

**MINUTE**

**of**

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

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Mearns Castle High School on 27 May 2014**

**Present:**

Provost Alastair Carmichael  
Councillor Barbara Grant

Councillor Alan Lafferty  
Councillor Ian McAlpine

Bill Duguid, (Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council); Colin Scott (Busby Community Council); and John Seenan (East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch Association)

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

**Attending:**

Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager.

**Also Attending:**

Kate Munro, Community Engagement, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

**Apologies:**

George McLachlan and Irene Yona.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. The forum considered the Minute of the meeting of 4 March 2014.

Referring to the 2014/15 project proposals, (Minute Item 5 refers), Councillor McAlpine reported that the fencing project at Broomburn Park had been completed.

In addition, Mr Seenan reported that a new fence had been erected in Busby to replace the "instant village" that had been damaged in the winter storms, Councillor McAlpine also reporting that part of the fencing from Busby had been erected in Clarkston.

Noting the additional information, the forum approved the Minute.

## PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2014/15

2. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive giving details of the expenditure and projects associated with the allocated General Services budget for 2014/15.

Following discussion the forum agreed as follows:-

**General Services Budget**                      **£2,695**

| PROJECT  | COSTS/COMMENTS                                     |
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| Installation of small slide and matting at children's playpark, Cartside Road, Busby | £2,700,<br>(balance being funded by Parks Section) |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | £2,500   |
| <b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>   | <b>NII</b>   |

## QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

3. Mr Daly reported on the forthcoming public consultation on the proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland for councillor numbers in Scottish councils. He explained that the consultation would commence on Thursday 29 May and would run for 12 weeks.

## NEW SOUTH GLASGOW HOSPITALS CAMPUS

4. Provost Carmichael welcomed to the meeting Kate Munro, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, who had been invited to give the forum an update on progress in the development of the new South Glasgow hospitals campus.

Thanking the forum for the opportunity to address the meeting and explaining that NHS staff were happy to visit any community groups to discuss the project, Ms Munro explained the background to the creation of the campus site which was an £842 million project comprising 4 hospitals on a single site along with associated infrastructure.

She explained that on completion, there would be 2 major hospitals on the south side of Glasgow: the new south Glasgow hospital and the Victoria. The new hospital would be for unplanned care such as A&E services and would also be the main inpatient site for south Glasgow as well as providing some "national" services such as for spinal injuries, whilst the Victoria would mostly deal with planned visits such as appointments and GP referrals, with a small number of beds for patients undergoing day surgery.

Full details of all the services to be provided on the new campus were outlined, it being explained that the buildings were now complete and wind and watertight. A number of rooms had already been fitted out and sealed pending hand over which would take place in January 2015 with the anticipated moves taking place between April and June 2015.

It was explained that patients had been heavily involved in room design and all bedrooms would be single rooms with ensuite facilities. There had also been significant patient involvement in the design of A&E facilities.

Further details on the new children's hospital were outlined. In particular it was explained that family support facilities such as Ronald McDonald House would be opening at the same time as the hospital.

Full details of the laboratory services to be provided having been outlined, Ms Munro provided more information relating to the supporting infrastructure, particularly in respect of the arrangements for attending hospital either by car or public transport, and car parking.

She explained that the health board had invested in a number of public transport routes and were also investing in public transport interchanges at various locations. £1.5 million was also being invested in Fastlink bus routes from the city centre.

Full discussion then took place on the challenges around the provision of adequate parking, not only for patients but also staff, and the provision of good public transport links. It was noted that Glasgow City Council were in the process of introducing parking restrictions in around the hospital sites and the planning assumptions during development of the hospitals was that there would be no parking for staff.

It was noted that there were no direct public transport links between the eastern part of the authority and the new south Glasgow site, although Ms Munro explained that the majority of patients attending hospital would most likely be planned attendances at the Victoria. It would only be unplanned visits such as to A&E or inpatient visits where attendance at the south Glasgow site would be required. Any concerns about a lack of services should be directed to SPT.

She also reminded the forum that for people using A&E services it was open to patients to use whatever hospital they wished so Hairmyres could still be used.

In response to further questions it was explained that the old Victoria Infirmary would close at the end of summer 2015, that the proceeds from the sale of the old hospitals would go towards the cost of the new buildings and that no decisions had been reached in terms of names for the new hospitals on the campus.

On behalf of the forum, Provost Carmichael thanked Ms Munro for her presentation

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 9 September 2014 at 7pm in Williamwood High School.