

Kilwinning Area Committee  
19 January 2012

**KILWINNING, 19 January 2012** - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

John Ferguson and Ryan Oldfather.

**In Attendance**

J. McHarg, Assistant Manager (Community and Culture) (Community Development Team) and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Education and Skills); and M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

**Also In Attendance**

Police Constables M. Thomson and J. Peter (Strathclyde Police).

**Chair**

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Margaret McDougall.

**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 27 October 2011 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Strathclyde Police**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on the following activity within Kilwinning in the period November and December 2011:-

- Crime/offence statistics for East Kilwinning (Beat 5) and West Kilwinning (Beat 6) for December 2011 compared with the same period in 2010;
- Ongoing action plans to address issues of local concern, including violence, anti social behaviour, acquisitive crime and vandalism;
- Action plans in November and December 2011 which focussed on an increase in theft and vandalism, antisocial behaviour, youth disorder, the purchase of alcohol by youths, test purchasing operations, drug dealing and speeding;

- The outcome of a town centre Environmental Visual Audit undertaken in November 2011, in which partner agencies, the local community, Elected Members and pupils from Kilwinning Academy were involved; and
- The Safer Streets, Violence and Robbery multi-agency plan, which ran from 8 November 2011 until 7 January 2012 and was designed to provide reassurance to Kilwinning residents and businesses over the festive period.

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

- Parking issues raised by Kilwinning Community Council in relation to the Main Street;
- The circumstances surrounding recent 'sneak thefts';
- Future Action Plans to tackle anti-social behaviour and housebreaking;
- The value of multi-agency work and the sustainability of Strathclyde Police's current level of commitment;
- The future role of the Police in relation to parking offences; and
- Road traffic issues surrounding ongoing gas works at Garnock View.

Noted.

#### **4. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on the following activity within the Kilwinning area in the period 1 November to 31 December 2011:-

- 4 accidental dwelling fires during November and December 2011;
- A number of refuse fires, including a number involving wheelie bins being set alight;
- 2 malicious false call alarms;
- An incident involving a driver trapped in a car in 3 feet of flood water;
- 32 Home Fire Safety Visits;
- Ongoing Fire Reach and Work Experience courses at Troon Community Fire Station; and
- Educational visits by Kilwinning Fire Station personnel to James Watt College and St Luke's Primary School, as well as a number of leaflet drops at various retail premises.

Noted.

#### **5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund - Applications for Financial Assistance**

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

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

<b>Community Development Grant Scheme</b>	<b>Award</b>
MS Society, Kilwinning Branch	£500.00
Kilwinning Weight Lifting Club	£1,500.00
United 97 Football Club	£300.00
Kilwinning Academy Parent Council	£2,000.00

  

<b>Local Youth Action Fund</b>	<b>Award</b>
Kilwinning Academy Parent Council	£1,583.64

and (b) refuse the Local Youth Action Fund application from United 97 Football Club.

## **6. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee agreed (a) that the Head of Infrastructure and Design Services submit an update report on the issue of ponding at Whitehirst Park to the next meeting of the Area Committee; and (b) to note that any additional items for consideration at the next meeting should be submitted to M. Anderson or C. Graham.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Area Committee is scheduled for 1 March 2012.

## **8. Urgent Item**

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency, to allow Members to receive an update.

### **8.1 Elderly Grants**

The Committee Services Officer updated Members on practical difficulties in terms of obtaining information from Kilwinning Burgh Old People's Welfare Committee and Kilwinning Landward Old People's Welfare Committee on the number of elderly people benefitting from Elderly Grant funding in their areas.

The Committee agreed to (a) maintain the status quo in respect of the disbursement of Elderly Grant funding for the time being; and (b) note that it may be necessary to revisit the monitoring of Elderly Grant funding in future.

The meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.