

Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, 30 July 2013 at 3.52 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Docherty, Higgins, McPake, Majid, Shields, Smith and Welsh.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Senior Operations Officer, Local Regeneration Manager and Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), Regeneration and Environmental Services; Community Social Work Manager and Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; K. Burns, Coatbridge Community Forum, D. Shields, NHS Lanarkshire, Chief Inspector MacLeod, Police Scotland, Stuart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Colin MacFarlane, Voluntary Sector.

APOLOGY

Councillor MacGregor

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 30 JULY 2013

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 30 July 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 MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(3) COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

Decided:

(1) that the Head of Land Services advise Coatbridge Community Forum of the rationale for not submitting an application on behalf of Coatbridge to the Beautiful Scotland Awards, and

(2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(4) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2013/2014

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects for 2012/2013, including the Estate Based Initiative projects, be noted;
- (2) that the projects set out in Appendix 2 for delivery in 2013/2014, be approved and noted;
- (3) that the five projects on the holding list for 2013/2014, be noted;
- (4) 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) that the Head of Land Services explore options for the upgrading of the main pathway through the West End Park and possible improvements to the approach to the Town Centre including the roundabouts, and
- (6) that the Head of Housing Services ascertain whether the overgrown trees at James Dempsey Gardens could be dealt with from the Estate Based Initiatives Budget.

(5) COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Planning and Regeneration explore the options for the demolition of Dundyvan Church;
- (2) that the next update report contain a comparison of vacancy rates in all North Lanarkshire town centres, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be otherwise 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) DRUMPELLIER COUNTRY PARK - ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND CAR PARKS

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed improvements to the paths network throughout Drumpellier Country Park and the reduction in the Country Parks Infrastructure Budget, be noted, and
 - (2) that the Head of Land Services arrange a site visit with all Elected Members from the Local Area Partnership to review the general condition of the footpaths, walkways, roads and car parks within Drumpellier Country Park
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(9) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that Coatbridge Local Area Team would continue to promote the Youth Investment Programme and explore the options for the introduction of the minimum living wage for the three programmes, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

(10) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(11) THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that the list of all voluntary organisations contacted in respect of the third sector representative opportunities be provided to Coatbridge Community Forum, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(12) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that the next meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership/Area Committee would take place on Tuesday, 22 October 2013 at 2 pm with the venue still to be confirmed.