

MINUTE of MEETING of the BATHGATE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 14 JUNE 2021.

Present – Councillors Harry Cartmill (Chair), Willie Boyle, Charles Kennedy and John McGinty

In Attendance -

Marjory Mackie, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Nairn Pearson, BID & Town Centre Manager, West Lothian Council
Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland
Robert Meechan, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Lorraine Donnelly, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Donald Stavert, Bathgate Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled in terms of Standing Order 11 that committee would consider Agenda Item 6 (Fire Service Performance Report) immediately following consideration of the Minute as Police Scotland colleagues had encountered some technical issues getting connected to the meeting.

3. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 8 March 2021.

4. FIRE SERVICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire & Rescue Service providing an update on activity across the ward to 31 March 2021.

The committee was asked to note the content of the report.

Decision

To note the content of the report

5. POLICE WARD REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland which provided an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period to 28 March 2021.

The Committee was invited to note the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within Bathgate ward for the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

The committee was invited to note the service activity as details in the ward report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To record a note of thanks to all the staff for a rent collection rate of 99% for the ward.

7. SERVICE UPDATE: NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising members of the recent activity of the NET's, Land and Countryside teams for the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

It was recommended that the Committee:

1. Notes the work carried out by the service within the local area; and
2. Advise of any areas that required further information or investigation.

It was noted by committee that an officer from the service area was not in attendance. Therefore committee agreed that any questions from members would be reported back to the service by the Committee Clerk and officers would be asked to respond direct to members.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report;
2. To note that a representative from the service area was not in attendance any that any questions would be fed back to officers via the Committee Clerk; and
3. To ask if the Head of Operational Services could confirm with local

ward members what health and safety risk and assessments were carried out with regards to the volunteer litter pickers working on grass verges and along busy roads.

8. COMMUNITY REGENERATION WARD UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration which provided an update on regeneration and related partners activities within the Bathgate ward.

It was recommended that committee note the content of the report.

Decision

1. To note the content of the report; and
2. To ask that the Community Regeneration Officer confirm with local ward members the current ownership status of the land at Wester Inch.

9. WORKPLAN

A copy of the Workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the Workplan.