

Irvine Area Committee
27 January 2010

IRVINE, 27 January 2010 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Pat McPhee, Tom Barr, Matthew Brown, Ian Clarkson, Ruby Kirkwood, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; J. McHarg, Learning Manager, Capacity Building and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Learning and Development) (Educational Services); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer and E. Fisher, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Constable G. Muir, Community Police Officer (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor McPhee in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16, Councillor Brown declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund) in relation to an application by Irvine Burns Club, and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on incidents and crimes in the Committee's area during November and December 2009.

Sergeant Muir provided details in relation to crimes of attempted murder, serious assault, robbery and drugs. He reported that a civilian is to be nominated for a Civil Commendation Award for giving chase after an elderly lady had her handbag stolen. The young man apprehended and held the robber until the Police arrived.

Information was also provided on Operation Impact 3 which is ongoing at this time. This is a 3 phase initiative with Phase 1 covering priority warrants, Phase 2 drugs misuse and Phase 3 violence and anti-social behaviour.

Strathclyde Police have identified a portable soccer unit for use in the Irvine area. The set up time for this unit is 45 minutes and games will be organised and coaching provided by the Scottish Rugby Union and Scottish Football Association.

After a discussion regarding crime figures over the Christmas period, Sergeant Muir offered to provide directly to Members (a) statistics on the number of times police were called to licensed premises compared to previous years; and (b) domestic abuse statistics over the same period.

Noted.

3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Irvine area.

Noted.

4. Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund 2009/10: Applications for financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation

Award

Dreghorn Co-op Women's Guild

£400

Irvine Burns Club

£4,060 and £1,940 from financial year 2010/11

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation

Award

Ravenspark Junior Golf Section

£990

Oasis Duke of Edinburgh Award New Start

£1,000

5. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following items be considered as a matter of urgency.

5.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

It was reported that there was a problem again with abandoned shopping trolleys especially in the vicinity of Irvine Cross. The Committee were advised that the Council's Cleansing Service uplift trolleys from surrounding areas and deposit them at the Cross.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk liaise with (a) Cleansing Services to ascertain how many trolleys they collect; and (b) local supermarkets in relation to the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys and the systems in place for the collection of these trolleys.

5.2 Stagecoach Bus Services

It was reported that Stagecoach had cut some bus services in the Irvine area and altered the timetable and routes of others.

The Committee agreed that Stagecoach be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the timetabling of bus services in the Irvine area.

The meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.