

Kilwinning Area Committee
12 April 2012

KILWINNING, 12 April 2012 - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

John Ferguson, Margaret McDougall and Ryan Oldfather.

In Attendance

Cat Hester, Lifelong Learning Officer (Education and Skills); and M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector G. Jones (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

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 1 March 2012 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Strathclyde Police

A proof copy of the Kilwinning Community Policing Plan 2012 was circulated at the meeting for information pending publication of the finalised document. A report by Strathclyde Police on the following activity within Kilwinning during February 2012 was also circulated:-

- Crime/offence statistics for East Kilwinning (Beat 5) and West Kilwinning (Beat 6) for February 2012, compared with the same period in 2012;
- The policing priorities identified following public consultation within the Kilwinning area; and
- Ongoing action plans to address issues of local concern, including violence, anti social behaviour, acquisitive crime, vandalism and road safety concerns, as well as youth disorder and drug dealing.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- continued efforts to address long-standing issues of youth disorder and vandalism to the rear of Nethermain Community Centre;
- the community policing priorities identified by the public, compared with actual crime statistics in the Kilwinning area during February 2012;
- the background to the 'drug misuse' category referred to in the activity report;
- potential security concerns in relation to faulty streetlighting within an area of Whitehirst Park;
- measures to address congestion within the Almswall Road car park; and
- actions to address road traffic issues in the Main Street area of the Kilwinning.

Noted.

4. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

The Committee Services Officer advised that the information contained within the activity report submitted by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue related to the Garnock Valley, rather than the Kilwinning, area and that a replacement report had not been provided.

Noted.

5. Kilwinning Community Sports Club

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

6. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund - Applications for Grant Aid

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.

The Lifelong Learning Officer advised of the receipt of a further application for Community Development Grants Scheme funding, received from Promoting Kilwinning.

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

Community Development Grants

Organisation	Award
Eglinton & District St. Andrew's 1st Aid	£ 700.00
Kilwinning Community Sports Club	£1,500.00
Kidszone	£1,500.00
Promoting Kilwinning	£1,000.00

and (b) note that the Lifelong Learning Officer would provide information on the Community Development Grants and Local Youth Action Fund allocations made available for disbursement by the Area Committee during 2011/12, compared with those for 2012/13.

7. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP): Board Minutes of Meeting held on 15 March 2012

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 15 March 2012.

Noted.

8. Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted that this was the last meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee in the current administration and expressed the hope that there would be provision made by the new administration for an Area Committee specifically serving the Kilwinning area.

Councillor Ferguson then thanked Elected Members and Officers for their contribution to the work of the Area Committee.

The meeting ended at 2.35 p.m.