

Kilwinning Area Committee
12 February 2015

Kilwinning, 12 February 2015 - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

John Ferguson, Donald Reid, Joe Cullinane and Robert Steel.

In Attendance

J. Johnstone, Streetscene Manager and C. Haining, Streetscene Officer (Place); B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Education and Skills); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector Conway (Police Scotland).

Chair

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 December 2014 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Community Planning

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 4 December 2014

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 4 December 2014.

Noted.

3.2 Police Scotland

Inspector Conway provided information on crimes reported and detected in the Committee's area for the period November - December 2014.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the work of Community Wardens in assisting with litter issues in the Main Street;
- an increase in the number of break-ins of outbuildings that have taken place mainly in the Irvine area;
- the use of CCTV to identify individuals and corroborate time-frames; and
- work of the Multi Agency Problem Solving Group in the Kilwinning area and additional resources deployed in Kilwinning during this time.

Noted.

3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity within the Kilwinning area during the period 1 December 2014 to 1 February 2015.

Noted.

4. Boundary Wall Repairs, McGavin Park, Kilwinning

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on proposals and costings for repairs to the boundary wall at McGavin Park, Kilwinning that will include (i) the removal of a limited number of mature trees; (ii) dismantling and rebuilding of sections of brick walls; (iii) installation of new pre-cast concrete wall cope; (iv) partial replacement of galvanised metal fencing; and (v) tiered planting of new trees within the park at an acceptable distance from the line of the existing mature trees which are threatening the existing wall.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the closure of the footpath to enable works to be undertaken;
- the removal of 3 mature trees to relieve pressure on the existing wall;
- planting of new trees at an acceptable distance from the line of the existing wall and the removal of the remaining mature trees that are threatening the wall, once the new trees have become established; and
- the planned installation of coping stones on the new section of wall and consideration that will be given to whether engineering bricks would be a more appropriate finish.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme: Application for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications for financial assistance received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund.

After discussion the Committee agreed, Councillor Reid abstaining, to award Kilwinning Old People's Welfare Committee £1,856 from the Community Development Grants Scheme.

6. Future Agenda Items

The Committee was provided with an update in respect of items for future meetings:-

- a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning had now been arranged for all Members of the Council, therefore a presentation to the Area Committee was no longer required; and
- reports previously requested on Eglinton Country Park and the Maintenance of Cyclepaths would be available for the March meeting of the Committee.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the March meeting to be held in a venue within Eglinton Country Park.

7. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee will be held on 26 March 2015, at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 2.35 p.m.