

Kilwinning Area Committee
29 October 2015

KILWINNING, 29 October 2015 - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

John Ferguson, Joe Cullinane, Donald Reid and Robert Steel.

In Attendance

C. Haining, Streetscene Officer Three Towns and Kilwinning (Place); B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Education and Youth Employment); H. Clancy, Committee Services Support Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. McMillan and Sergeant T. Harkins (Police Scotland) and Station Manager L. Elliot (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Reid, as a member of Promoting Kilwinning declared an indirect financial interest in Agenda Item 7.1 (Kilwinning Charitable Trust), left the meeting and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 September 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Community Planning

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 10 September 2015

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 10 September 2015.

Noted.

3.2 Police Scotland

Submitted report by Police Scotland on activity within the Kilwinning area. Inspector McMillan also provided up-to-date information on crimes reported and detected in the Committee's area and in relation to:-

- ongoing parking issues at St. Luke's Primary School;
- speeding on Stevenston Road, Kilwinning, especially around the speed camera area;
- joint efforts involving Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to tackle fly tipping at Longford Avenue;
- action to tackle youth disorder in and around Main Street and at Kilwinning Abbey; and
- forthcoming events in Kilwinning including the BB Parade and the Kilwinning Firework Display.

Members asked questions and were provided with information in relation to:-

- the interpretation of figures provided by Police Scotland;
- the incidents of detected housebreaking for the month of August;
- damage to property in the Brodick Avenue area;
- action which is taken against persons who carry knives;
- the fencing proposed by the Council's Roads Section at St. Luke's Primary School and the possibility of utilising yellow road markings; and
- the potential for Police Scotland to issue press releases to provide re-assurance to members of the public regarding certain areas of crime.

Noted.

3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) on activity within the Kilwinning area during the period 1 August 2015 to 15 October 2015, including fires of note, special services and community safety. Station Manager Elliot also provided information in relation to:-

- the ongoing high number of anti social fire settings and the partnership working between SFRS and Police Scotland to tackle this issue;
- bollards in place in Longford Avenue but that the refuse is still in situ and the need for assistance from the Council in this regard; and
- fire crews being encouraged to report rubbish fires to the Streetscene hotline for clear up.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- key hotspots for fire raising in the Pennyburn and Blacklands areas;
- improvements that are required to the communication arrangements with Streetscene for Bonfire night on 5 November, including that SRFS would prefer contact arrangements to be in place with the service until 10pm; and
- the legislation in place to tackle the safety risk of abandoned vehicles in open private lock ups in a residential area of Pennyburn.

Members were advised that if details of the lock ups could be provided to Police Scotland and SFRS then this matter would be taken to a meeting of Prevention First.

The Committee agreed that the Executive Director (Place) be requested to give consideration to Streetscene Officers being available until 10pm on Bonfire night on 5 November in order to work together with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to address any issues raised.

4. Kilwinning: Longford Avenue: Fly Tipping

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on progress with the removal of fly tipped material at the industrial site at Longford Avenue, Kilwinning.

Bollards have been placed on the road to the side of Porter's Garage which was the main access route to the land being used for fly tipping. An initial notice was served on the affected landowner on 8 July 2015 who, despite being given time to clear the site, has not undertaken the necessary remedial work. Consequently, a second notice was served on 14 October advising that if the site is not cleared by 31 October the Council will remove the debris and seek to receive costs from the landowner.

A second landowner also verbally agreed to clear dumped items from the side of their property. This work was not undertaken and an initial notice was served on 14 October giving the owner 21 days to clear the site. The third site to the side of 1 Blacklands Crescent has recently changed ownership and Council Officers are attempting to identify the new owner. Legislation relating to the prevention and removal of fly tipping was also discussed.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- issues around the type of materials which have been dumped on the Blacklands Crescent site; and
- Police Scotland having made enquiries about the installation of a CCTV camera on a lamppost in the area as a deterrent but that this matter is slow to progress.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk contact the CCTV Manager on behalf of the Committee to (a) convey the urgency in relation to installation of a CCTV camera in the Longford Avenue area, as has been requested by Police Scotland; and (b) request that an update from the CCTV Manager be provided for Members.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance 2015/16

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants

Organisation

Award

Church of the Nazarene -

North Ayrshire Foodbank Project

Kidzone

Kilwinning Community Sports Club

£ 656

£1,350

Nil

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation

Award

Pennyburn Regeneration Youth

Development Enterprise (PRYDE)

£1,800, and that the Group be encouraged to showcase their talents at a local community event

6. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee will be held on 10 December 2015 in Kilwinning Library.

7. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following items be considered as a matter of urgency to allow timely consideration of the grant application and for up-to-date information to be presented to Members.

7.1 North Ayrshire Council (Kilwinning) Charitable Trust

The Committee agreed to (a) make an award of £703 to Promoting Kilwinning from the North Ayrshire Council (Kilwinning) Charitable Trust; and (b) note that the Kilwinning Charitable Trust budget for 2015/16 is now fully expended.

7.2 Scottish Water: Works at Eglinton Country Park

There was discussion on the forthcoming Scottish Water works within Eglinton Country Park and that Local Members had not been advised of the proposed works which would mean closure of the park for a period of time. Concern was expressed regarding the requirement to close the park and the knock on effect this would have on the events schedule and that any disruption to the Park should be minimised.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Clerk make arrangements for separate private briefing sessions for Members from (i) Scottish Water representatives; and (ii) the Eglinton Country Parks Manager on the implications of the forthcoming works within Eglinton Country Park; and (b) that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting with representatives from Scottish Water being invited to attend and Eglinton Country Park being asked to provide an update report on progress with the masterplan.

7.3 Ayrshire College: Smoke Free Campuses

There was discussion on the move to a smoke free working and learning environment at the Ayrshire College Campus, Kilwinning and on the potential negative impact on the surrounding area of Kilwinning.

The Committee agreed (a) that a representative of Ayrshire College be invited to give a verbal update to the next meeting of the Committee on the move to a smoke free environment; and (b) to request a report from the Head of Service (Physical Environment) on any impact on the surrounding area of Kilwinning arising from the implementation of the smoke free campus.

The meeting ended at 3.35 p.m.