

MINUTE

of

**GIFFNOCK AND THORNIEBANK, NETHERLEE, STAMPERLAND
AND WILLIAMWOOD AREA FORUM**

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Woodfarm High School, Woodfarm on 2 December 2015.

Present:

Councillor Mary Montague

Lynne Arnott (Thornliebank Seniors Forum); Monty Cowen (Jewish Representative Council); and Sergeant Paul Murray (Police Scotland).

Councillor Montague in the Chair

Attending:

Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Councillors Jim Fletcher and Ralph Robertson; Station Manager David Fothergill; and Lisa-Marie Patton (Thornliebank and Giffnock Tenants and Residents Association).

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 2 September 2015.

PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2015/16

2. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of the balance outstanding in the General Services budget for 2015/16; a project previously approved by the forum in 2015/16; and a project that had been submitted for consideration.

Whilst noting that the project proposal that had been submitted did not meet the funding criteria and therefore could not be considered, the forum was advised that as there was a balance outstanding in the forum's budget, and given that the date of the next meeting was close to the end of the financial year, it was proposed that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services, in consultation with the Chair, to consider and approve any projects submitted up to the end of the financial year.

The forum agreed:

- (a) to note that the project proposal that had been submitted did not meet the funding criteria and therefore could not be considered;
- (b) that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services in consultation with the Chair to approve any projects up to the end of the current financial year; and
- (c) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES – UPDATE

3. In the absence of a representative from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Councillor Montague invited Sergeant Murray to give an update on the activities of Police Scotland in the forum's area since the date of the last meeting.

Sergeant Murray explained that overall there had been relatively low levels of criminal and antisocial activity in the area since the last meeting. He reported that the national drink-drive campaign would begin on Friday 4 December and that a more targeted, intelligence-led approach was being used this year. He also referred to the usual festive safety campaigns that were being repeated. Furthermore, it was noted that the local winter initiative would begin and that patrols of shopping and other retail areas would be increased.

In response to a question by Mr Cowen, Sergeant Murray confirmed that the number of drink driving offences had reduced since the introduction of the legislation last year, and that more people were deciding not to drink at all if driving.

The forum noted the position.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. It was reported that the next meeting of the forum would be held in Woodfarm High School on Wednesday, 24 February 2016 at 7pm.