

Irvine Area Committee
6 April 2009

IRViNE, 6 April 2009 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Pat McPhee, Tom Barr, Ian Clarkson, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

J. McHarg, Learning Manager, Capacity Building and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer, (Community Learning and Development) (Educational Services); H. Cuning, Inspection Manager, Building Services and J. Robertson, Team Leader Architect, Technical Services (Property Services); and A. Little, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Inspector S. Irvine (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor McPhee in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Ruby Kirkwood.

1. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on incidents and crime figures in the Committee's area during January and February 2009.

The Committee was provided with details of:-

- A domestic murder
- A number of robberies
- An increase in drugs search warrants carried out
- The deployment of the mobile CCTV unit in Dreghorn
- The proposed taxi overflow stance in Bank Street, Irvine
- The Homecoming Music Festival in Irvine.

Information was also provided on the deployment of additional policing resources within North Ayrshire from 7 April 2009. The additional resources of 2 Inspectors, 2 Sergeants and 49 Police Constables will focus on violence reduction and disorder offences.

The Committee (a) noted the report; and (b) requested information in relation to the level of incidents in the Vineburgh area, Irvine.

2. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activities in the Committee's area.

The Committee (a) noted the report; and (b) requested further information in relation to the level of false alarms and malicious calls within the Committee's area.

3. Estate Based Projects Initiative

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the development of the Estates Based Projects Initiative in the Committee's area.

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 introduced a duty on Local Authorities and Registered Social Landlords to produce a Tenant Participation Strategy. North Ayrshire Council's Tenant Participation Strategy has been in place since 2004 and was revised in 2007 in conjunction with tenants and residents. The strategy includes the Estate Based Projects initiative, which allows tenants the opportunity to identify projects that could be included in the initiative and have a say in how their estate develops environmentally. The criteria of the initiative states that projects must improve the environment and security within housing estates and be for the benefit of council tenants. The list of projects for 2009/10 is being drafted and will be published shortly.

In relation to current projects, the Committee was advised the removal of the existing external bin stores and design of a new bin storage area to improve the access, security and visual impact at High Street, Irvine, is currently out to tender.

Noted.

4. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2008/09: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for funding from the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Irvine and District Angling Club	£600
Girdle Toll Youth Football Club	£2,000

Local Youth Action Fund

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Noonday (Broomlands and Bourtreehill Baptist Church)	£2,000

The Committee requested that future assistance from Strathclyde Police's Community Well-Being Fund be investigated in relation to Noonday (Broomlands and Bourtreehill Baptist Church).

5. Irvine Christmas Lights

The Chair reported that meetings in relation to Irvine Christmas Lights will be held on 15 and 30 April 2009.

6. Future Agenda Items

The Committee requested that the Chair of the Licensing Committee be invited to the next meeting to discuss the proposed overflow taxi stance in Bank Street, Irvine.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed that the Chief Executive be requested to investigate moving future meetings to Tuesday mornings.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.