

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee
13 April 2006

IRVINE, 13 April 2006 - At a Meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Tom Barr, Jacqueline Browne, Jack Carson, Stewart Dewar, Anna Donn, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

S. Beck, Team Leader, Quality Development, B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer and G. Hamilton, Festival and Events Officer (Educational Services); J. Bannatyne and A. Little, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Sergeant D. Bringan (Strathclyde Police) and Station Master K. Alcroft (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 March 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clarkson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 (application no. 7) and Item 7, vacated the chair, and withdrew from the Meeting for these items of business. Councillor Barr assumed the Chair for these items of business.

Councillor Reid declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 (application no. 3) and took no part in the discussion thereon. He also declared a pecuniary interest in Item 5 (application no. 8) and withdrew from the meeting for this item of business.

3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Station Master K. Alcroft, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue reported on incidents within the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area during the period 10 February 2005 to 3 April 2006.

The Committee was provided with statistical information in relation to fires involving property, special service-emergency, secondary fires, malicious calls, open hydrant and fire alarm apparatus false alarms. Home fire safety visits continue to be made available to the public, and to date, 270 homes in the Irvine area and over 200 homes in the Kilwinning area have been visited.

Dreghorn Fire Station provided a five day intensive course for ten S2/3 Irvine Royal Academy pupils. The course covered basic firefighting, rescue skills, trauma, first aid, teamwork and respect and was well received by the pupils and all those who attended the end of course demonstration. Andy Holt has been appointed to the post of school based community firefighter and is based in Irvine Royal Academy.

The Committee agreed to request Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to provide written reports with previous annual statistics to future meetings to allow a year-on-year comparison.

4. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on policing issues and trends within the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area.

Statistical information showed that there has been an upward trend in crimes of vandalism and drugs supply within the Committee's area during February 2006. A decrease has been achieved in crimes of violence, indecent crime, dishonesty and disorder. An initiative focussing on parking in Irvine town centre will take place shortly and a report will be submitted to the next meeting.

A number of local issues were raised by the Committee, including vandalism, shoplifting and drinking in public places.

The new Strathclyde Police centralised telephone call centre became operational on 8 March 2006 and positive feedback has been received from users of this service. The Committee acknowledged the successful transition of the telephone service to the new centralised call centre and the improved service to the public.

The Committee agreed to request that future reports incorporate previous annual statistics to allow a year-on-year comparison.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2005/06

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on (a) awards made under the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund to date in 2005/06, and on the balances remaining for disbursement; and (b) applications for financial assistance received since the last meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Moffat, seconded by Councillor Dewar moved that Lanfine Nursery be awarded £600.

As an amendment, Councillor Gorman, seconded by Councillor Donn moved an award of £1,000 be made.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 2 and for the motion 5 and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly the Committee agreed (a) to award Lanfine Nursery £600; and (b) to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
1. Girdle Toll Boys Club	£1,000
2. Dreghorn Co-op Women's Guild	£250
3. Kilwinning Promoting Kilwinning	£1,500
4. PHAB Club	£122.85
5. Dreghorn Gala Committee	£1,300
6. Whitehirst Park Primary School PTA	£311.92
7. Marymass Development Committee	£2,400
8. Irvine Horticultural Society	£688
9. Irvine and District Angling Club	£750
10. Irvine Sea Angling Club	£750
11. Drybridge Community Association	£3,000

Local Youth Action Fund

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
1. Kilwinning Community Sports Club	£1,750

6. Common Goods and Public Trusts: Eligibility

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective) on the criteria to be satisfied in order to make a financial contribution from a Public Trust or Common Good Fund.

The Council is the Trustee of a number of Public Trusts and Common Good Funds and has a duty to ensure that the purposes are closely followed and the finances of each fund are properly managed. A Trust will set out the purpose for which it is established and the Council must comply with its terms and have regard to those Trust purposes. The purpose of a Common Good Fund is to provide for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Burgh it covers and should not be seen as a general fund for payments where no other source of funding is available.

Public Trusts and Common Good Funds derive income from rents and investments and accumulated reserves are generally retained to maintain the Fund's ability to meet inflation in future years. The Council must always have regard to the purposes of Public Trusts and of the benefits to the community in the use of Common Good Funds.

Noted.

7. Marymass Festival

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the statement of income and expenditure for Marymass Festival 2005 and the proposed budget for the Festival in 2006.

The Committee agreed to approve an award of £50,100 to Marymass Festival 2006.

8. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that (a) reports on the following matters be submitted to the next meeting:-

- progress of the transport corridor in the Kilwinning area;
- Kilwinning traffic management; and
- Irvine traffic management

(b) any further items for inclusion on future agendas be submitted to A. Little, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting ended at 3.15 p.m.