

Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee  
21 August 2008

**SALTCOATS, 21 August 2008** - At a Meeting of the Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 3.30 p.m.

**Present**

David Munn, Anthony Gurney, Margie Currie, John Hunter, Ronnie McNicol and Alan Munro.

**In Attendance**

A. Milson, Learning Manager, Quality Development (Educational Services); D. Cameron, Planning Officer (Legal and Protective); M. Anderson and D. McCaw, Corporate Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Inspector S. Leary (Strathclyde Police)

**Chair**

Councillor Munn in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

William Gibson.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor McNicol declared a non pecuniary interest in item 5 in relation to the North Ayrshire Sports Council application for a Community Development grant and took no part in the discussion thereon.

**2. Strathclyde Police**

Inspector Leary provided the following information to Members:-

- Details regarding the continuation of the Community Policing Teams within Saltcoats and on the possible expansion of the Teams to cover all of Wards 4 and 5.
- A recent incident involving 2 gangs with knives at Ailsa Place, Ardrossan. An action plan is now in place to target this hotspot area together with the Millar/Gladstone Road, Saltcoats, areas.
- The incidents reported by Cal Mac, local fishermen and private vessels of persons being hit with fishing line weights at Ardrossan Harbour. In an attempt to address this problem, Clydeport Authority have raised the height of the fence in the area to 10 feet and Cal Mac have improved security around Winton Pier and the lighthouse. The Harbour Byelaws have also now come into effect making it an offence to fish in these areas.

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

- School campus policing and on methods of identifying which schools are in need of this service.
- The intention to operate the mobile CCTV unit on selected dates within the Gladstone Road, Saltcoats, area, together with an extra police presence in an attempt to combat gang related incidents.

### **3. Commuted Sums for Play Provision**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective) on the background to the Commuted Sums Policy.

The report detailed how monies obtained from developers have been expended within Wards 4 and 5 from 2004 to 2008. Commuted sums are considered as part of the Council's Open Space Policy which will be reviewed in the course of a wider Local Plan review. An audit of open space, which will lead to the production of an Open Space Strategy, is currently underway. Through this process, the Council will have a better knowledge of how much, what quality and what type of open space, including play facilities, is likely to be necessary in each area.

The Committee (a) noted the terms of the report; and (b) requested that additional information be provided directly to Members of the Area Committee giving a detailed breakdown of locations and spending of commuted sums, if possible from 2005 to 2008.

### **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 Learning Manager (Quality Development) advised the Committee regarding monies available under the agreed 60/40 budget split. He further advised of the reduction in grant awards paid to Saltcoats Young Mums from the Community Development Grants Scheme and Saltcoats Young Mums 2 through the Local Youth Action Fund following the decision of the groups to drop the residential section of each application.

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

## **Community Development Grants Scheme**

### **Organisation**

### **Award**

Doors Open Day	£ 100
CLASP	£ 800 (underwrite)
Ardrossan Adult Learning Forum	£1,500
Ardeer Adult Learning Forum	£1,000
Ardrossan Wednesday Pensioners' Club	£ 400

## **Local Youth Action Fund**

### **Organisation**

### **Award**

Ardrossan Youth Association	£1,000
Ardrossan Outdoor Activity Club	£1,500
Arran Sports Association	£ 0

and (b) continue consideration of the applications by the undernoted organisations to the next meeting:-

## **Community Development Grants Scheme**

North Ayrshire Sports Council  
SISG Enterprises Ltd (Ayrshire Hearing Support)  
Ardrossan Community Council  
Self Defence Personal Safety Team  
Ardrossan Elderly Forum  
Ardrossan Park Parish Church  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Focus Photography Group  
Argyle Quilting Group  
Ardeer IT Support Group

## **5. Analysis of Grants Expenditure**

Submitted analysis by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) giving a breakdown of grants received and issued within the Area Committee boundaries.

Members raised the issue of groups being made aware of the availability of grant funding and were advised on how the grants scheme is promoted by the Council.

Noted.

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

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

The Committee agreed (a) not to make an award to the Phil Scot Trust and; (b) to advise the group that they should address the issue of membership fees to assist with running costs before submitting a future funding application.

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

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

The Committee agreed to make an award of £5,000 to CLASP.

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

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on Thursday 23 October 2008 at 3.30 p.m. in the Argyle Centre, Saltcoats.

#### **9. Future Agenda Items**

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

- Speeding traffic along the North Shore area of Ardrossan and at Ardrossan South Beach railway bridge; and
- Congestion issues at the junction of Princes Street/Glasgow Street;

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 4.30 p.m.