

Irvine Area Committee  
31 August 2011

**IRVINE, 31 August 2011** - 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**

J. McHarg, Assistant Manager and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Development) (Education and Skills); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

**Chair**

Provost McPhee in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

In terms of Standing Order 16, Councillor Barr, as a member of the Freshwater Angling Section, declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Community Development Grant Scheme: Application for Financial Assistance) and left the meeting for that item of business.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 22 June 2011 and the special meeting held on 6 July 2011, were signed in accordance with paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity in the Irvine area between 11 June and 22 August 2011.

Noted.

#### **4. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2011/12: Applications for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grant Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2011/12.

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

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

Clark Drive Boys AFC	£700.00
Freshwater Angling Section	£400.00
Lanfine Community Association	£1,217.04
Irvine Beat FM	£1,800.00
Noonday	£1,000.00

##### **Local Youth Action Fund**

Noonday	£1,300.00
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and (b) continue consideration of the application from Irvine Town Twinning Association to a future meeting to allow further information to be obtained.

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

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from Irvine Common Good from Irvine Old Folks Joint Wards.

The Committee agreed to award Irvine Old Folks Joint Wards a grant from the Common Good Fund of £8,000.

#### **6. Irvine Town Centre: Cleansing**

The Committee discussed cleansing operations and the level of cleanliness in Irvine town centre. A number of issues were raised, including:-

- the removal of the twilight shift in the town centre;
- clearing and weed removal of country paths, New Town Trail, the path at the north-east corner of the pitch and putt, Irvine and at the Church in Dreghorn;
- the removal of weeds in shrubbery;
- the repair or replacement of the vandalised summer seat on the Low Green at the Academy Road flats;

- the removal and replacement of the burned wastebin on the Low Green;
- the replacement of coping stones on the wall adjacent to the steps leading to Academy Road.

The Committee agreed that the Operations Manager (Streetscene) be invited to the next meeting to discuss the cleansing operations in Irvine Town Centre and the surrounding area.

## **7. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP): Board Minute of Meeting held on 16 June 2011**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 16 June 2011.

Noted.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee was advised that Mr Singh, Chair of the Ayrshire Minority Ethnic Communities Association, will attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide information on the Ayrshire Minority Ethnic Communities Association's premises in Bank Street, Irvine.

## **9. Urgent Items**

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency, to allow Members to discuss arrangements for Christmas lights for Irvine town centre.

### **9.1 Irvine Christmas Lights**

The Committee discussed the future provision of Christmas Lights for Irvine Town Centre and agreed that previous arrangements for the installation of the Christmas Lights continue.

The meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.