

Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee  
18 February 2010

**STEVENSTON, 18 February 2010** - At a Meeting of the Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

Anthony Gurney, David Munn, Margie Currie, William Gibson, John Hunter, Peter McNamara, Ronnie McNicol and Alan Munro.

**In Attendance**

J. McHarg, Learning Manager, Capacity Building and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Learning and Development) (Educational Services); J. Cumming, Project Officer, Economic Development, M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Sergeant M. Porter (Strathclyde Police); L. Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue) and P. Allison (Airtricity Developments Limited).

**Chair**

Councillor Gurney in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16.

**2. Strathclyde Police**

Sergeant Porter provided information on the following:-

- Police statistics for the period 1 December to present date, including 1 attempted murder, 11 serious assaults, 5 robberies, 1 assault with intent to rob and 33 reported cases involving drugs;
- the publication of the community policing action plans in the near future;
- Operation Impact, which will target drug misuse, violent offending and give a focus on domestic abuse incidents by enforcing outstanding warrants;
- the test purchasing initiative targeting licences premises which resulted in 2 failed first tests within the Area Committee boundaries;
- the action, in conjunction with other agencies, to tackle disorder and related issues in the Hayocks area of Stevenston;

- roadside initiatives undertaken, in conjunction with Trading Standards and HM Customs and Excise;
- the 'Old Firm' initiative, targeting port-match violence and disorder; and
- the publication of the results of the recent public consultation exercise.

Members asked questions, and received further information, on the reporting methods following the results of test purchasing cases and regarding onward referral to the Licensing Board.

Noted.

### **3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity from 1 December 2009 to 10 February 2010, which included information on community initiatives, property fires, secondary fires, flooding incidents and other special services.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator highlighted the following:-

- the use of the mobile community safety vehicle, which will be stationed in the Co-op car park on Arran on 24 February 2010, and, thereafter, in the Ardrossan and Kilwinning areas;
- the continuation of home safety fire visits;
- a pilot project undertaken, in conjunction with NHS Health Scotland's initiative to tackle passive smoking, to offer home fire safety visits to smokers; and
- the invitation to Members to attend one of the March dates for the forthcoming "Reckless Driving Wrecks Lives" road safety events to be held in Ayr.

Members asked questions, and received further information, on an issue highlighted by a recent BBC news report on faulty fire engines.

Noted.

### **4. Community Benefit Fund: Applications for Grant Aid**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for grant received in respect of the Community Benefit Fund.

Members discussed various matters in relation to the criteria and disbursement of the Fund, in particular giving consideration to the application from Caledonia Piping Club.

Councillor Munn, seconded by Councillor Munro, moved that the Area Committee agree to refuse the application from Caledonia Piping Club.

As an amendment, Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor McNicol, proposed that the Area Committee grant £2,000 to the Club.

There voted for the amendment 6 and for the motion 2 and the amendment was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed (a) to make an award £2,000 to Caledonia Piping Club; and (b) that the Project Officer, Economic Development, (i) circulate a short questionnaire to members, and to Airtricity, seeking to clarify views regarding the criteria for disbursement of the fund and (ii) report back with the findings to the next meeting of the Area Committee on 1 April 2010.

#### **5. Local Youth Action Fund 2009/10: Application for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for financial assistance under the Council's Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

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

##### **Organisation**

HCPT (Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust)  
Scottish Youth Dance

##### **Award**

£1,045  
£1,038

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on Thursday 1 April 2010 at 2.00 p.m. in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre, Stevenston.

#### **7. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee agreed that any items for consideration at the next meeting of the Area Committee should be submitted to M. Anderson or D. McCaw.

The Meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.