MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

19 DECEMBER 2013

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Linda Maloney (Chair) Councillors Vi Bebb, John Kelly, Jimmy Mahon, Barbara Murray, Tony Newman, Jean Stapleton and Lesley Rennie

Also Present:

Apologies of absence were received from:

1. <u>Preliminary matters</u>

Members considered the identification of declarations of interest, any urgent additional items, and any business that may require the exclusion of the press and public.

Resolved that:

- a) Councillor Rennie declared a Personal Interest as Trustee of the Fire Support Network (FSN) in relation to Item 5 on the Agenda, Bonfire Period 2013, which makes reference to the Fire support Network.
- b) no additional items of business to be considered as matters of urgency were determined by the Chair; and
- c) no items of business required the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Safety and Protection Committee meeting, held on 17th October 2013, were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. <u>Mityana Community Foundation</u>

(CFO/144/13)

Members considered report CFO/144/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, regarding staff involvement with the Mityana Community Foundation.

In support of this report Members were provided with a power point presentation, by Watch Manager Phil Hunt, who had recently visited Mityana with other (MFRA) staff with the Mityana Community Foundation, to provide education in relation to Fire Safety and procedures. It was noted that Staff had arranged funding and attended the educational trip with the Charity, in their own time.

Resolved that:

- a) The report be noted,
- b) Involvement of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority with the charity be continued; and
- c) Thanks be expressed to all involved, on behalf of this Committee and the Authority.

4. Fire Safety Week 2013

(CFO/141/13)

Members considered report CFO/141/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer regarding the activity and outcomes Fire Safety Week 2013.

Members commented on the well written report which details the good work being carried out by staff in relation to community fire prevention.

Resolved that:

- a) The findings of the report be noted, and
- b) The inclusion of Fire Safety Week be included in next years calendar of events/campaigns.

5. Bonfire Period 2013

(CFO/142/13)

Members considered report CFO/142/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire officer regarding the activity and outcomes relating to the Bonfire period 2013.

Discussion took place around the positive impact that MFRA Fire Prevention Teams are creating within the community, through work conducted by the teams, and in conjunction with partners. It was noted that such actions have contributed to the large reduction in bonfire related incidents, which is also having a cost neutral affect across the county for Local Authorities.

Members confirmed it useful to share the bonfire period plan for their district with other Councillors and partners.

Resolved that:

The report be noted.

Close. 14.00hrs

Date of Next meeting 27th March 2014

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