

APSE Parks, Grounds & Street Services Advisory Group Meeting

Minutes Wednesday 27 November 2013

Chatelherault

1. Welcome

Cllr Norman Hampshire, Chair of the APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Street services group thanked all for attending the meeting in Chatelherault Country Park.

2. Attendance & Apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes for meeting 11 September 2013

The minutes were noted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that there was no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11 September.

5. Towards a litter free Scotland

The first presentation of the group was given by Frazer Scott, Head of Business Development & Planning, Zero Waste Scotland. Frazer provided a brief overview of ZWS's programme priorities and also highlighted policy development and delivery including new waste regulations coming into force in January 2014 as well as the research completed on "Towards a litter free Scotland".

Frazer then went on to speak in more detail about the research itself and the National Litter Strategy from Scottish Government. This included highlighting how much litter dropped could be recycled (over 50%) as well as the costs involved with Scottish local authorities currently spending £45 million on the clearance of litter and flytipping each year.

A group discussion followed including questions to Frazer on possible funding for communities and whether there was a possibility of targets being introduced.

6. Litter Enforcement & Education within Glasgow

Graeme MacDiarmid from Community Safety Scotland provided a short introduction on who Community Safety Scotland were including highlighting that they were jointly owned by Police Scotland and Glasgow City Council. Graeme also informed the group that in order to tackle the problem of litter and other crimes it was vital to have the best intelligence possible. Marion Summers from Glasgow City Council then went on to highlight some of the education and enforcement measures taken within Glasgow City Council.

Marion highlighted that school litter was the biggest problem in Glasgow, with fixed penalties now issued to those under 16 from 2008. With one of the initiatives known

as Fine or Time, this allowed those guilty of litter dropping to pay the fine or attend litter/ clean up sessions within Glasgow on a Saturday morning. The majority of those taking part in the clean ups were aged 16 or under.

A discussion then followed with questions to Marion including what the uptake in dog fouling calls after the poster was issued (this increased by 68%) and that the litter penalties issued had increased by approx 150% in the past year.

7. High Hedges (Scotland) Bill

A round table discussion was held on the topic of the High Hedge (Scotland) Bill. This included the legal definition of a "hedge". It was also noted that a new section of the legislation relating to public hedges was due to be released.

It was agreed that this issue would be rolled over onto the next agenda with any updates noted at the time of the meeting.

8. APSE Update

Louise McMillan provided a comprehensive update on the work of the Association. This included an update on the research projects which APSE would be working on over 2014 as well as the recent briefing papers.

The group were also informed that APSE had meetings scheduled with Cosla to provide a response to their commission on strengthening local democracy, SOCOEHS on the Protective services PN pilot currently under way in Scotland and the SHBVN to develop relationships between all organisations.

Louise also updated the group on APSE Solutions, APSE Training, Performance Networks and the upcoming seminars. In particular the upcoming Fleet, Waste & Grounds seminar taking place in Aviemore on 6/9 May 2014.

9. Items for future advisory groups/ effecting service delivery

These included:-

- HAVS and a speaker from HSE

10. Date & venue of next meeting

The next meeting of the group will be Wednesday 5 March 2014.

11. AOCB

There was no other competent business raised at the meeting.

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Attendee List

Name	Authority
Louise McMillan	APSE
Margo Blair	APSE
Nick Jackson	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Nicola Simpson	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Douglas Fox	East Lothian Council
Andrew Hogarth	East Lothian Council
Cllr Norman Hampshire	East Lothian Council
John Swan	Fife Council
Marion Summers	Glasgow City Council
Paula Reid	Glasgow City Council
Allan Walker	Inverclyde Council
Justin Venton	Midlothian Council
Craig Haining	North Ayrshire Council
Neil McAteer	North Ayrshire Council
Gordon Douglas	North Lanarkshire Council
Lesley Ann Cassidy	Perth & Kinross Council
Rob Bryce	Perth & Kinross Council
Kirsty Glennie	Perth & Kinross Council
Andy Summers	Renfrewshire Council
Jason Hedley	Scottish Borders Council
Daren Silcock	Scottish Borders Council
Graeme MacDiarmid	Scottish Police
Colin Reid	South Lanarkshire Council
David Lees	West Lothian Council
Frazer Scott	Zero Waste Scotland

Apologies

Ken Forbes	North Lanarkshire Council
Tony Fleming	West Lothian Council
Gareth Barwell	West Lothian Council