

Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee  
5 June 2008

**ARRAN, 5 June 2008** - At a Meeting of the Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 11.00 a.m.

**Present**

Anthony Gurney, Margie Currie, William Gibson, John Hunter, Ronnie McNicol and Alan Munro.

**In Attendance**

M. Craik, Principal Children's Services Officer, A. Milson, Learning Manager, Quality Development and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Educational Services); J. McCubbin, Technical Officer, Roads, (Property Services); M. Anderson and D. McCaw, Corporate Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Inspector I. Ness and Sergeant Bob Mackay (Strathclyde Police).

**Chair**

Councillor Gurney in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

David Munn and Peter McNamara.

**1. Strathclyde Police**

Inspector Ness provided the following information to Members:-

- The rise over recent years in the number of incidents attended by police on Arran and members of the public calling at Lamlash Police Office.
- The new post of Station Assistant at Lamlash Police Office commencing in July 2008.
- The posting of PC John Kerr to the island of Arran from July 2008.
- The creation of 2 Station Assistant posts at Saltcoats Police Office to provide a better public service to callers at Saltcoats Police Office.
- Successful surveillance operations carried out regarding off sale premises within the local area.
- The start of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams on 9 June 2008, with the first unit within UA sub division of 4 officers based at Saltcoats covering a pre-determined data zone.

- The notable reduction in the past 2 months in serious crime within Wards 4 and 5.
- The targeting of identified hot spot areas such as the Cannon Hill, Pebble Beach, Garnock Road and the Hayocks area through local initiatives and Safer Scotland Action Plans.
- The appointment of Alan Rintoul as the Campus Police Officer for St. Matthew's Academy.

Members asked for, and received, further information on:-

- speeding cars in (i) the Montgomerie Crescent area of Saltcoats, and on the possibility of some form of speed control methods in the car park area; and (ii) Glencairn Street, Stevenston.
- underage drinking around the flood defence wall at Saltcoats shorefront.
- the effectiveness of the Community Wardens.

Sergeant Mackay then addressed the Committee to highlight policing problems specific to the Arran area.

J. McCubbin advised the Committee that he would report back to his service highlighting the road safety issues raised regarding Montgomerie Crescent, Saltcoats and Glencairn Street, Stevenston.

Noted.

## **2. Traffic Regulation Order: B780 Dalry Road: Ardrossan: Speed Limit Extension**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the proposed speed limit extension proposals for the B780 Dalry Road, Ardrossan.

The B780 at this location is a traffic distributor route linking the three towns of Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston with Dalry and Kilbirnie. This section of the B780 Dalry Road provides junction access to residential areas of Ardrossan and connects route A738 Eglinton Road to the Three Towns by-pass.

The 30mph speed restriction currently extends to the limit of the existing residential area. However, a new housing development of 51 dwellinghouses and 4 flats is currently under construction outwith the existing 30mph limit on land adjacent to Dalry Road. In the interests of road safety, it is proposed to extend the 30mph limit to include this new development.

Members raised the issue of speeding problems along the A738 on the north side of Ardrossan and J. McCubbin advised that he would investigate whether any traffic calming measures were planned for this area.

The Committee agreed to (a) note that the investigation, preparation and statutory process is underway for a Traffic Regulation Order identified in the report; and (b) approve the implementation of the Order should no objections be received.

### **3. Playscheme Grants**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications received in respect of the Playscheme Grants Scheme.

The Committee noted the awards made from the Playscheme Grants Scheme as follows:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
Women's Aid Ardrossan	£1,026
Hayocks Schools Out	£ 857
Care Partners	£4,000

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

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for financial assistance under the Council's Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

#### **Community Development Grants Scheme**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
New Cunninghame Art Club	£ 250
Phil Scot Trust	£ 600
The Cronies Social Club of Stevenston and District	£ 500
Ardrossan Community Council	continue consideration of the application to next meeting for further information on the provision of quotes
Saltcoats Young Mums	£1,500 subject to the remainder of funding required being sourced/ provided by the group

## **Local Youth Action Fund**

### **Organisation**

Caledonian Piping Club  
North Ayrshire Amateur Swimming Club  
Arran Youth Forum  
Saltcoats Youth Action Group  
Saltcoats Young Mums 2

### **Award**

£1,000  
£ 700  
£1,500  
£2,000  
£1,500 subject to the  
remainder of funding  
required being sourced/  
provided by the group

## **5. Saltcoats Common Good Fund: Application for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application received in respect of the Saltcoats Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the application from the Phil Scot Trust to a future meeting for further information on the group's proposals for creating an income source to cover running costs, possibly through membership fees.

## **6. Stevenston Common Good Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications received in respect of the Stevenston Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

### **Organisation**

The Cronies Club, Stevenston

John McCafferty

### **Award**

£2,000 on the basis that the  
award would benefit a significant  
number of older people within  
the Stevenston community  
£ 400 on the basis that the  
applicant's efforts to recruit  
new members and pass on  
his skills would benefit the  
local community

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

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on Thursday 21 August 2008 at 3.30 p.m. in the Argyle Centre, Saltcoats.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee (a) highlighted a number of items for possible inclusion as future agenda items:-

- Bus Lanes in Stevenston;
- Commuted Sums;
- Ardrossan Eglinton Road (Shore area); and
- Comparison figures for the last 3 years of Community Development Grant monies distributed to Arran and to the Three Towns area;

and (b) noted that any additional items for consideration at the next meeting should be submitted to M. Anderson or D. McCaw.

The Meeting ended at 12.55 p.m.