

Irvine Area Committee  
9 February 2009

**IRVINE, 9 February 2009** - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

**Present**

Pat McPhee, Tom Barr, Matthew Brown, Ian Clarkson, John Moffat and Joan Sturgeon.

**In Attendance**

M. Ferrier, Team Leader (Development Plans) and A. Laurenson, Planning Officer, (Legal and Protective), J. McConnachie, Transportation Manager and J. McCubbin, Technical Officer (Infrastructure and Design) (Property Services); J. McKnight, Principal Officer and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer, Community Learning and Development (Educational Services); M. McKeown, Acting Team Leader and A. Little, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor McPhee in the Chair.

**1. Strathclyde Police**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on crime figures in the Committee's area.

Noted.

**2. Bailey Bridge Replacement: A71 Temporary Closure – Diversion Signing**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the proposed diversion route signing and the additional traffic management works required to be put in place during works to replace the Bailey Bridge, Irvine.

The A71, which is one of the main arterial routes into the centre of Irvine from the Trunk Road A78, spans the River Irvine by means of the Bailey Bridge. The bridge has been in place for over 37 years and is now subject to width and weight restrictions due to its deteriorating condition. The Council is planning to replace the bridge on a permanent basis which will require an extended road closure. The special Council meeting on 12 February 2009 will consider a recommendation from the Executive to identify the additional funding to take the project forward.

Information was provided on the detailed roads diversions and road safety and traffic management measures which will be put in place to facilitate the temporary closure of the A71, between Milgarholm roundabout and Merryvale roundabout. A public exhibition to explain the diversion routes and other additional road safety measures will take place in due course.

Noted.

### **3. Local Development Plans**

Margaret Ferrier, Team Leader (Development Plans) presented the Committee with information on the new Local Development Plan process.

The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 terminated the two tier planning system in Scotland. The Act introduced new Local Development Plans (LDPs), which are designed to make planning faster and more inclusive. Within North Ayrshire, a new LDP will replace the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and the Council's two existing Local Plans. The anticipated timescale to introduce the new LDPs is as follows:-

- Main Issues Report produced (late 2009)
- Proposed Plan produced (late 2010)
- Examination of Plan by Reporter (2011/12)
- Adoption of Plan (2012/13)

A Local Development Plan Committee, comprising all elected Members, has been established to take forward the new Plan. The Area Committee will have the opportunity to feed in to the process.

Noted.

### **4. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2008/09: Applications for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for funding from the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund.

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

## **Community Development Grants Scheme**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
North Ayrshire Fiddle Workshop	£1,306
St. Mark's Primary School Parent Council	£1,500
Fullarton Community Health House	£1,221

## **Local Youth Action Fund**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
HCPT Group 207	£1,000
North Ayrshire and Arran District Scout Council	£ 993
Irvine Victoria FC	£1,200
Irvine Duke of Edinburgh Award Group	£3,000
North Ayrshire Battalion The Boy's Brigade	£3,147

and (b) that arrangements be put in place to ensure that any balance of funding remaining in either the Community Development Grants Scheme or the Local Youth Action Fund towards the year end is fully utilised by groups and organisations within the Committee's area.

## **5. Irvine Common Good**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for funding from Irvine Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<b>Project</b>	<b>Award</b>
Robert Burns Memorial Garden, Irvine Moor	£2,000
War Memorial, Burns Street, Irvine	£ 368

## **6. Irvine Christmas Lights**

The Chair reported on the activities of the Irvine Christmas Lights Committee.

Noted.

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee requested information on Housing and Building Services' external environmental improvement projects be provided to a future meeting.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on Monday 6 April 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

The meeting ended at 11.25 a.m.