

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 October 2015

Coatbridge, 20 October 2015 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Docherty, McPake, Majid, Shields and Welsh, North Lanarkshire Council; Kieran Burns and Martin McWilliams, Coatbridge Community Forum; Janice Scouler, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector Kenny MacLeod and Inspector Louise Brownlie, Police Scotland, and Stuart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Clare Louise McDonald, Administrative Officer and Lesley Dysart, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services; Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager; Frank Haggarty, Senior Roads Officer, and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Stephen Baxter, Depute Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Higgins, MacGregor and Smith.

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

1. There were no declarations.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on progress with Community Safety within the Coatbridge locality, and (2) detailing, in Appendix 1 to the report, an up to date summary of the Community Safety Sub-Group Action Plan.

Thereon, Chief Inspector MacLeod and Inspector Brownlie, Police Scotland; Stuart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue, and Stephen Baxter, Housing and Social Work Services were heard in further explanation of the report, and responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership.

Arising from a brief discussion it was requested that, following a recent spell of fires within the locality, further clarification be provided (1) on how Council houses were allocated, and (2) on annual fire safety checks within Council properties.

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Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership detailing (a) how Council houses were allocated, and (b) annual fire safety checks within Council properties, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 28 July 2015.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 15 April and 17 June 2015.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

5. There was submitted a report dated September 2015 from Coatbridge Community Forum providing an overview of activities undertaken in partnership with local agencies including (1) dog fouling awareness sessions within Drumpellier Park; (2) drug and alcohol misuse across the area, and (3) the winter safety campaigns.

Thereon, Kieran Burns was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 28 July 2015, there was submitted a report dated 20 October 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) enclosing, in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the progress of the Local Development Programme for 2014/15; (2) outlining, in Appendix 2 to the report, the progress with the Estate Based Initiatives Projects 2014/15; (3) detailing, in Appendix 3 to the report, an update on the progress of the Local Development Programme for 2015/16, and (4) setting out, in Appendix 4 to the report, the Estate Based Initiatives Projects for 2015/16.

Thereon, Michele Battersby was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Arising out of brief discussion, Members sought a further report, to be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, detailing the progress of the works at Old Monkland Cemetery.

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Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the Local Development Programme 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiatives Project 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the progress of the Local Development Programme 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the Head of Environment and Estates submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership detailing the progress of the works at Old Monkland Cemetery, and
- (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.

COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

7. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 28 July 2015, there was submitted a report dated 20 October 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the draft Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) informing of the progress of town centre projects currently underway, including car parking and potential housing developments at Bank Street, Carnegie Library and the former Tax Office; (3) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited for all town centres in North Lanarkshire in relation to business activity and footfall for the period from April to June 2015; (4) intimating that the town centre wifi initiative had received 146 new registrations during the period from April to June 2015, and (5) advising that the Christmas Light Switch On event would take place on Friday, 27 November 2015.

Thereon, Shirley Penman was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Arising from a brief discussion, it was requested that a programme of works and a timeline be prepared for the potential housing developments at Bank Street, Carnegie Library and the former Tax Office.

Frank Haggarty then provided a brief oral update in connection with the road closure scheduled to take place at North Road, Bellshill as part of the Motorway Improvements Project; advised that North Road would be closed for a period of up to three weeks in early 2016, and indicated that notification would be provided in advance of the closure taking place.

Decided:

- (1) that a programme of works and a timeline be provided for the potential housing developments at Bank Street, Carnegie Library and the former Tax Office, and
- (2) that the progress of the projects and initiatives contained within Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 2015 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, providing an update on a number of issues undertaken by NHS Lanarkshire including (1) Health and
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Social Care Integration; (2) the Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership, and (3) the Social Enterprise activity, Roots and Fruits.

Thereon, Janice Scouler, was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

9. There was submitted a report from North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group providing details of North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector partnership activity in Coatbridge for the period up to September 2015.

Decided: that the report be noted.

Coatbridge, 20 October 2015 at 3 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) and Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Senior Roads Officer and Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Depute Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Higgins, MacGregor and Smith.

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

The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2015

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 20 October 2015 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership detailing (a) how Council houses were allocated, and (b) annual fire safety checks within Council properties, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

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

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

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(3) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(4) COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(5) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the Local Development Programme 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiatives Project 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the progress of the Local Development Programme 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the Head of Environment and Estates submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership detailing the progress of the works at Old Monkland Cemetery, and
- (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.

(6) COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that a programme of works and a timeline be provided for the potential housing developments at Bank Street, Carnegie Library and the former Taxi Office, and
- (2) that the progress of the projects and initiatives contained within Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

(7) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(8) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.
