

Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee
31 October 2001

KILBIRNIE, 31 October 2001 - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

James Jennings, John Bell, Elizabeth McLardy, Elisabeth Marshall, Robert Rae, John Reid, Robert Reilly, and Richard Wilkinson.

In Attendance

A Beattie, Principal Officer; and M Francey, Local Manager (Children and Family Services) (Social Services); J Houston, Divisional Manager (Housing Services) (Property Services); J Brady, Adviser; and A Pettigrew, Area Officer (Community Education) (Educational Services); H Hunter, Senior Accountant (Finance); and S King, M McKeown and C Graham, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

F Keddily, Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Leisure Limited); Inspector W Allan (Strathclyde Police); and Community Firefighter T Barr (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Mr Jennings in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Gordon Clarkson and Alan Hill.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 September 2001, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Community Safety

2.1 Report by Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police advising of the level of recorded crime within the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee's Boundaries.

Noted.

2.2 Report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on Fire Incidents in the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae areas.

Noted.

3. Scrutiny Reports

3.1 Educational Services: Services for Children (0-5)

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the current position and proposals for the development of the service for children aged 0-5 and their families.

Noted.

3.2 Social Services: Children & Families (Services)

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Social Services) on changes to service priorities in residential care, day care and family placements.

Noted.

3.3 Property Services: Voids

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the number of voids received since 1 April 2001 and on the average number of weeks to re-let.

Noted.

4. North Ayrshire Leisure Limited

Submitted report by the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Leisure Ltd, on the range of sport and leisure facilities provided by the Company across North Ayrshire, and on specific activities being undertaken within the Committee's boundaries.

The Company has completed its first full year of trading and has achieved a modest surplus which will be reinvested in the current year to upgrade Information Technology systems within the main leisure facilities to improve services to customers by speeding up transactions and enabling the networking of information and bookings.

Future developments, including options for health and fitness enhancements at other sites, including those in Largs and Kilbirnie, are being investigated and will be taken forward, subject to the availability of funding.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme

5.1 Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants to 18 September 2001 in respect of the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae areas, including details of the balance of £4,211 available for disbursement

Noted.

5.2 Applications for Grant Aid

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for grant aid from the Community Development Grants Scheme.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award £
Kilbirnie Corps of the Salvation Army	500
Walking Health on Cumbrae Group	400
Fairlie Toddler Playgroup	400
West Kilbride Music Club	400
Largs and District Community Association	500

6. Margaret Archibald Bequest

6.1 Analysis of Expenditure

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the current position of the Trust established following the death of Miss Margaret Archibald of Dalry, for the charitable purposes of persons in need who have attained 65 years of age and living in the Parish of Dalry.

Community groups in Dalry have been consulted regarding the use of the Bequest and a suggestion box was made available in Dalry Library to allow members of the public to express their views. Suggestions received have been passed to the Margaret Archibald Bequest Steering Group for consideration.

The current fund balance is £161,304 comprising a capital balance of £156,449 and a revenue balance of £4,855. Consideration is being given by Financial Services to reinvesting the funds to endeavour to obtain a better rate of return. In order to retain an amount to maintain the Fund's ability to meet inflation in future years, the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) has recommended that the sum of £4,500 be available for disbursement in financial year 2001/2002.

The Committee agreed to accept this recommendation.

6.2 Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance from the Margaret Archibald Bequest.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award £
Dalry Old Folks Welfare Committee	750
Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee	1,000
Regal Court Day Club	100

7. Largs Common Good Fund

7.1 Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the grants awarded in respect of the Largs Common Good, including details of the balance of funding remaining.

The Clerk advised that the organisers of Largs Viking Festival had confirmed that a maximum of £6,000 of the £7,000 underwrite agreed by the Committee in June would be required.

The Committee noted the grants awarded to date and the new balance of £2,074 remaining for disbursement.

7.2 Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance from the Largs Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award £
Largs and District Community Association	Nil
The Largs Players	2,000

The meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.