

**MINUTE**

**of**

**NEWTON MEARNS SOUTH, BUSBY CLARKSTON AND EAGLESHAM AREA FORUM**

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Mearns Castle High School on 26 May 2015.**

**Present:**

Provost Alastair Carmichael

George McLachlan (Busby Community Council); and John Seenan (East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch Association).

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

**Attending:**

Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Barbara Grant; Alan Lafferty, Ian McAlpine, Stewart Miller and Jim Swift, and Bill Duguid (Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council).

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting of 3 March 2015.

**MATTERS ARISING**

2. Under reference to Item 2 of the Minute of the previous meeting, Mr McLachlan referred to the costs for the installation of the slide at the playpark at Cartside Road, Busby. He referred to the Council's "quick quote" process which applied for this particular project and enquired if it would be possible for an individual or organisation to make a Freedom of Information request to obtain details of all the quotes that were received for the project.

In reply, Mr Daly confirmed there was nothing to prevent Freedom of Information requests on any subject being submitted to the Council. However there may be grounds for some or all of the information requested not to be released. This would be considered at the time a response to the request was being prepared.

Thereafter, under reference to Item 7(i) of the Minute of the previous meeting, Mr Seenan reported that following the meeting he had written to the Chief Executive seeking the Council's support for the Citizens UK campaign to increase the number of refugees settled in the UK. He reported that his letter had been passed to the CHCP for attention and he had met with Candy Millard, Head of Strategy. These discussions had been positive and Ms Millard had requested further information about the campaign. Mr Seenan had written to the campaign organiser in this regard and a reply was awaited.

The forum noted the information.

### PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2015/16

3. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive providing an update on projects previously approved by the forum and submitting for consideration a new project proposal.

Having heard Mr Daly in connection with the report, the forum:-

- (a) noted the information; and
- (b) agreed that the following project be approved:-

**General Services Budget                      £3,800**

PROJECT	COSTS/COMMENTS
Installation of 3 litter bins in Clarkston at Busby Road, Clarkston Railway Station and Clarkston Toll	£561
<b>TOTAL</b>	£561
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>£3,239</b>

### QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

4. The following issues were raised

- (i) Bins for dog waste

Referring to the earlier project for litter bins in Clarkston, Mr Seenan referred to 2 sites in particular where there was a problem with bagged dog waste being left lying as there were no bins at these locations. The sites in question were Station Road/Easterton Avenue, Busby, and the lay-by on the A727 leaving Busby.

It was suggested that the purchase of litter bins for these locations be submitted as possible projects for consideration at a future meeting.

- (ii) Pop-up Village in Busby

Mr Seenan referred to the pop-up village that had been erected across the front of the vacant site on Main Street, Busby. The façade was now in a poor condition and Mr Seenan enquired if anything could be done to improve its condition.

Mr McLachlan made reference to potential development of the site and Mr Daly indicated that he would contact officers in the Council's Economic Development Service to establish the status of the site and the prospect of and upgrading to the façade.

(iii) Speed limits approaching Busby

Mr Seenan referred to the number of different speed limits on the road approaching Busby from East Kilbride. He suggested that a rationalisation of the speed limits should be considered although he recognised that the main part of the road where speed limits changed lay within the South Lanarkshire area.

He enquired what factors were taken into account when speed limits for a particular section of road were being determined.

In reply, Mr Daly undertook to raise the matter with officers from the Council's Traffic Section.

The forum noted the position.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 8 September 2015 at 7pm in Williamwood High School.