

Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee
10 March 2011

BEITH, 10 March 2011 - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Robert Barr, John Bell, Anthea Dickson and Jean Highgate.

In Attendance

J. McHarg, Assistant Manager, Community Development and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community and Culture) (Education and Skills); J. McConnachie, Transportation Manager (Finance and Infrastructure); and P. Shiach, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Sergeants G. Muir and L. Cowan (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor Barr in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Elizabeth McLardy, John Reid and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16, Councillors Bell and Highgate declared an interest in agenda item 5, Community Development Grants Scheme/Local Youth Action Fund in relation to applications submitted on behalf of Kilbirnie Community Football Club and Youth Making Beith Better respectively, and took no part in the determination thereof.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee held on 27 January 2011 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride area in the period 27 January to 27 February 2011.

The report provided information on the number and type of incidents attended by the Fire and Rescue Service, including a deliberate house fire in Longbar, deliberate vehicle fires in Kilbirnie and Dalry, rubbish fires in West Kilbride and Dalry, malicious fire alarms in Beith and Dalry, and the continuing free home fire safety visit programme.

Noted.

4. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on activity within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride area for January 2011.

The report included information relating to beats 07, 08, 09,10,11,12 and 23 which encompass a geographical area including Kilbirnie, Dalry, Beith, and West Kilbride. Information relating to Fairlie was included within beat 23 which covers mainly West Kilbride.

The report indicated that an evaluation of the Integrated Service Delivery Model (ISDM) was continuing and the police officer resource distribution remained as previously reported. Where shortcomings were identified, these were communicated for the attention of divisional senior management. The overall model appeared to be operating relatively successfully with police resources being targeted where and when needed according to overall demand management.

In terms of prisoner management, the new extension to the custody centre at Saltcoats was officially opened on 22 February 2011. It was anticipated that this will reduce the requirement to transport prisoners across the force area at particularly busy periods for prisoner management, and improve officer efficiency.

The Community Policing Team continues to make contact with local community based organisations, including Community Councils. Where possible, an officer will attend meetings to allow local community problems to be discussed and a strategy planned to address them.

The Committee was advised the main focus of the proactively continues to be the priorities listed in the local Community Policing Plans which were being published for 2011/12. The plans for Kilbirnie and Beith, and the Dalry and West Kilbride were distributed to local Members for comment.

The Area Committee sought, and received, clarification on a number of issues including illegal dumping at Barrmill, the increase in thefts and attempted thefts in Kilbirnie and multi agency operations.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme/Local Youth Action Fund - Applications for Grant Aid

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund awards paid to date in 2010/11 and on applications received. With regard to the Youth Action Fund, in terms of the Notes for Guidance and Conditions of Awards, the Committee agreed, under condition 20, additional awards as under, subject to confirmation from the organisations in question, of additional requirements.

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

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation	Award
Beith Cultural and Heritage Society	£1,700
Gateside Memorial Hall	£1,350
Barrmill Community Association	£1,200
Playtime Nursery, Dalry	£1,400
Kilbirnie Community Football Club	£1,768.15

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation	Award
Youth Making Beith Better	£1,938.22
Kilbirnie Youth Project	£2,000
Kilbirnie Community Football Club	£2,930

and (b) noted that the budgets for the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund have been fully expended.

6. West Kilbride - Kirkton Glen

The Assistant Manager, Community Development (Education and Skills) provided the Area Committee with a verbal report on Kirkton Glen, updating the position since last reported on 27 January 2011.

He indicated that Community Club Development Officer would meet with local interested parties to evaluate the potential of the Kirkton Glen site in terms of a number of activities. He further indicated that the Community Club Development Officer would liaise with Sportscotland, as their assistance would be required in the event of any activity taking place.

Noted.

7. Traffic Regulation Order – B706, Dunlop Road, Barrmill : 30mph Speed Limit Extension

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on the current situation regarding the proposal for a Traffic Regulation Order at the B706 Dunlop Road, Barrmill.

The B706 at Dunlop Road, Barrmill is a traffic distributor route linking the A736 at Burnhouse to the A737 at Beith. The B706 at Dunlop Road in Barrmill is subject to a 30mph speed limit, with the eastern extent of the speed limit within a developing urban area.

The 30mph speed limit restriction extends to the limit of the residential area at Barrmill. There has been new urban development and the construction of a new footway serving the accesses to these developments and Giffen Mill.

In the interests of road safety, it was proposed to extend the 30mph speed restriction a further 130 metres from its existing location to include the outstanding urban area and make sufficient space for the installation of a "gateway feature".

The Committee noted that the investigation, preparation and statutory process is underway for a Traffic Regulation Order as identified in the report and approved its implementation should no objections be received.

8. Margaret Archibald Bequest

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance received in respect of the Bequest.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award
St Margaret's Guild	£190
Trinity Church Guild	£775

9. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that the Head of Environment and Related Services be requested to report to the next meeting on flytipping.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Committee is scheduled for Thursday 21 April 2011 and will be held in West Kilbride Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.