

Irvine Area Committee
28 January 2016

Irvine, 28 January 2016 - 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 and Ruth Maguire.

In Attendance

J. McHarg, Senior Manager (Participation and Empowerment) and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Economy and Communities); A. Little, Committee Services Officer, and E. Gray and A. Pearson, Committee Services Support Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Station Manager L. Elliot (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Provost Sturgeon in the Chair.

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 3 December 2015 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Community Planning

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 2015.

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 3 December 2015.

Noted.

3.2 Police Scotland

Submitted report by Inspector McMillan on activity within the Irvine area during December 2015.

Members asked that information on the following subjects be presented at the next meeting: -

- whether the Mosquito device (which emits a high frequency sound only audible to youths) in place at the Rivergate Centre has been removed and any impact it has had on anti-social behaviour;
- the impact of the obstruction of the mini roundabout where Seagate meets High Street and Eglinton Street; and
- reasons behind the lower detection rate for crimes in the Irvine East ward in December 2015 in comparison to December 2014.

Noted.

3.3 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 30 November 2015.

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

- the work being carried out by both the Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland to reduce the number of wheelie bins being stolen and set on fire;
- the increase in the number of false alarms which were caused by faulty equipment; and
- the increase in the number of "Special Service Other" responses in comparison with previous years.

The Committee agreed to note that Station Manager Elliot would provide information on the number of false alarms which originate in sheltered housing to the next meeting and (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

4. Community Development Grant Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance 2015/16

Submitted report by 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 (a) make the following awards:-

Local Youth Action Fund Grants

Teen Charlie Group	£1,940
Cappall Dorcha Theatre Company	£500
Your Options Understood	£1,675
Noonday	£1,700

and (b) defer consideration of the application from the Ayrshire Healthy Living Enterprise to the next meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Irvine Area Committee will be held on 10 March 2016, in Cunninghame House, Irvine.

5.1 Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed to receive reports on:-

- works being undertaken to resolve the water ingress issues at the Fullarton high flats; and
- parking issues at the Low Green social work offices.

6. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the matter to be actioned without delay.

6.1 Local Youth Action Fund Grant Application

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) in respect of an application for financial assistance from the DC Greenwood group.

The Committee agreed to award the group the remaining budget of £1,148.56.

The meeting ended at 2.35 p.m.