

Irvine Area Committee  
11 August 2010

**IRVINE, 11 August 2010** - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

Pat McPhee, Tom Barr, Matthew Brown, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Joan Sturgeon.

**In Attendance**

J. McConnachie, Transportation Manager and D. Hilditch, Transportation Engineer (Finance and Infrastructure); J. McHarg, Learning Manager, Capacity Building and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Learning and Development) (Education and Skills); K. Dyson, Communications Officer, A. Little, Committee Services Officer and E. Fisher, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

**Also In Attendance**

Sergeant A. Brown, Strathclyde Police; and Station Commander K. Alcroft, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

**Chair**

Provost McPhee in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

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

**2. Strathclyde Police**

Sergeant Muir reported on incidents and activities in the Committee's area during May and June 2010.

Action plans are currently ongoing in the areas of Castlepark/Ayrshire Central Hospital in Ward 1 and Dreghorn and Towerlands in Ward 2 with regards to incidents of anti social behaviour by local youths.

Test purchase of alcohol operations have been undertaken in the Irvine area with a number of sales premises being visited. Two premises in the Ward 2 area sold alcohol to a 16 year old youth and have been reported for offences under the Licensing Scotland Act 2005.

Inspector Scott Irvine is shortly moving to a new post and his replacement will be Inspector Joe Conway who has recently arrived in the North Ayrshire Sub Division. In contrast to the current situation it is expected that Inspector Conway will revert to working a dayshift pattern ensuring that he is more readily accessible to Elected Members and is more able to participate in multi agency forums.

Noted.

### **3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Irvine area from 24 May to 2 August 2010.

Station Commander Alcroft provided information in relation to:-

- A deliberate Dwelling Fire;
- Deliberate fires in a derelict buildings;
- A deliberate vehicle fire;
- Rubbish fires;
- Malicious false alarms;
- Heath and grass fires;
- Special services; and
- Road traffic collisions.

It was reported that a serious fire occurred in a detached dwelling house under construction at Station Brae Gardens, Dreghorn. This fire was thought to have been started by children and required firefighters using breathing apparatus to enter the building to ensure that no one was still inside. The property was totally destroyed. The children were not identified.

Higher risk areas are being targeted by Home Fire Safety Visits.

Noted.

### **4. Irvine Town Centre Traffic Management**

The Committee received an update and presentation from Roads Services on Irvine Town Centre Traffic Management in relation to the new Sainsbury development at Ayr Road.

The Transportation Manager explained the transport planning process and types of traffic models used to assess the impact of development on the traffic management of the area. Examples of traffic models include:-

- Latis - Transport Model for Scotland;
- Saturn - Irvine Bay Area Model; and
- Paramics - Sainsburys Development, Ayr Road, Irvine; Woodlands Avenue/East Road Development; and Ayrshire Central Hospital Re-development.

Various junctions were studied during the transport planning process for the Sainsbury site, details of which were provided in the report. A map showing the extent of the study area was shown. The results of the study included:-

- The key constraint to the flow of traffic on the network was Milgarholm roundabout.
- The introduction of spiral markings and a slight widening of the central island at Merryvale Roundabout would aid drivers and perhaps improve the future operation.
- Average Travel Time increases by 17% on Friday and 10% on Saturday.
- These reflect small actual increases of 17.7 seconds and 9.8 seconds, respectively.
- A drop in average speed from 24.1 mph to 22.9 mph.

The Committee viewed the Paramics model associated with the Sainsbury development. The model simulated current real-time traffic flow and congestion and illustrated the effects of the proposed improvements at Milgarholm and Merryvale roundabouts.

As part of the planning application process, Paramics models are being developed for the Ayr Road, Redburn roundabout and East Road areas of Irvine. As larger developments require more extensive Paramics models, there is future potential for individual models to be combined, resulting in an Irvine area model.

Discussion took place on the variety of differing solutions to congestion at roundabouts, driver confusion at mini-roundabouts and the realistic nature of planning conditions to prevent traffic congestion as a result of development.

Noted.

## **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**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
The Eglinton Growers	£1,819
Irvine & Dreghorn Brass Band	£1,200
Marymass Folk Festival	£1,500
Noonday (Broomlands & Bourtreehill Baptist Church)	£1,500

## **Local Youth Action Fund**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
Irvine Duke of Edinburgh Award Group	£1,450
Noonday (Broomlands & Bourtreehill Baptist Church)	£2,000

## **6. Corporate Grants to Elderly Groups: Distribution of Additional Funds**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the distribution of additional elderly grant funds.

At its meeting held on 21 April 2010, the Committee agreed the disbursement of £17,698.53 to six elderly groups within the Irvine area.

Traditionally grants are paid in two instalments, to fund social events such as summer outings and Christmas lunches. Elderly groups within the Irvine area have received their first instalment of grant funding. Springside Welfare Committee has disbanded and therefore do not require the grant allocation in 2010/11.

It is proposed that the amount previously allocated to Springside Welfare Committee be distributed pro-rata to the other five groups with their second instalment.

The Committee agreed that the amount of £774.43 be distributed to the other elderly groups taking into account the percentage of the elderly population in each of the 5 areas.

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

The Chair reported that the Country Parks Manager (Education and Skills) gave a presentation to the Community Planning Partnership, Environment Group on the Future Jobs Fund and it was suggested that this presentation may be of interest to the Irvine Area Committee.

The Country Parks Manager would be available to give the presentation to the 3 November 2010 meeting.

The Committee agreed to received a presentation on the Future Jobs Fund on 3 November 2010.

The meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.