

Irvine Area Committee
10 March 2016

Irvine, 10 March 2016 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Joan Sturgeon, Marie Burns, Ian Clarkson and Ruth Maguire

In Attendance

B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Economy and Communities); Patricia Barrett, Finance Officer (Finance and Corporate Support), A. Little, Committee Services Officer, and E. Gray, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. McMillan (Police Scotland) and Station Manager S. Logan (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Provost Sturgeon in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Easdale and Irene Oldfather.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 January 2016 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3.1 Police Scotland

Submitted report by Police Scotland on activity within the Irvine area during February 2016.

As agreed at the last meeting, the members were given information on:-

- the Mosquito device at the Rivergate Shopping Centre and work with the Town Centre Manager to prevent anti-social behaviour;
- the impact of obstructions of the mini roundabout where Seagate meets High Street and Eglinton Street and an Action Plan that has been put in place to manage traffic in this area; and
- the lower detection rate for crimes in the Irvine East ward in December 2015 in comparison to December 2014 that could be partially as a result of opportunistic vandalism that can impact on crime statistics.

Members also received information on hate crimes towards officers in Irvine West, measures being taken to combat the ongoing issue with the theft of wheelie bins, plans for working with North Ayrshire Locality Partnerships, and violence in the town centre.

Noted.

3.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity within the Irvine area during the period 1 April to 31 December 2015.

Members were provided with information regarding the high number of false alarm calls from sheltered housing that are attributed to faulty equipment. SM Logan stated that the external monitoring of fire alarms in sheltered housing leads to the fire brigade being contacted in situations where they are not required. It was acknowledged that the way this is recorded by Scottish Fire and Rescue, as an equipment fault, can be misleading when viewing the statistics.

Noted.

4. Irvine Common Good Fund: Application for Financial Assistance

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

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

Organisation	Award
Marymass Festival Committee	£44,512.67

and (b) that (i) the Marymass Festival Committee's application pack be circulated to the committee and (ii) a full breakdown of the £10,000 underwrite to the group is provided.

5. Community Development Grant Scheme Award: Application for Financial Assistance 2015/16

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on a change of award from Irvine Winton Bowling Club.

The Committee was advised that Irvine Winton Bowling Club had previously been awarded £1,800 from the Community Development Grant Scheme to help with refurbishment costs subject to the club confirming in writing they could fund the remaining balance.

Following a visit from a senior manager the club have requested that the purpose of their grant is amended to allow it to be used to install disabled access to the club.

The Committee agreed to the change in purpose of the grant.

6. Irvine Charitable Trust

The Committee received a verbal update from Patricia Barrett, Finance Officer (Finance and Corporate Support) on ways to maximise disbursement of the Irvine Charitable Trust.

The Committee was advised that the Irvine Charitable Town Trust has a budget of £10,707 for helping those in poverty and £11,975 for helping the elderly, ill and disabled and that the amount available for disbursement annually is £58 and £64 respectively.

Due to the small amount of money available for disbursement, Finance and Corporate Support advised that the balance of the account can be awarded when appropriate applications are received and in the event that the fund is wound up approval would need to be granted by OSCAR.

Noted.

7. Fullarton High Flats: Water Ingress Update

In the absence of an officer, the Committee expressed their concern at the time which has been taken to resolve this issues relating to Water Ingress at Fullarton High Flats.

The Committee agreed to have a written update on the Water Ingress at Fullarton High Flats circulated to members.

The meeting ended at: 2:40pm