

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

29 JULY 2014

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Roy Gladden and Dave Hanratty

Also Present: Linda Maloney, Robbie Ayres, John Kelly, Barbara Murray, Steve Niblock and Les Byrom

Apologies of absence were received from: Cllr Jimmy Mahon, Cllr Tony Newman and Cllr Tony Robertson

1. Preliminary matters

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) no declarations of interest were made by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) Item 5, report CFO/085/14 Change of Lead Members Roles, be accepted by the Chair as a matter of urgency to enable the Authority to appointment a replacement Lead Member for Prevention and Protection, and complete membership of Performance & Scrutiny Committee, prior to that Committee's first meeting of the municipal year, due to the Chair receiving verbal notice, of the resignation to that role by Councillor Newman; 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. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Community Safety & Protection Committee, held on 27th March 2014, were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Wirral Youth Zone

(CFO/048/14)

Members considered report CFO/048/14 Wirral Youth Zone, of the Deputy Chief Executive, requesting confirmation of a previous decision to transfer land freed up at the Birkenhead fire station site to support the creation of a Youth Zone.

Members welcomed the idea, which they felt is in line with the Fire and Rescue Authority's aims and direction of travel.

Members requested that congratulations be passed on to Sarah Lawton, Project Manager of the Firefit Hub, for being awarded 'Woman of the Year'. The Chair recommended that any Members who have not visited the Hub, attend the 1 year anniversary event being hosted on Friday 1st August.

Resolved that:

- a. The transfer of land in principle, to support the Youth Zone, be agreed subject to:-
 - i. The setup of an appropriate company.
 - ii. The project funding be finalised and the Business Plan staying broadly in line with that detailed within Appendix A to the report.
 - iii. A lease being agreed. This being based on a peppercorn rent.
 - iv. A finalised agreement being reached on how the fire station and Youth Zone will work closely together on the shared visions and aims around youth engagement and support.
 - v. The provision of a designated Youth Engagement space being created for Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service within the Youth Zone.
- b. The Chair of the Authority write a letter of appreciation and congratulations, on behalf of all Members, to Sara Lawton in recognition of being awarded 'Woman of the Year' and to express how proud the Authority are.

4. CFOA Road Safety Week

(CFO/083/14)

Members considered report CFO/083/14 of the Chief Fire Officer regarding the background to, and activity carried out by MFRA staff during the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) Road Safety Week 9th June to 15th June 2014.

The DCFO highlighted the national work of CFOA, particularly CFO Dave Etheridge following the motion made by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to support Mrs Frances Molloy's campaign against vehicles being fitted with old tyres, following the road traffic incident where a coach fitted with tyres older than the vehicle itself, crashed resulting in the fatality of her son, the coach driver and one other passenger also died travelling home from the Bestival festival.

Resolved that:

- vi. The contents of this report and the contribution this activity has to the reduction of those killed or seriously injured on the roads as a result of being in a road traffic collision, be noted
- vii. Whilst those killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions is reducing, the numbers of those pedestrians and cyclists killed or seriously injured in Merseyside has been rising for the last 3 years, be noted
- viii. Members appreciation to Officers for their support in relation to all road safety work with partners, to Liverpool Walton MP Steve Rotheram and CFOA for backing the campaign against vehicles being fitted with old tyres for use on the roads and carrying passengers, be recorded.

5. Change of Lead Members Roles

Members considered report CFO/085/14 of the Clerk to the Authority regarding a Change of Lead Member Roles.

Members noted that the change in Lead Members will have a knock on affect and membership of committee's will be updated to reflect the appropriate Members to the appropriate committees.

Resolved that:

- a) Nomination of Councillor Stapleton to the FireFit Hub Board and the Board of Fire Support Network be approved, and
- b) The change in Lead Member for Prevention and Protection to Councillor Gladden be approved.
- c) Appreciation to Councillor Newman for his contribution to the Authority in his previous capacity of Lead Member, be recorded.

Close

Date of next meeting Thursday, 23 October 2014

Signed:_____

Date:_____