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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the CONFERENCE ROOM, DALRIADA HOUSE, LOCHGILPHEAD on TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2012

Present:

(Chair)
Councillor Anne Horn

Stephen Doogan	Argyll and Bute Council
Robert Cowper	Argyll and Bute Council
Chief Inspector David Pettigrew	Strathclyde Police
Group Commander Eddie Renfrew	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
Andy Maclure	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
Peter Howland	RNLI
Johnny Durnan	HM Coastguard

Campbeltown Andrew Hemmings Kintyre Crime Prevention

Islay Glenmore Roberts Islay Cc Convener

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Sandy Taylor
Cammy Rae
June Graham
Andrew Hill
Robert Westerman
Andy Mair

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 September 2012 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. MEETING DATES - 2013

Theresa McLetchie provided suggested dates for meetings to be scheduled in 2013, which were agreed by the group:

These were:-

Tuesday, 5 February 2013 - Campbeltown
Tuesday, 7 May 2013 - Lochgilphead
Tuesday, 6 August 2013 - Campbeltown
Tuesday, 5 November 2013 – Lochgilphead

Video Conference facility would be arranged with a link up to Islay and Helensburgh.

4. PARTNER DATES

Dates of the Resilience dates were highlighted as follows:-

7 November, 2013 – Dunoon

13 November, 2013 – Oban

Chief Insepctor Pettigrew reported that handbooks had been disseminated to local community councils and he had seconded 2 officers to assist with the project. They would be attending the events to provide help and advice.

5. PROGRESS OF ACTIONS

Chief Inspector reported on the mobile camera in Campbeltown and on issues arising from the proposed siting.

Robert Cowper advised that he had held discussions with the Head of Governance and Law regarding this issue. The outcome was that they were reluctant to site the camera cabling on the shop premise as the arrangement was of a 'grace and favour' agreement and similar arrangements had previously proven problematic. Robert stated that he had written to the Head Office of the company to formalise the arrangement. However, he had not received a response.

Action: Robert Cowper would monitor the situation and provide an update to the next meeting.

6. BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

(a) COMMUNITY SAFETY/PROBLEM SOLVING GRANTS - BUDGET

The balance of funding still amounted to £1872.00.

Peter Howland reported that discussions were still ongoing in regards to the proposed launching site signage, since it has now been put back until the beginning of next season.

Action: Stephen Doogan would liaise with Robert Westerman regarding costs and Robert and Peter would progress design proposals for the signage on this issue.

7. VIOLENT CRIME, DISORDER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Chief Inspector Pettigrew reported that there had not been any serious assaults or robberies. In addition, he advised that statistics for other crimes were all down and highlighted the recent drugs operation which had resulted in a large batch of heroin being recovered. He felt that the new initiative of Community Policing – Walking the Beat - had been a successful measure, and that this was demonstrated by the crime statistics.

Other recent initiatives had included:-

- Bogus callers – campaign to alert communities to this crime with the aid fo local press
- Nuisance vehicles
- Speeding cars
- Mobile Police office – would rotate between rural areas providing mobile surgeries

Glenmore Roberts, Convener of Islay CC, highlighted similar issues on Islay. Chief Inspector Pettigrew detailed a recent meeting he had held with Strathclyde Police officers on Islay to utilise similar measures to tackle these issues. Unfortunately due to the geographical size of Islay, many of the local officers worked alone.

(a) **CAMPBELTOWN TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report had been submitted.

(b) **RACE/HOMOPHOBIC CRIME**

No significant occurrences during the period.

(c) **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

No report was received from Environmental Health. Andrew Hill had submitted his apologies.

(d) **CCTV UPDATE AND BIDS FOR CAMERA USAGE**

No bids had been received for mobile cameras.

8. VULNERABLE PERSONS

There were no statistics provided.

(a) **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The Chair detailed the Survive and Thrive project and advised partners that they could refer clients via AVA. Clients could also self-refer.

(b) **CHILD PROTECTION/YOUTH PROJECTS**

Chief Inspector Pettigrew reported on work being undertaken with Young Fire Fighters and Road Safety work. He highlighted the importance of local officers building effective relationships with the local youth and outlined ways in which this was being developed.

He advised that Youth Disorder numbers were low.

(c) **ELDERLY PERSONS**

Eddie Renfrew reported on recent work being undertaken by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to alert elderly residents on Home Safety issues. He detailed the media campaign which would run from September – March. He advised on the need to actively work with local partners to address home safety issues.

(d) **HOME SAFETY**

Eddie Renfrew stated that while the incidence of house fires was not significant, the impact obviously is. He reported on the high level of 'false alarms' resulting primarily from sheltered housing complexes and advised on a new initiative – Cook Safe which was being implemented to address this issue.

Discussion ensued regarding the methodologies to promote the 'Free Fire Service Home visits' and various options were suggested:-

- Home Carers distributing leaflets
- Third Sector organisations helping to promote visits
- Assistance provided by MAKI CSF to create relevant safety advice literature

Eddie Renfrew informed the group that in other areas individuals had been enlisted to help promote safety advice literature and these stories had been covered by the local press. The group welcomed this initiative.

Action: Eddie Renfrew agreed to take this forward for the MAKI area and updates would be provided.

(e) **HEALTH**

The Chair suggested that Carol Muir be requested to provide a short written report for the next meeting.

Action: Theresa McLetchie would contact Carol Muir with this request.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

(a) **ROAD SAFETY**

Chief Inspector reported that road safety statistics were good and local drivers adhered to road safety legislation.

(b) **STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

This had been provided at Item 4 of the Agenda.

(c) **PROPOSED REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS**

None received

(d) **JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST FIRE - MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

Previously covered at Item 4 of the Agenda.

(e) **WATER SAFETY**

Peter Howland reported that there would not be any de-watering on the canal over the Winter period. Work would be undertaken at 1 lock, which would be fenced off.

He reiterated the need for life jackets to be serviced on an annual basis.

Discussion followed in regards the forthcoming closure of Clyde as a co-ordination centre. Belfast would be undertaking cover for this area.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARDS - PRESENTATION

Stephen Doogan related the background to the Community Safety awards. Robert Cowper provided the detail and offered advice to the group in the submission process. Members of the group will consider whether they wish to submit a project in time for the Spring submission date.

11. EMERGING TRENDS

There were no additional trends noted.

12. FORTHCOMING KEY EVENTS DIARY

DATE	TIME/VENUE	EVENT
11 November 2012	11.00a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Parade, Lochgilphead
11 November 2012	11.00a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Parade, Campbeltown
12 November 2012	9.45a.m.	Serious Organised Crime, Kilmory
30 November 2013	6.30p.m.	Christmas Lights , Inveraray
30 November 2012	6.45p.m.	Christmas Lights, Campbeltown

13. NEW ACTIONS

There were no additional actions other than those indicated above.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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