

**MINUTE**

**of**

**NEILSTON, UPLAWMOOR AND NEWTON MEARNS NORTH AND BARRHEAD  
AREA FORUM**

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Offices, 211 Main Street, Barrhead on  
10 December 2015.**

**Present:**

Inspector Alan Dickson (Police Scotland); Grace Brookmyre (East Renfrewshire Faith Forum); and Joyce Miller, (Uplawmoor Community Council).

Mrs Brookmyre in the Chair

**Attending:**

Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Councillor Kenny Hay (Chair); and Station Manager David Fothergill (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

**CHAIR**

1. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Mrs Brookmyre agreed to Chair the meeting.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 10 September 2015.

**POLICE UPDATE**

3. Mrs Brookmyre invited Inspector Dickson to update members on the activities of Police Scotland locally since the last meeting.

Inspector Dickson reported that the national drink-drive campaign had started and that a more targeted, intelligence-led approach was being used this year. He added that the number of drink driving offences had reduced since the introduction of new legislation last year, and that more people were deciding not to drink at all if driving.

Inspector Dickson also reported on the start of the local winter initiative and that patrols of shopping and other retail areas would be increased. In particular a lot of safety advice and information was being provided to premises that would be handling large amounts of cash over the festive period.

Finally Inspector Dickson reported that two new Sergeants, Sergeant Paul Murray and Sergeant Stewart Ward Boyce, had been appointed to the local area.

The forum noted the information.

## **PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2015/16**

4. The Forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, giving details of the budget allocation for 2015/16 and submitting a proposal for consideration.

Following discussion on the proposal submitted, the forum agreed:-

- (a) that further information be sought on the work carried out in Glasgow by Metropolitan Insulation Services to ascertain how effective the sound proofing had been;
- (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, including making a final decision on the noise reduction project referred to at (a) above; and
- (c) otherwise, to note the report.

## **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

5. No issues were raised.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6. It was reported that the next meeting of the Forum would be held in the Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead on Thursday, 25 February 2016 at 7.00pm.