

Irvine Area Committee
22 September 2010

IRVINE, 22 September 2010 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Pat McPhee, Tom Barr, Ian Clarkson, John Moffat.

In Attendance

J. McConnachie, Transportation Manager (Infrastructure and Design) (Finance and Infrastructure); P. Crosthwaite, Capacity Building Officer (Education and Skills); M. McKeown, Committee Services Manager and E. Fisher, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. Conway, Strathclyde Police and Station Commander M. Gallacher, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Chair

Provost McPhee in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Matthew Brown, Ruby Kirkwood, David O'Neill and Joan Sturgeon.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 11 August 2010 were signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Strathclyde Police

Inspector Conway reported on Police activities in the Committee's area to 22 September 2010. He provided information in relation to:-

- Particular incidents of crime;
- Changes to shift patterns effective 25 October 2010;
- Ongoing Anti Disorder Action Plans

Members asked questions and received clarification in relation to (i) the impact of changes to shift patterns and (ii) the availability of comparative year on year figures in relation to crime statistics, including figures in relation to youth disorder and the confiscation of drugs.

The Committee (a) noted the report; and (b) requested that Inspector Conway provide, to the next meeting, comparative yearly figures in relation to crime statistics.

4. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Irvine Area from 3 August to 12 September 2010. Station Commander Gallacher provided information in relation to:-

- Home Fire Safety Visits carried out by Dreghorn Community Fire Station during the reporting period;
- The ongoing success of the Firereach and work experience courses;
- The Y Drive event to be held at the Menzies Hotel, Irvine on 28 and 29 September;
- Preparations being made by the multi agency team for Bonfire Night.

Members asked questions and received clarification in relation to their participation at the Y Drive event and in regard to lending support to publicity surrounding the dangers of bonfire night.

The Committee agreed that (a) the Council's Transportation Manager circulate information on the Y Drive sessions to members of the Committee and that a Member attend each session in Menzies Hotel, Irvine; and (b) the Council's Communications Section be requested to arrange a joint press release involving Irvine Area Committee Members, the Fire Service, Police, Environment and Related Services and Trading Standards, to promote the danger of fireworks.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2010/11

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2010/11.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation

Irvine and District Cage Bird Society
Irvine Women's Lunch Club

Award

£1,375
£1,500

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation

Andrea Sneddon, Delhi Commonwealth
Handover Team

Award

£350

6. Traffic Regulation Order: Kirkgate & Puddle Ford, Irvine: Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on the proposed Waiting Restrictions for Kirkgate and Puddle Ford, Irvine.

Kirkgate and Puddle Ford, situated within Irvine Town Centre, are subject to temporary waiting restrictions by virtue of The North Ayrshire Council (Kirkgate and Puddle Ford, Irvine) (Temporary Waiting Restrictions) Order 2008. For a number of years, concerns have been expressed regarding the indiscriminate parking taking place on Kirkgate and Puddle Ford. It is therefore proposed that the Temporary Waiting Restrictions Order be made permanent in the interest of road safety and traffic management.

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the procedure associated with the promotion of a Traffic Regulations Order as set out in the Local Roads Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

The Committee agreed to (a) note that the investigation, preparation and statutory process is underway for a Traffic Regulation Order identified in the report; (b) request that the Transportation Manager consider extending the double yellow lines at the junction of Kirkgate and Puddle Ford; and (c) approve the implementation of the Order should no objections be received.

7. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that (a) Members should advise the Committee Clerk of any items they may wish to include on the agenda for the next meeting; and (b) the next meeting scheduled for 3 November 2010, commence at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.