

Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee
19 February 2009

STEVENSTON, 19 February 2009 - At a Meeting of the Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee at 2.00 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

A. Milson, Learning Manager - Quality Development and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Educational Services); M. Ferrier, Team Leader (Development Plans) and K. McKelvie, Planning Officer (Legal and Protective); J. Cumming, Project Officer (Economic Development), M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Inspector I. Ness and Sergeant S. Leary (Strathclyde Police); F. Pigot (Scottish and Southern Energy); and P. Allison (Airtricity Developments Limited).

Chair

Councillor Gurney in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Peter McNamara.

1. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Gibson declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Grant Aid) with regard to the application from Ardrossan Academicals and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2. Strathclyde Police

Inspector Ness provided information to Members on the following:-

- Operation Nelson, a successful 2 day initiative involving 53 probationers assisting in tackling crime and disorder throughout the area;
- Additional Community Police Team Officers being provided in Wards 4 and 5;
- Police visits/liaison with residential schools and homes;
- Policing on Arran, including interviews for summer secondees and the "Arran Avoids Accidents" Initiative;
- Details of the new Campus Officers at Ardrossan and St. Matthew's;

- An ongoing action plan for the Jacks Road area of Saltcoats and the Hayocks area of Stevenston;
- The increasing number of drivers using the pedestrian precinct area of Green Street into Dockhead Street without authority;
- The efforts of the Motorcycle Unit in reducing the number of "boy/girl racers" along the shorefront area of Saltcoats;
- The security issue and fire risk regarding the vacant property at 22 Montgomerie Crescent, Saltcoats; and
- Complaints regarding debris on the A78 which is managed, but not swept, by Amey. This matter is now being progressed by Transport Scotland.

The Committee agreed to remit to the Chief Executive to write to the local MSP highlighting concerns regarding the debris on the A78 and the ongoing problems regarding responsibility for removing items of litter and debris.

3. Local Development Plan Process

The Committee received a presentation by Margaret Ferrier, Team Leader (Development Plans) on the Local Development Plan Process.

A Local Development Plan Committee, involving all Members of the Council, has been established to take forward the new plan covering a 20 year period. The first meeting will be held on 16 March 2009. The Plan will form the framework for decisions on planning applications and be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

The presentation outlined the timetable for the LDP process, the main issues the Plan should concentrate on and on how these issues should be decided. Members were advised that there will be no separate plan for the Island of Arran but that a supplementary agenda within the main plan will allow particular Island issues to be addressed.

The Committee was advised of a training day for Members on 12 March 2009. Members were also advised that they would have the opportunity to report back to a future meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee with their collective views on the Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston area.

Noted.

4. North Ayrshire Community Benefit Fund

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

The Committee agreed (a) to award £1,500 to the Old People's Welfare Committee; and (b) that Members would meet informally with Scottish and Southern Energy to discuss the operation of the Fund.

5. Community Grants and Local Youth Action Fund 2008/09: Applications for Financial Assistance

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

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation	Award
Women's Interest Collective	£1,500
3TFM Community Radio for Health	£1,782.33

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation	Award
Arran Motorcross Club	£1,004.30
Laighdykes Community Sports & Leisure Club	£1,000
Ardrossan Academicals	£1,000

6. Stevenston Common Good Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications received in respect of the Stevenston Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards on the basis that they would provide positive activities for young people and, in so doing, benefit the wider community as a whole:-

Organisation	Award
5th Stevenston Brownies	£ 150
1st Hayocks Rainbows	£ 150
1st Stevenston Boys Brigade	£ 500

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to reschedule the next meeting of the Area Committee which will now be held on Thursday 23 April 2009 at 2.00 p.m. in the Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre, Stevenston.

8. 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 3.25p.m.