develop a community based hub/centre; (2) that a business case was being developed, and (3) that they had met with officials from the Council, surveyors and consultants. He further advised that, in order to take forward the proposal, it required the support of the Council.

Thereon, Eric Hislop intimated that it was the Council's aim to retain the building in productive use and, while he had been liaising with the groups involved, capital and revenue costs were key to any proposal being successful.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 15 January 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 April 2013) dated 9 April 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative projects identified for delivery in 2012/13; (2) attaching, as Appendix 2 to the report, a list of projects proposed for approval and delivery in 2013/14 and (3) setting out, in Appendix 3 to the report, four projects which have been placed on a 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 2012/2013.

Following discussion in respect of the works being carried out to secure Dundyvan Church, it was suggested that £2,000 be provided from the Local Development Programme budget to install CCTV cameras at Dundyvan Church.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of 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 funding, from the Local Development Programme budget, of £2,000 be provided for the installation of CCTV cameras at Dundyvan Church;
- (4) that the projects set out in Appendix 2 for delivery in 2013/2014, be noted;
- (5) that the four projects on the holding list for 2013/2014, be noted, and
- (6) 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 9 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 15 January 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 April 2013) dated 9 April 2013 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) providing an update on (a) Coatbridge Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (b) the Coatbridge Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme Bid; (c) Town Centre Activities, and (d) Business Improvement Districts; (2) intimating that the Council's Legal Services Division was continuing to seek reimbursement of costs from the owner of Dundyvan Church for works carried out in default after the serving of an amenity notice, and (3) indicating that a contractor had been appointed to secure Dundyvan Church and the Council would charge the owner for the works to be undertaken.

Thereon, Jennifer Thomson was heard in further explanation of the report.

Following discussion in relation to the failure by the Council to recoup the incurred costs from the previous works carried out to Dundyvan Church and the likelihood of a similar scenario emerging again, it was suggested that a meeting be convened with the Elected Members from Coatbridge, the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Planning and Transportation to discuss a possible resolution.

Thereon there was a full discussion on the relocation of Coatbridge General Post Office from Main Street to the Quadrant Shopping Centre and the future provision of services.

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

- (1) that the concerns of the Local Area Partnership in respect of the relocation of Coatbridge Post Office from the Main Street to the Quadrant Shopping Centre be noted and should there be any effect on service provision, appropriate representations be made, to include local MP and MSPs, and
- (2) that a meeting be arranged with the Elected Members from Coatbridge, the Head of Legal Services and Head of Planning and Transportation to discuss the reimbursement to the Council from the owners of Dundyvan Church of the costs for the works carried out by the Council to secure the site.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 April 2013) dated 9 April 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (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 December 2012 to 28 February 2013 including a statistical analysis of incidents within Wards 6, 9 and 10, and (2) providing details of a number of positive initiatives from within the Coatbridge Locality.

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

Reference was made to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 15 January 2013, when it was agreed 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, thereon Councillor Higgins requested an update on the progress.

In response, Alex Ramsay intimated that accident details had been provided by Police Scotland and that it was his intention to meet with local Members to discuss options.

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Following discussion, the Local Area Partnership noted that the Head of Roads and Transportation would meet with the elected Members from Ward 10, Coatbridge South to discuss options to alleviate speeding in Paddock Street and Carnbroe Road.

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

- (1) that the Head of Roads and Transportation meet with the Elected Members from Ward 10, Coatbridge South, to discuss the options available in respect of alleviating speeding in Paddock Street and Carnbroe Road, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

8. There was submitted a report dated 9 April 2013 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, Coatbridge Locality (1) providing an update on a number of initiatives undertaken by NHS Lanarkshire, including (a) the UNICEF Breastfeeding Programme; (b) 27-30 Month Child Health Review; (c) No Smoking Day 2013, and (d) Sexual Health - Speakeasy, and (2) intimating that, in respect of the previous issues raised regarding GP Practices, (a) there was no evidence to support the proposition that a larger Practice population received a poorer service; (b) Health Boards in broad terms had a general ability to require Practices to perform to an acceptable level, and (c) NHS Lanarkshire Managers and commissioned GPs from other localities visit Practices annually for appraisal and evidence gathering purposes.

Thereon, there was further discussion in respect of (a) GP Practices in Coatbridge opening later in the evening and at weekends to facilitate access by those patients who were in employment, and (b) the telephone systems currently used by GP Practices.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the next update report contain information on the possibility of extending the opening times of GP Surgeries and on the telephone systems currently used within the GP Practices in Coatbridge.

DRUMPELLIER COUNTRY PARK – REPORT ON PATHS NETWORK

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 15 January 2013 when, inter alia, it was agreed that the Head of Land Services investigate the condition of the footpaths/walkways around Drumpellier Country Park and provide an update to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, there was submitted a report dated 18 March 2013 by the Head of Land Services (1) setting out details of the improvement works which have been carried out to the road and paths network in the past three years, and (2) providing details on the condition of the various paths and roads within Drumpellier Country Park.

Thereon, Eric Hislop intimated that the paths and roads were in fairly good order and ongoing maintenance and investment would continue.

Following discussion, it was requested that further information be provided in respect of (1) whether the roads in Drumpellier Country Park could be adopted; (2) whether the main car park could be extended, and (3) the general maintenance and upkeep of the footpaths/roads/walkways.

It was proposed that, in addition to the further report, a site visit be carried out by the Elected Members from the Local Area Partnership to look at the general condition of the footpaths/walkways/roads within Drumpellier Country Park.

Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership providing information on (a) whether the roads within Drumpellier Country Park could be adopted, (b) options available to extend the main car park, and (c) the general maintenance and upkeep of the footpaths/roads/walkways, and
- (2) that a site visit be arranged for the Elected Members from the Local Area Partnership to review the condition of the footpaths/roads/walkways within Drumpellier Country Park.

POLICE SCOTLAND - NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2013/14

10. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 March 2013 when, that Committee having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 14 March 2013 by the Chief Executive had agreed (1) that the Police Scotland - North Lanarkshire Local Plan 2013/2014 be approved, and (2) that the Police Plan be referred to this Local Area Partnership for consideration, the Local Area Partnership considered the report.

Thereon, Chief Inspector MacLeod was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2013/2014

11. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 March 2013, when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 14 March 2013 by the Chief Executive, had agreed (1) that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - North Lanarkshire Local Plan 2013/2014 be approved, and (2) that the Fire and Rescue Plan be referred to the Local Area Partnership for consideration, the Local Area Partnership considered the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE, PROGRESS REPORT

12. There was submitted a report dated 9 April 2013 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services providing an update on the progress made in Reshaping Care for Older People across statutory sectors in North Lanarkshire, NHS Lanarkshire, the Third Sector and Independent Sectors (1) outlining the background to the Government's Policy on Reshaping Care for Older People which was accompanied by a change fund allocation of £3.8m for a period of four years; (2) providing an overview of the progress made to date in respect of community capacity building/preventative and anticipatory care, proactive care and support at home, effective care at times of transition and hospital and institutional care; (3) summarising the impact of the policy within Coatbridge locality, including the Locality Partnership Development Programme run through Glenboig Neighbourhood House and the shifting balance of care through the provision of appropriate housing options in respect of respite facilities, sheltered housing complexes and multi-storey towers.

Thereon, Joe McElholm was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

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IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, Assistant Business Manager (Roads Operations) North, Local Regeneration Manager and Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Manager, Older Adult Services and Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; A. Forrest and P. Reilly, Coatbridge Community Forum; J. Scouller, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector MacLeod and Inspector Baillie, Police Scotland, and S. McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue.

APOLOGY

Councillor Shields.

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 9 APRIL 2013

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 9 April 2013 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 MINUTE

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(3) COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

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(4) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

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(9) POLICE SCOTLAND - NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2013/14

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(10) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2013/2014

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(11) RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE, PROGRESS REPORT

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