

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee
18 January 2007

Irvine, 18 January 2007 - At a Meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 11.00 a.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

P. Shiach and A. Little, Corporate Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Jacqueline Browne and Drew Duncan

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 November 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activities in the Committee's area in the period 3 November to 9 January 2007.

The report provided information in relation to:-

Fire Incidents

During the period, the Service responded to 297 emergency calls in the Committee's area, involving property fires, secondary fires, malicious calls, fire alarm apparatus false alarms, and emergency calls of a non-fire related nature.

Malicious Calls

Nineteen malicious calls have been received during the reporting period. Work continues with local schools in an effort to highlight the implications of malicious calls.

Fire Alarm Apparatus False Alarms

During the reporting period 101 calls were received from premises including hotels, sheltered housing, schools and industrial premises. Calls are monitored and meetings arranged with those premises experiencing high levels of apparatus false alarms.

Home Fire Safety Visits

Home Fire Safety Visits were made to 109 homes in the Committee's area during the period November to January 2007.

Road Safety Demonstration

On 15 December 2006 a road safety demonstration highlighting the dangers of drink driving was held in Irvine.

Fire Reach

In December a group of pupils from Irvine Royal Academy took part in a Fire Reach course which teaches basic firefighting/rescue skills, trauma/first aid and teamwork.

Noted.

4. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on crime trends and Police activities in the Committee's area in the period April to November 2006. Statistics were provided in relation to crimes involving violence, indecency, dishonesty, vandalism, drugs supply and disorder.

The report provided information in relation to:-

Operation Advent

Operation Advent took place during the festive period and concluded on 7 January 2006. Statistical information in relation to this campaign will be available at the next meeting.

The Safer Scotland - Irvine Town Centre Initiative also took place during the festive period and will run till March 2007.

Vandalism and Disorder

Community Officers continue to work with schools and youth groups to address issues of vandalism and disorder. Recent initiatives have taken place in Irvine North, Irvine East, Woodwynd and Pennyburn.

Mobile Police Office

A fully functional mobile police office was purchased in January 2006 to enhance the quality of service delivery to rural communities in North Ayrshire. The mobile office is permanently staffed by an experienced community officer and is timetabled to visit rural communities on a regular basis. During the period June to November 2006, 217 people visited the mobile police office to report crimes and offences, to seek crime prevention advice, to report lost property, to hand in items of found property and to produce driving documentation.

The mobile office has also been used at various community events such as town fetes, gala days, public processions and music festivals.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Action Fund 2006/07: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for financial assistance under the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Action Fund 2006/07.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation	Award
1. The Multiple Sclerosis Society	£ 100
2. Towerlands Farm Nursery	£ 783.80
3. St. Andrew's Ambulance Corporation	£ 750
4. Kato Lok Fu Chinese Elderly Group	£1,500

Local Action Fund

Organisation	Award
1. The Boys Brigade	£ 350
2. Ayrshire Youth Deaf Club	£ 634

6. Irvine Common Good Fund

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from Irvine Common Good Fund.

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

Organisation	Award
1. North Ayrshire Leisure Limited	£3,500 with a condition that the maintenance of the cairn and trees be incorporated into the Golf Club's maintenance programme
2. Irvine Sports Club	£5,000

and; (b) that the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) submit a report to the next meeting on the financial position of the Fund to enable strategic planning of future expenditure.

7. Traffic Regulation Orders

7.1 Kilwinning: McLuckie Drive/Ashgrove Road: Waiting Restrictions

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the traffic management proposals for waiting restriction on McLuckie Drive/Ashgrove Road, Kilwinning.

The high demand for car parking in and around Kilwinning Station results in extensive on-street parking on both sides of McLuckie Drive and neighbouring streets. Whilst there are no parking restrictions on McLuckie Drive, "No Waiting" and "No Loading" restrictions are in place on lengths of Ashgrove Road.

In the interests of road safety a new Traffic Regulation Order was promoted to introduce additional no waiting restrictions from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday on the area covering McLuckie Drive, McLuckie Park, part of Brodick Avenue, James Clements Close, Woodside Road and the remaining part of Ashgrove Road. Two short lengths of on-street parking on McLuckie Drive where there are no driveways and where junctions sightlines are not affected will be provided. No formal objections were received to the proposal which was advertised in the normal manner.

The Committee agreed to approve the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order.

7.2 Irvine: Long Drive B7080: 50mph Speed Limit

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the traffic management proposal for a 50mph speed limit at Long Drive, Irvine.

The area of dual carriageway between Stanecastle Roundabout and Newmoor Interchange is divided by Towerlands Interchange and provides links to the A78 trunk road, high density residential areas and numerous industrial units. This section of Long Drive is unrestricted and has no previous orders. In the interests of road safety it is proposed to lower the existing speed limit of the section of Long Drive from the perimeter of Stanecastle Roundabout to Newmoor Interchange from 70mph to 50mph.

The Committee agreed to approve the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order, subject to no objections being received.

7.3 Irvine: Annick Road/Kerr Drive: Prohibition of Turns

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the traffic management proposal for the introduction of a Puffin crossing and prohibition of turns at Annick Road/Kerr Drive, Irvine.

Kerr Drive links a large residential area to Annick Road which is a high volume urban route. It has an outstanding order made by the Royal Burgh of Irvine (Prohibition of vehicles entering Kerr Drive from Annick Road) Order, 1973.

In order to provide a safe crossing location for pedestrians on Annick Road it is proposed to replace the existing Traffic Regulation Order with a new order prohibiting specified turns and to introduce a Puffin crossing facility on Annick Road adjacent to Kerr Drive.

The Committee agreed to approve the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order, subject to no objections being received.

8. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that any items for inclusion on future agendas be submitted to A. Little, Corporate Support Officer.

The meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.