

Irvine Area Committee
27 August 2015

IRVINE, 27 August 2015 - At a meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Joan Sturgeon, Matthew Brown, Marie Burns, Ian Clarkson, John Easdale, Ruth Maguire and Irene Oldfather.

In Attendance

A. Laurenson, Team Manager (Regeneration), G. Hunter, Town Centre Manager (Economy and Communities); J. Smith, Senior Manager (Roads and Transportation) and J. Purvis, Senior Inspection Officer (Place); J. McHarg, Senior Manager (Participation and Empowerment) and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Economy and Communities); and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

A. Shaw, Primary Care Manager - Pharmacy and Optometry (Primary Care Management Team) (East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership) and A. Thomas, Lead Pharmacist - Community and Public Health (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); Inspector J. McMillan (Police Scotland); and Station Manager Stephen Logan (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Provost Sturgeon in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Easdale, due to his membership of the Group, declared an indirect pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10 (Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance) in relation to the grant application by Irvine and District Pipe Band.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 June 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

3. Presentation on Consultation on Proposed New Pharmacy for Springside

The Committee received a presentation from Anne Shaw, Primary Care Manager - Pharmacy and Optometry and Allan Thomas, Lead Pharmacist (Primary Care Management Team) (East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership). The presentation highlighted the following matters:-

- the 'Control of Entry' process, which controls entry onto the pharmacy list;
- the NHS Pharmaceutical Services (Scotland) Regulations 2009, as amended, which determine how applications to provide NHS pharmacy services are considered and which include the requirement for public consultation;
- the factors taken into account in applying the controlled locality and prejudice tests;
- the various elements of the application process, including the stages of public consultation associated with applications;
- the purpose and conduct of the Pharmacy Practice Committee Hearing, which considers applications;
- the appeal process for refused applications; and
- current applications.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- considerations which can lead to an application being refused, eg if existing service is deemed adequate in terms of range and operational hours; and
- the process in place to determine whether an applicant is a fit and proper person.

Noted.

4. Community Planning Partnership Partners

4.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 11 June 2015

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 11 June 2015.

Noted.

4.2 Police Scotland

Inspector McMillan provided information on crimes reported and detected in the Committee's area for the period 1 May and 30 June 2015 and gave updates in relation to:-

- traffic offences and youths causing annoyance in the Ward 1 area;
- youths causing annoyance/vandalism/fire setting in the Ward 2 area; and
- directed patrol plans and events throughout the month of August , including the Marymass Festival.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- the classification of 'youths causing annoyance' in relation to them playing football at the caged football facility beside Glebe Primary School and that young people need to be allowed to play outside;
- the potential for community police or campus officers to get involved in resolving such incidents and the Committee's support for a positive and constructive approach by Police Scotland in this regard;
- the closure of the Town Centre area and the cancellation of buses during the Royal Black Perceptory Parade being attributed to public health and safety, the resultant consequences for Irvine residents, and the cost to Police Scotland; and
- the reason for the high number of parades/marches in the Irvine area each year.

Inspector McMillan undertook to (a) look at the traffic management for the Town Centre area at the time of large parades in relation to (i) the closure of the Town Centre area; and (ii) the cancelling of buses; and (b) investigate the costs borne by Police Scotland in relation to the closure of the area and pass the information to the Clerk for onward transmission to Members of the Committee once available.

Noted.

4.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity within the Committee's area in the period from 20 May 2015 to 13 August 2015 .

Station Manager Logan indicated that he had provided a split of the statistics for Ward 1 and Ward 2 as requested by the Committee and could provide comparable data from the previous year if Members were of the view that this would be beneficial. He also provided an explanation around the figures produced within the tactical assessment graphs and indicated that smoke detectors can be adjusted to different levels of sensitivity.

Members asked questions and received further information in relation to there being no significant reduction in the number of equipment fault false alarms within sheltered housing accommodation.

Station Manager Logan undertook to (a) do a survey of false alarm calls within sheltered housing units and the resultant action taken in each case; and (b) report back to the next meeting of the Committee with the findings.

Noted.

5. Road Maintenance Programme 2015/16

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Structural Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2015/16. The report set out the approach taken to determining the asset maintenance programme for roads and street lighting and highlighted at Appendices 3a and 3b the 2015/16 maintenance programme.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the definitions of micro surfacing works and reactive repairs; and
- screeding costs and whether less expensive solutions last for the same duration of time.

Noted.

6. Quarry Road Business and Sports Village

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on (a) the development of proposals for land at Quarry Road for employment, sports and leisure development as part of the strategic plan for Irvine; (b) the two day design workshops that took place in April 2015 that informed the outline masterplan (Appendix 1); and (c) the projected capital cost of the phase one proposals.

The Team Manager (Regeneration) advised of an error in Section 2.6 of the report in that the 3G pitch is mistakenly detailed in a further phase of the development and should feature within the first phase.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- their support for the principle of the development opportunity;
- confirmation that space would be provided for groups such as the boxing club and brass band; and
- whether there is any possibility of space being provided for an indoor bowls facility within the development area.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Team Manager (Regeneration) raise with KA Leisure the possibility of space being provided within the development area for an indoor bowls facility; and (b) otherwise to note the report.

7. Fullarton High Flats: Water Ingress Update

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on (a) works that have been undertaken over past years to resolve water ingress issues at the high flats, Fullarton Street, Irvine; (b) remedial works undertaken from 2012 to 2015 to Lugton Court flats to prevent water ingress, including the application of silkaflex water proofing membrane to the elevations of the building; (c) a thermographic survey and further exploratory work which confirmed a high level of moisture trapped within the roof build up of Lugton Court; (d) the recommended remedial works to the roof of Lugton Court; and (e) communication with tenants that has included letter drops, monthly tenants' meetings and weekly on-site attendance by the Senior Housing Inspector.

The Senior Inspection Officer (Place) advised that the formal report in relation to the exploratory work to both the roof and render systems, measuring the extent of water trapped within the structure, has now been received.

Members asked whether there were any owner/occupiers residing within the 5 sets of flats and were advised that there were none.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Senior Inspection Officer (Place) forward a copy of the formal report in relation to the extent of the water trapped within the structure to the Clerk for onward transmission to the Committee; (b) that a follow up report be provided to the Committee once the works have been completed; and (c) otherwise to note the report.

8. Irvine Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on (a) funding of £700,000 for the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) in Irvine; and (b) work undertaken through the CARS, including redevelopment works to Trinity Church, the Small Grants Scheme that has carried out work on key buildings in the town centre and further projects that have been identified for 2015/16.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on the following:-

- any likelihood of extending the scheme to the Harbourside area given that the conservation area has already been identified and is well oversubscribed;
- Irvine Vision's development of public realm works and a framework for the Harbourside area;
- works which are needed to the Burns Club listed building, including window repair and improvements to the stonework;

- the dilapidated condition of properties across the road from Caledonia House in the High Street; and
- the property at 1 Bank Street, Irvine and the lower level works which are now being carried out.

With regard to the Burns Club listed building, the Team Manager (Regeneration) advised that every property was surveyed 3 years ago and undertook to look and see where this property was placed.

Noted.

9. Street Naming and Numbering New Residential Development North East of Overtoun Road, Springside

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the naming of a new street for the residential development of 13 homes adjacent Overtoun Road, Springside.

The Committee agreed to name the new street Old Smithy.

10. Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance 2015/2016

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants

Organisation	Award
Giving Something Back	£1,500
Marymass Folk Festival	£1,300
Irvine Beat FM	£1,732.80
Cunninghamhead Residents Association	£2,000
Kat O Lok Fu Chinese Elderly Group	£ 320
Ayrshire Chinese Information and Advice Centre	£ 549
Irvine Carters Society	£ 788

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation	Award
Irvine Junior Badminton Club	£1,500
Irvine Royal Academy Ghana Group	£2,000
Irvine and District Pipe Band	£2,000

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Irvine Area Committee will be held on 22 October 2015.

The meeting ended at 4.45 p.m.