

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee
17 August 2006

IRVINE, 17 August 2006 - At a Meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Thomas Barr, Jack Carson, Stewart Dewar, Drew Duncan, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

A. Milson, Learning Manager, Quality Development and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Educational Services); and M. McKeown, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer (Chief Executive's)

Also In Attendance

Inspector N. Kerr (Strathclyde Police) and Station Master K. Alcroft and L. Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Jacqueline Browne.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1 June 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, which provided information on fire related incidents within the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area during the period 22 May to 6 August 2006, and updated the Committee on other areas of current activity. A revised statistical report was tabled.

Fire Incidents

During the period the Fire and Rescue Service responded to 331 incidents relating to property and dwelling fires (49), secondary fires (146), special services (24), malicious calls (88), and automatic false alarms (24).

Home Fire Safety Visits

To date over 300 home safety visits have been completed within the Committee's area, with 10 year smoke detection fitted in most cases and many chip pans replaced with deep fat fryers.

A proactive approach is being taken to raise awareness of the benefits of home fire safety visits and to encourage more people to request a visit.

School Based Community Firefighter

Firefighter Holt is continuing to work within Irvine Royal Academy and feeder primary schools to promote key fire safety message.

Press Coverage

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue are participating in a number of campaigns to promote key safety messages. This includes the 'Grim Reaper' campaign carried on Westsound Radio and a national campaign backed by the Scottish Executive aimed at driving down the number of alcohol related accidental fires in Scotland.

Incident Command and Control Vehicle

Dreghorn Fire Station is now the base for one of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service's Incident Command and Control Vehicles.

Noted.

3. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on crime trends and Police activity within the Committee's area.

Crime Figures

The statistical report provided information on crimes involving violence, indecency, dishonesty, vandalism, drugs, and disorder.

Mobile Police Office

The mobile office continues to be well used across all areas. Barrmill has been added to the list of sites for regular visits.

Community Well-being Fund

A number of applications for funding have been received from North Ayrshire groups. These are currently being progressed.

Chief Inspector Mike Scally

Chief Inspector Scally has retired from the Police Service and will be replaced by Chief Inspector Kenny O'Neill.

Noted.

4. Community Development Grants Scheme/Local Youth Action Fund/Town Twinning Support Fund 2006/07: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on (a) awards made under the Community Development Grants Scheme, Local Youth Action Fund and Town Twinning Support Fund to date in 2006/07, and on the balances remaining for disbursement; and (b) applications for financial assistance received since the last meeting of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to approve the following applications:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
1. Fullarton Community Health House	£7,500
2. Golden Circle	£400
3. JAG	£200
4. Irvine and District Brass Band	£1,200
5. Little Seedlings	£1,000

Local Action Fund

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
1. Girdle Toll Youth Football Club	£2,000
2. Newtown Gymnastic Club	£2,000
3. Irvine Rugby Club	£2,000
4. Greenwood Community Sports and Leisure Club	£2,000
5. Sparks Award Group	£2,000

Town Twinning Support Fund

Organisation

Award

1. Kilwinning Weight Lifting Club

£1,500

5. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that any items for inclusion on future agendas be submitted to A. Little, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting ended at 2.35 p.m.