

THE MORAY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE POLICE AND FIRE
AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2014

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

R Shepherd (Depute-Chair), G Alexander, J Divers, M McConachie, G McDonald, E McGillivray, and C Tuke.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors D Ross (Chair) and G Leadbitter.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren, Chief Inspector Willie Findlay, Chief Inspector John McCluskey all of Police Scotland (Aberdeenshire and Moray Division), Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Group Manager David Meldrum and Station Manager Shaun Burns all of Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (Aberdeenshire and Moray Division), the Head of Development Services and Mrs Lissa Rowan, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct, the meeting noted that there were no declarations from group leaders or spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how members will vote on any item on the Agenda.

2. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The meeting resolved that in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business appearing at the relevant paragraphs of this minute as specified below, so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

<u>Paragraph No. of Minute</u>	<u>Paragraph No. of Schedule 7A</u>
---------------------------------------	--

10

11

3. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Committee noted that there were no written questions.

4. TRIBUTE

The Committee joined the Chair in paying tribute to Mr Shaun Burns for his contribution to the delivery of services within Moray Scottish Fire and Rescue Services over the last 30 years and wished him a long and happy retirement.

5. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE

The Committee noted an informative oral update on operational matters from Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer and Mr David Meldrum, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.

6. ARMED POLICING REPORT.

Under reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of this Committee dated 7 August 2014, there was submitted and noted a report by Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren, Divisional Police Commander, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland informing the Committee of the Police Scotland Deployment of Armed Officers within the Moray Local Policing Area.

7. CONSULTATION ON ARMED POLICING BY THE SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

There was submitted a Report by the Acting Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) asking the Committee to provide a response to the consultation issued by the Scottish Police Authority on armed policing.

Following consideration the Committee agreed:

- (i) the response to the Scottish Police Authorities consultation on armed policing as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) to the Committee's response being published by the Scottish Police Authority.

8. FIRE AND RESCUE PERFORMANCE

There was submitted a Report by David Rout, Local Senior Officer (LSO), Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service informing the Committee of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) locally in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17.

During discussion, clarification was sought as to how the Fire Service monitored fire safety certificates in buildings in Moray. In response, Mr Rout, LSO advised that fire safety premises were strictly audited on a risk based approach in line with SFRS fire safety enforcement audit procedure and guidance by Fire Safety Enforcement Officers and agreed to provide an update to a future meeting of this Committee regarding the fire safety enforcement programme and criteria for buildings in Moray.

Following consideration the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service locally in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue plan 2014/17 as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report; and
- (ii) that an update would be provided to a future meeting of this Committee regarding the fire safety enforcement programme and criteria for buildings in Moray.

9. POLICE PERFORMANCE

There was submitted a Report by Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren, Divisional Police Commander, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland informing the Committee of the performance of Police in respect of the Local Policing 2014-2017, and other key indicators.

Following consideration the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the performance as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Local Commander will continue to report to the Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives as articulated in the 2014-17 Local Policing Plan.

10. QUESTION TIME

Councillor McDonald stated that he had been advised of a Facebook page called Buy, Swap and Sell Moray on which you can upload goods for sale such as cigarettes and alcohol for a short period of time before removing them. Councillor McDonald sought clarification as to the legality of this site and whether or not it was a trading standards or police issue.

In response, Chief Inspector McCluskey advised that there were several buy, swap and sell sites in operation, most commonly on Facebook and that the majority were legitimate however the Police would like to be informed of anyone trying to sell alcohol and cigarettes as there is a danger that these items could be stolen or counterfeit and that they would liaise with Trading Standards accordingly.

The Head of Development Services further advised that Trading Standards monitor buy swap and sell sites regularly to ensure that there is no illegal selling of alcohol or tobacco and if some are found to be doing so then enforcement action is taken.

11. OPERATIONAL UPDATE – POLICE (PARA 14)

The Committee agreed to note an informative oral update on operational matters from Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren, Divisional Police Commander, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.