

Kilwinning Area Committee  
10 December 2015

**KILWINNING, 10 December 2015** - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

John Ferguson, Joe Cullinane, Donald Reid and Robert Steel.

**In Attendance**

T. Reaney, Senior Manager (Streetscene); C. Haining, Streetscene Officer Three Towns and Kilwinning, S. Walker, Technician (Place); J. McHarg, Senior Manager (Participation and Empowerment) (Education and Youth Employment); H. Clancy, Committee Services Support Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

**Also In Attendance**

Inspector J. McMillan (Police Scotland); and Station Manager L. Elliot (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

**Chair**

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

**2. Minutes**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 October 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Community Planning**

**3.1 Police Scotland**

Submitted report by Police Scotland on activity within the Kilwinning area. Inspector McMillan also provided up-to-date information on crimes reported and detected in the Committee's area, comparisons in relation to the same period last year and on the ongoing action to tackle youth disorder in and around Main Street and at Kilwinning Abbey.

Members asked questions and were provided with information in relation to:-

- the difference in the trends for October compared to other months of the year being attributed to the school holiday period;
- whether there is any improvement in relation to the antisocial behaviour in the Town Centre area and if this is attributable to the recent weather;
- youths hanging about outside premises in order to gain access to wifi connections; and
- public awareness raising methods to highlight doorstep crime and bogus callers, including social media, leaflet drops, the Police Scotland website, and the local and national press.

Inspector McMillan advised Members that the Crime Prevention Officer would be happy to talk to community/church groups and that Members should highlight such groups or vulnerable people to Police Scotland to allow arrangement to be made for proactive visits.

Noted.

### **3.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) on activity within the Kilwinning area during the period 16 October to 21 November 2015, including fires of note, special services, the Pennyburn Action Plan and community safety.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the SFRS position in relation to overflowing mixed waste bins being left out on the streets;
- the establishment of an action plan or problem solving group as the best route to address the issue of overflowing bins; and
- the need for public awareness raising around the hazards of leaving bins out on the street.

Noted.

## **4. Ayrshire College - Smoke Free Campus**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the estimated impact on the surrounding area of the implementation of a smoke free campus at Ayrshire College, Kilwinning.

Since the implementation of the smoke free environment at the College Campus a number of people continue to smoke in the vicinity. To counter this two litter bins have been placed in the area immediately outside the Campus boundary, ensuring that they can be easily accessed by smokers and litter collectors alike and to prevent any Health and Safety issues. Ayrshire College have agreed to clean the streetscape around the bins and Streetscene will continue to monitor the situation.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- litter and cigarette butts being thrown over the wall at the Woodburn Avenue area;
- the detrimental impact having spread further than the immediate area surrounding the College; and
- possible enforcement action through the issue of fixed penalty notices in relation to littering.

The Committee agreed to (a) note (i) the estimated impact of the policy on the Kilwinning and wider North Ayrshire area; and (ii) the measures being taken by Streetscene to help improve the environment; and (b) invite a representative from Ayrshire College to the next meeting to give a verbal update on the move to a smoke free environment.

## **5. Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2015**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2015, in support of the Council's statutory duties under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the treatment for priority 1, 2 and 3 routes and paths, including school routes;
- brine spraying of the Kilwinning and Irvine Town Centre public realms;
- the temperature being a determining factor in whether to use brine spraying or white salting treatment methods;
- measures in place to address local flooding issues; and
- that regular monitoring of the Fergushill Road/Redstone Avenue area is still being carried out in relation to flooding.

The Committee noted (a) the Roads Winter Services and Weather Emergencies Plan 2015; and (b) the continued development and improvement in the winter service.

## **6. Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance 2015/16**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to (a) make the following awards:-

### **Community Development Grants**

#### **Organisation**

Pennyburn Regeneration Youth Development  
Enterprise (PRYDE)  
Model X Media

#### **Award**

£1,492  
£1,530, and that  
the Group be  
encouraged to  
display their  
artwork to the  
local community

### **Local Youth Action Fund**

#### **Organisation**

Model X Media

#### **Award**

£1,250

(b) defer consideration of the Local Youth Action Fund application from Ayrshire Communities Education and Sport (ACES) to a future meeting; and (c) note that the Local Youth Action Fund budget had been fully expended for financial year 2015/16.

## **7. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee is scheduled be held on 14 January 2016 in Kilwinning Library. Members were advised that an Elected Member Development session had been arranged at the same time as the scheduled Area Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed (a) to reschedule the start time of the Area Committee on 14 January 2016 to 3.30pm; and (b) that the meeting be held in Cunninghame House, Irvine on this occasion.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee agreed that a representative from Scottish Water be invited to provide a presentation to the next meeting on the forthcoming works within Eglinton Country Park.

The meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.