



Dear Member

Rutherglen Local Housing Forum

Date: Tuesday 5 November, 2019
Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Rutherglen Town Hall, Tower Room

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Previous Minute & Matters Arising
3. Police Scotland Update
4. Rent Setting
5. TPCG Update
6. AOCB
7. DONM – 3 December, 2019

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Rutherglen Housing Forum Meeting

Working in partnership with Housing and Technical Resources

Tuesday 1 October 2019
Tower Room, Rutherglen Town Hall, 139 Main Street
Minute of Meeting

Present

G McCusker Housing Services Manager
L Miller Team Leader
M Feeney, Burnhill Action Group
I McKinnon, Burnhill Action Group
J Drummond, Police Scotland
D Ballingan, Police Scotland
M Folan, Home Energy Scotland

Apologies

S Connor TIS
Councillor Brown

1. Apologies

1.1 G McCusker welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous minute read and agreed

3. Police Scotland Update

- 3.1 J Drummond advised that a number of local commercial premises are still being targeted for thefts, investigation are ongoing by Police Scotland.
- 3.2 Police will be attending the conversation café in Rutherglen Library on the 3 October 2019 between 1pm and 4.30pm. The event is being held to encourage local views on activities in the community.
- 3.3 Police Scotland are holding an open surgery on the 8 October 2019 between 10.00 and 1.00 in the West Wardlaw Parish Church on Chapel Street.
- 3.5 The Police will be carrying out a number of licencing visits during November 2019.
- 3.6 The group asked what preparation would be carried in in relation to Fireworks Night. J Drummond advised that Police would continue to work in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Fire and Rescue regarding this date. This will include visits to local shops who are selling fireworks and also identifying known hot spot areas throughout the town.

4. Home Energy Scotland

4.1 Matthew Folan from Home Energy Scotland provided the group with an overview of the services provided by Home Energy Scotland. M Folan advised the service has been set up in partnership with the Scottish Government providing impartial advice and support on energy provision. The service will work with clients to source the most appropriate and affordable tariffs for their energy needs. The service will also advocate on behalf of people with utility companies if necessary.

- 4.4 Advice around the service is available on line, the service can also be contacted by telephone. M Folan advised that if a customer felt more comfortable with a face to face visit the service would also call out to someone's home or a deal with a third party if permitted to do so.

5. TPCG Update

- 5.1 G McCusker advised that there was no update for today's meeting however she would contact S Connor and provide a post meeting noted as detailed below.
- 5.2 Customer Scrutiny Group have now concluded their scrutiny exercise around Access to Homelessness Information/advice. Their report was submitted to the Council for consideration on the 13 September 2019.
- 5.3 The Larkhall Youth Forum has not had its first meeting, this took place on the 24 September 2019. The meeting was chaired by local young people. The feedback from the meeting was that it was very positive and those who took part are keen to participate in similarly meetings in the future and wider housing issues.

6 AOCB

- 6.1 G McCusker provided the group with an update in relation to work being progressed by the area Problem Solving Group for the Burnhill area. G McCusker advised that a joint funding application by South Lanarkshire Council and Police Scotland has been submitted, this would focus on diversionary activities which had been identified by young people in the area. G McCusker advised the group she would provide a further update at the next meeting.
- 6.2 G McCusker went through the details of the most recent positive community event and the group discussed the contents.

7. DONM

The next meeting will take place on the 5 November 2019.
