

Kilwinning Area Committee
1 March 2012

KILWINNING, 1 March 2012 - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

John Ferguson and Ryan Oldfather.

In Attendance

J. McHarg, Assistant Manager (Community Development Team) (Education and Skills); J. Smith, Roads Network Manager, D. Lodge, Supervisory Engineer and A. Grossart, Finance Manager (Finance and Infrastructure); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector G. Jones, Strathclyde Police.

Chair

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee held on 19 January 2012 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, subject to a correction to the list of those Members present at the meeting.

3. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on activity within the Kilwinning area in January 2012. Information was provided in relation to:-

- Crime/offence statistics for East Kilwinning (Beat 5) and West Kilwinning (Beat 6) for January 2012 compared with the same period in 2011;
- Ongoing action plans to address issues of local concern, including acquisitive crime, violence, antisocial behaviour and reports of vandalism;

- Action plans in November and December 2011 which focussed on an increase in theft and vandalism, antisocial behaviour, youth disorder, the purchase of alcohol by youths, test purchasing operations, drug dealing and speeding; and
- Work by the Multi Agency Problem Solving Group (MAPSG).

The Committee was provided with the results of a wide-ranging public consultation survey that had been undertaken during 2011. The survey captured the views of the Kilwinning community on a range of issues and reinforced the priorities of the existing Action Plan. A new Action Plan for Kilwinning will be prepared and will include new priorities identified by the consultation survey.

Noted.

4. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Kilwinning area in the period 1 January to 17 February 2012.

Noted.

5. Public Transport Grant Funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on the SPT projects that have been implemented recently within the Kilwinning Area and those proposed for future implementation.

Infrastructure and Design Services and SPT have been working in partnership to progress a range of schemes to meet the requirements of a grant award of £745,000 from SPT in 2011/12. Work on these schemes is currently either complete or ongoing. Bids for funding in 2012/13 have been made and will be considered by the Partnership shortly. In identifying the schemes, officers have taken into account the priorities of the Regional Transport Strategy, Local Transport Strategy and Single Outcome Agreement.

Section 3.2 of the report outlined the projects recently delivered or which are in the process of being delivered within the Area Committee's boundary during 2010/11 and 2011/12. A list of potential new schemes for future implementation was set out at Section 3.3 of the report.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the content of the report; (b) that the potential new schemes detailed in the report be considered as projects for SPT funding; and (c) that Members provide details on any potential new schemes they may wish taken forward directly to the Head of Infrastructure and Design.

6. Whitehirst Park Ponding

The Committee was advised that a number of discussions had taken place with Amey in relation to the drainage issues at Whitehirst Park.

Copies of a report prepared by Amey on the review of existing drainage issues along the trunk road and motorway networks within Transport Scotland South West Unit in 2010 were circulated at the meeting.

The review identified 87 locations that experienced problems caused by poor drainage and inadequate drainage provision. Whitehirst was identified as an area experiencing flooding as a result of outfall from the trunk road gully and no outfall for land drainage.

An appraisal was undertaken to establish a priority ranking for each location and the site at Whitehirst was ranked 22 out of the 87 locations. Following a further appraisal in 2011, Whitehirst has moved to a ranking of 15. Whilst a number of schemes have progressed to construction on the basis of the prioritisation process, funding is not guaranteed. The report concluded that a combined system by Amey and the Council would be required to provide a positive drainage system to Pennyburn and to divert water from adjacent land to Pennyburn.

Noted.

7. Community Development Grants Scheme - Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on an application received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme.

The Committee (a) agreed to award the sum of £1,005.68 to Blacklands Primary School Parent Council; and (b) noted that the Community Development Grants Scheme budget had been fully expended for financial year 2011/12.

8. Woodgreen Mortification Trust

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on a projected revenue account for the year to 31 March 2012, and proposing a budget for 2012/13 including the level of grant available for disbursement.

The 2011/12 revenue account is projected to be in deficit by £805. This results from grants being paid out in excess of the budget available. The projected year end balance on the revenue account is now expected to be £96,043. The capital balance remains unchanged at £27,320 giving an overall fund balance of £123,362 at 31 March 2012. Grant disbursements greater than the proposed amount will result in the fund balances reducing over time.

It is not anticipated that interest rates or rents will change dramatically in 2012/13. It is therefore currently envisaged that a similar level of income will be received and a budget of £890 will be available for disbursement.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the estimated financial position for the Woodgreen Mortification Trust Fund to 31 March 2012; and (b) the budget for 2012/13 as detailed in the report.

9. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 12 January 2012

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 12 January 2012.

Noted.

10. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed (a) that a representative from Kilwinning Community Sports Club be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss current issues; and (b) to note that any additional items for consideration at the next meeting should be submitted to M. Anderson or C. Graham.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Committee is scheduled for 12 April 2012.

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.