

Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee
9 March 2012

IRVINE, 9 March 2012 - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley & West Kilbride Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Robert Barr, Anthea Dickson, Elizabeth McLardy and John Reid.

In Attendance

C. McCourt, Finance Manager and C. Forsyth, Assistant Transportation Manager (Finance and Infrastructure); J. McHarg, Assistant Manager (Community Development Team) and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Education and Skills); and S. Bale, Policy and Performance Officer and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Sergeant G. Muir, Strathclyde Police.

Chair

Councillor Barr in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Bell, Jean Highgate, and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee held on 26 January 2012 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on activity within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride in January/February 2012.

The report provided details on crime and offence information relating to beats 7,8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 23 which encompass the geographical area of Kilbirnie, Dalry, Beith and West Kilbride. A breakdown of the crimes/offence statistics for the month of January 2012 and the previous year comparison for the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride area was detailed in the report.

The main focus of proactivity and support for public reassurance continued to be the priorities listed in the local Community Policing Plan for 2011/12. The report provided information on:-

- parking issues at primary schools in Beith and Dalry;
- dog fouling in West Kilbride; and
- traffic related issues in Dalry town centre.

Sergeant Muir provided information on the work of the multi agency group in Beith.

Noted.

4. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride area in the period 1 January to 27 February 2012.

The report, which covered the period from 1 January to 27 February 2012, presented the Committee with information on:-

- accidental and deliberate non-domestic fires;
- accidental and deliberate vehicle fires;
- rubbish and health and grass fires;
- deliberate derelict building fires;
- malicious and good intent false alarm calls;
- road traffic collisions;
- water incidents; and
- special services.

Noted.

5. Public Transport Grant Funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on the SPT projects that have been implemented recently within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area and those proposed for future implementation.

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Infrastructure and Design Services and SPT have been working in partnership to progress a range of schemes to meet the requirements of a grant award of £745,000 from SPT in 2011/12 and work on these schemes is currently either complete or ongoing. Bids for funding in 2012/13 have been made and will be considered by the Strathclyde Partnership shortly. In identifying the schemes, officers have taken into account the priorities of the Regional Transport Strategy, Local Transport Strategy and Single Outcome Agreement.

Section 3.2 of the report outlined the projects recently delivered or which are in the process of being delivered within the Area Committee's boundary during 2010/11 and 2011/12. A list of potential new schemes for future implementation was set out at Section 3.3 of the report.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the content of the report; (b) that the potential new schemes detailed in the report be considered as projects for SPT funding; (c) that Members provide details on any potential new schemes directly to the Head of Infrastructure and Design.

6. Olympic Torch Relay: 8 June 2012

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals to celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay on 8 June 2012.

Prior to the Olympic Games taking place in London in July/August 2012, an Olympic Torch Relay is taking place, which will pass through every local authority in Scotland. In the case of North Ayrshire, the Torch Relay will pass through Barrmill and Beith on Friday 8 June 2012. The street level route and the names of the torchbearers selected to run in North Ayrshire will not be publically announced until Monday 19 March 2012.

Local authorities have been requested to celebrate the Torch Relay passing through their area. Local communities are also being encouraged to organise activities of their own and are being directed to the "Local Leaders" section on the London Olympics website, which will provide them with further information and ideas.

The report provided information on:-

- a short life Officer Working Group established to plan events/activities to celebrate the Torch Relay and the Olympics generally;
- the preparation of a traffic management plan in conjunction with Strathclyde Police.;
- planned activities for schools by Education and Skills (Appendices 1 and 2);

- proposals for a roadshow on the day of the Torch Relay, which could involve local talented sports individuals and musicians; and
- the oversubscription of nominations for torchbearers.

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

- a tabletop exercise being undertaken by Strathclyde Police to plan for the event;
- support from the Council with temporary planting in olympic colours and the loan of bunting and hanging baskets to communities on the olympic route;
- arrangements to put up and take down bunting;
- consultation with Roads in relation to hanging bunting from street lights; and
- confirmation that the Council and the Olympic Organising Committee has public liability insurance.

Noted.

7. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund - Applications for Grant Aid

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee (a) agreed to make the following awards:

Community Development Grants Scheme	Award
Beith Primary School Parent Council	£1,500
Barrmill Jolly Beggars Burns Club	£400
Garnock Valley Allotment Association	£500
Dalry Horticultural Society	£103.20
Local Youth Action Fund	Award
Barrmill and District Community Association	£2,000
55th Ayrshire (Dalry) Scout Group	£2,000
MAP Duke of Edinburgh Award New Start Group	£1,311

and (b) noted that the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund have been fully expended for financial year 2011/12.

8. Margaret Archibald Bequest

8.1 Financial Position

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on the projected revenue account for the year to 31 March 2012, and the proposed budget for 2012/13 including the level of grant available for disbursement.

The 2011/12 revenue account is projected to be in deficit by £385. This is as a result of more grants being paid out than budget available. The projected year end balance on the revenue account is now expected to be £17,359. The capital balance remains unchanged at £153,031 giving an estimated overall fund balance of £170,390 at 31 March 2012.

It is not anticipated that share dividends will change dramatically in 2012/13 and it is currently envisaged that a similar level of income will be received. It is therefore recommended that the budget is approved to include a level of disbursement of £7,215. As the terms of the bequest allow for the disbursement of both the capital and revenue balances; the sum of £170,390 is therefore also available for disbursement. In order to maintain the balance on the account, expenditure in the financial year 2012/13 should not exceed the recommended amount of £7,215.

The appendix to the report presented the budget and the projected revenue transactions within the Margaret Archibald Bequest for 2011/12.

The Committee agreed to note (a) the budget for 2012/13; and (b) the estimated financial position for the Margaret Archibald Bequest to 31 March 2012 and that regular applications would be likely to exceed the agreed level of grant available.

8.2 Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance received in respect of the Bequest.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards, in financial year 2012/13:-

Trinity Church Guild	£728
St. Margaret's Church Guild	£708.50

9. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 12 January 2012

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 12 January 2012.

Noted.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 11 April 2012, in West Kilbride Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.