

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 19 January 2016

Coatbridge, 19 January 2016 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Higgins, MacGregor, McPake, Shields, Smith and Welsh, North Lanarkshire Council; Janice Scouller and David Shields, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector Gavin Russell and Inspector Louise Brownlie, Police Scotland, and Stewart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Rose, Chief Committee Services Manager, Corporate Services; Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager; Frank Haggarty, Senior Roads Officer; Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer; Paul Kane, Employability Services Team Leader; Toby Nevitt, Senior Officer, Conservation, and Vicky Abernethy, Assistant Business Manager (Greenspace), Regeneration and Environmental Services, and David Dymock, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Docherty and Majid.

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

1. There were no declarations.

PRESENTATION – SEVEN LOCHS HERITAGE GATEWAY PROJECT

2. The Convener introduced Toby Nevitt, Senior Officer, Conservation, North Lanarkshire Council who delivered a presentation on the Seven Lochs Heritage Gateway Project at Drumpellier Country Park which provided an overview of the project and outlined:-
 - the project and funding sources;
 - the project aims, which were to be achieved through the following four key programmes of activity
 - (1) Visitor Centre enhancements;
 - (2) Interactive interpretation around Lochend Loch;
 - (3) Habitat enhancements, and
 - (4) Community engagement and learning programme;
 - an estimated time line of the works, and
 - details of an information session which was to take place in Drumpellier Visitor Centre on Saturday, 23 January 2016 from 12 pm to 4 pm and also on-line from 20 January for a period of one week.

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Thereon, Toby Nevitt responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership, after which the Convener thanked him for the informative presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

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

OLD MONKLANDS CEMETERY – UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH PATHWORKS

3. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2015 by the Acting Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on progress with resurfacing with tarmacadam the loose aggregate paths within Old Monklands Cemetery; (2) informing of the background relative thereto; (3) advising of money spent on the cemetery footpaths over a four year period; (4) explaining that only £10,000 had been available to be invested on footpath resurfacing works during the current financial year due to unexpected cost pressures and competing service demands, and (5) recommending that the Committee note the progress in improving the footpath network within Old Monkland Cemetery.

Thereon, Vicky Abernethy was heard in further explanation of the report.

Arising from discussion, it was requested that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, providing further information with regards to the financial investment made to other projects, which had resulted in the reduced funding available for this project during financial year 2015/16.

Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership providing further information with regards to the financial investment made to other projects, which had resulted in the reduced funding available for this project during financial year 2015/16, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Coatbridge Area Committee held on 20 October 2015.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – MINUTES

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 19 August and 21 October 2015.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

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COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

6. There was submitted a report by Coatbridge Community Forum providing an overview of activities undertaken, in partnership with local agencies, including (1) a community consultation event, and (2) the Winter Safety Campaigns.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 20 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included in the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, progress with the remaining 2014/15 Programme and total budget; (3) enclosing, in Appendix 2 to the report, progress with the 2015/16 Programme; (4) advising, in Appendix 3 to the report, progress with the Estate Based Initiative Projects for 2015/16, and (5) seeking approval for (a) the 2016/17 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 4 to the report, and (b) further progress on the current and proposed projects which would be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

Thereon, Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

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

- (1) that the progress with the remaining 2014/15 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the 2015/16 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiative Projects for 2015/16, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the proposals for the 2016/17 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 4 to the report, be approved;
- (5) that further progress on the proposed projects be reported to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (6) that the report be otherwise noted.

COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 20 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the Coatbridge Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) informing of the progress on Town Centre Projects currently underway, including car parking and potential housing developments, and (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 July to September 2015.

Thereon, Shirley Penman and Frank Haggarty, North Lanarkshire Council, were heard in further explanation of the report, and responded to Members' questions.

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Arising from a brief discussion, it was requested that a further report be submitted to the Local Area Partnership providing an update on the supported temporary accommodation proposals at 7-13 Bank Street.

In addition, Frank Haggarty 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 from 24 January 2016, and distributed detailed plans of the closure.

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

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership providing an update on the supported temporary accommodation proposals at 7-13 Bank Street, and
- (2) that the progress of the projects and initiatives contained within Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, (1) providing an update on key local Community Planning developments identified within the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan for the period April to September 2015; (2) advising that the updates had arisen following a regular monitoring process, whereby the Area Teams had been asked for six monthly progress reports against the actions; (3) setting out a number of key achievements in conjunction with partnership agencies, including Health and Social Inequalities, Domestic Abuse and Fire Safety, and (4) indicating (a) that work was underway to develop the process, ensuring community and Third Sector input to the development of the plans, and (b) that throughout January/February 2016, the Local Area Teams would be reviewing the current Action Plans and identifying priorities for the 2016/17 Plans.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the number of positive outcomes 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 Russell and Inspector Brownlie, Police Scotland; Stewart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue and David Dymock, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council, were heard in further explanation of the report and responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership.

In addition Stewart McQueen thanked Police Scotland for its assistance as there had been no assaults on Fire Officers in recent weeks.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 28 July 2015, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Executive Director
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of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) outlining the background to the Programme which had been launched to tackle youth unemployment in North Lanarkshire; (2) providing a breakdown of unemployment rates within Coatbridge on a Ward basis, together with a comparison of North Lanarkshire and national averages; (3) advising that 6,090 North Lanarkshire residents had been assisted into employment through the North Lanarkshire's Working Programme of which 1,141 came from the Coatbridge area; (4) providing details of the services provided by Routes to Work, and (5) indicating that 471 residents of Coatbridge had secured employment through the Youth Investment Programme.

Thereon, Paul Kane, North Lanarkshire Council, was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the performance and progress made in delivering Employability Services in North Lanarkshire be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COATBRIDGE LOCALITY UPDATE

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire providing an update on a number of issues undertaken by NHS Lanarkshire including (1) the new Healthcare Strategy for Lanarkshire; (2) the Lanarkshire Beatson Cancer Treatment Centre; (3) an update on Health and Social Care Integration; (4) Play Safe Home Safe Festive Campaign, and (5) Street Soccer NL.

Thereon, David Shields and Janice Scouler, NHS Lanarkshire were heard in further explanation of the report and responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

13. 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 to September 2015.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL'S LETTINGS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

14. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 20 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 2016 by the Head of Housing Services (1) outlining (a) the policy and procedures in relation to the letting of Council homes in North Lanarkshire, and (b) the maintenance of smoke alarms on all Council owned houses; (2) informing of the procedures for the letting of houses to applicants with a history of anti-social behaviour within North Lanarkshire; (3) advising that all houses with (a) a gas supply, had their gas equipment serviced on an annual basis, which included a check and maintenance, if required, on their smoke alarm, and (b) an electricity supply, received an annual check and maintenance, if required, on their smoke alarm; (4) indicating that Scottish Fire and Rescue provided free safety checks to individual tenants, and has carried out assessments within the sheltered housing stock to provide advice and assistance to vulnerable tenants, and (5) recommending that the Committee note the contents of the report.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee to note the contents of the report.

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Coatbridge, 19 January 2016 at 3.30 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Senior Roads Officer, Senior Planning Officer, Employability Services Team Leader, Senior Officer, Conservation and Assistant Business Manager (Greenspace), Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Docherty and Majid.

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 19 JANUARY 2016

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 19 January 2016 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) PRESENTATION – SEVEN LOCHS HERITAGE GATEWAY PROJECT

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

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

(2) OLD MONKLANDS CEMETERY – UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH PATHWORKS

Decided:

(1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership providing further information with regards to the financial investment made to other projects, which had resulted in the reduced funding available for this project during financial year 2015/16, and

(2) that the report be otherwise noted.

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

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(4) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(5) COATBRIDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the progress with the remaining 2014/15 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the 2015/16 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiative Projects for 2015/16, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the proposals for the 2016/17 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 4 to the report, be approved;
- (5) that further progress on the proposed projects be reported to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (6) that the report be otherwise noted.

(7) COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership providing an update on the supported temporary accommodation proposals at 7-13 Bank Street, and
- (2) that the progress of the projects and initiatives contained within Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

(8) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN

Decided: that the report be noted.

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(9) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(10) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided: that the performance and progress made in delivering Employability Services in North Lanarkshire be noted.

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

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(12) COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(13) NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL'S LETTINGS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.
