

**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 November 2013.**

**Present:**

Provost Alastair Carmichael (Chair)  
Councillor Barbara Grant

Councillor Alan Lafferty  
Councillor Stewart Miller

Sergeant Tom Devine (Police Scotland); Station Commander John Divers (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); George McLachlan (Busby Community Council); John Seenan (East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch Association); and Irene Yona (Newton Mearns Community Council).

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

**Attending:**

Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager.

**Also Attending:**

Korin Gillespie and Kelly Jamison, local residents.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Ian McAlpine and Jim Swift; Bill Duguid, (Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council); Liz Holms (East Renfrewshire CHCP); and Ian Thomas (Clarkston Community Council).

**POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE MATTERS**

1. Sergeant Devine was heard on the activities of the police in the forum area since the previous meeting. He referred to discussions at the previous meeting around the number of people being stopped by the police. He clarified that many of the searches carried out were consensual and that on every occasion a search was carried out it was done so with courtesy and respect.

Having referred to housebreakings in a particular area in respect of which an arrest had been made, in response to Provost Carmichael he outlined the work being carried out by the police to tackle the problem of speeding motorists as well as other road traffic matters.

Discussion also took place on the wearing of high visibility jackets by the police and the deterrent this had on driver behaviour.

Thereafter Station Commander Divers provided an update on the activities of the fire service across the area for the period May to November. Mr Divers explained that the figures presented were very good.

Having commented on a number of specific matters referred to in the report, Mr Divers, in response to Provost Carmichael explained the possible reasons for the cause of an accidental dwelling fire being categorised as “electricity supply”.

Referring to electrical supply interruptions, Mr Seenan highlighted that this was often the cause of house alarms being set off and enquired if the emergency services were required to attend in these circumstances.

In response, Sergeant Devine explained that in the event the police were notified of a house alarm being set off they would always attend.

On behalf of the forum, Provost Carmichael thanked both officers for attending and providing the information.

## **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting of 3 September 2013.

## **PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2013/14**

3. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive giving details of the allocated General Services budget for 2013/14 and remaining available balance, together with details of 2 projects for consideration by the forum.

Provost Carmichael introduced, Korin Gillespie and Kelly Jamison who were in attendance to speak in support of the proposals to install fencing at Broomburn park.

They were heard in support of the proposals and in response to questions from members of the forum.

Having heard the Democratic Services Manager on uncertainties surrounding area forum funding for 2014/15 which may impact on the ability to support the proposed fencing project, following full discussion the forum:-

- (a) agreed that the following projects be approved:-

**General Services Budget                      £5,050**

PROJECT	COSTS/COMMENTS
Installation of supportive disability swing at Easterton Avenue park, Busby	£650

Installation of fencing at Broomburn Park, Newton Mearns	£4,400 Subject to the balance of the project (£6,585) being met once future area forum funding had been clarified.
<b>TOTAL</b>	£5,050
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>NIL</b>

- (b) agreed that the balance of funding for the installation of fencing at Broomburn playpark, Newton Mearns would be considered at the next meeting of the forum at which time area forum funding levels for 2014/15 would be known;
- (c) noted that Mrs Yona would raise with Newton Mearns Community Council the possibility of the community council making a contribution to the fencing project; and
- (d) agreed 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.

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

**4.** It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 4 March 2014 at 7pm in Williamwood High School.