

Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee  
19 February 1997

**Dreghorn, 19 February 1997** - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

**Present**

Ian Clarkson, Patrick Browne, Jane Gorman, Irene Oldfather and Gena Seales.

**In Attendance**

The Legal Services Manager; A. Moynihan, Principal Trading Standards Officer (Legal Services); W. Simpson, Area Community Development Officer (Community and Recreational Services); J. Baird, Cleansing Controller (Commercial Services); E. McNaught, Head of Customer Services (Housing Services); D. MacRitchie, Area Manager, Irvine (Social Work); H. Hunter, Senior Accountant (Financial Services); A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer, S Paxton, Administration Officer and D. McCaw, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

Inspector G. McLanaghan, Strathclyde Police.

**Chair**

Mr. Clarkson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

James Clements.

**1. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 January 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Monitoring Reports**

**(a) Legal Services Department: Trading Standards**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on the performance of the Department's Trading Standards Section.

There is a requirement for North Ayrshire Council to publish information in relation to the level of performance of certain activities of the Trading Standards Section.

Details were given of the service objectives, principal activities and level of performance of the Trading Standards section who are developing systems to provide performance reports for each Area Committee.

Noted.

**(b) Analysis of Grants Paid to 13 February 1997**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the various categories of grants paid to 13 February 1997 in relation to applications in respect of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside

area, including details of the balance of funding remaining.

Noted.

### **3. Dog Fouling**

(Previous Minute Reference: Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee: 8 January 1997)

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on progress made in establishing the five pilot areas selected to combat dog fouling, the area in Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside being at Dundonald Road, Dreghorn.

The Director of Commercial Services will recommend sites for up to five bins per pilot project and determine locations within the projects for poop scoops, posters and signs and assess the demand for specific action in any one area.

In addition to the five pilot projects the Council will continue to address the problem of dog fouling throughout North Ayrshire by producing a leaflet for general distribution throughout the area providing advice on responsible dog ownership. Strathclyde Police will also provide assistance.

Further reports will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

Noted.

### **4. North Ayrshire Council Litter Awareness and Prevention Campaign**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the progress of the Council's litter awareness and prevention campaign.

The Litter Awareness and Prevention Campaign was launched in late January 1997 and will be supported by promotional publicity.

The Litter Hotline to the Commercial Services Directorate is now operating and the public response to the hotline in its initial weeks of operation will be reported to the Committee in due course.

The progress of the campaign will be reviewed and progress reports will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Noted.

### **5. Community Consultation Meeting**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Consultation Meeting held with Churches and Church Groups held on 21 January 1997.

A presentation was given on the structure and responsibilities of North Ayrshire Council including details of the decentralisation process. Following the presentation the representatives from the churches and church groups raised issues of concern, all of which will be investigated and reported, as appropriate, to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

The Committee (a) approved the actions taken by the Chief Executive in pursuance of the issues raised by Community Groups; and (b) otherwise noted the report.

## **6. Springside: Play Area at Overtoun Road**

(Previous Minute Reference: Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee: 8 January 1997)

Submitted report by the Head of Roads on road safety at the play area at Overtoun Road, Springside.

The shrubbery along the rear of the footway has been trimmed back and will be maintained at a level which does not obstruct the view of child pedestrians near the road. Barriers have also been erected at the ends of the two access paths. Traffic warning signs for "Children/Playground" will be erected on both approaches.

Noted.

## **7. Kilwinning: Cornmill House**

(Previous Minute Reference: Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee: 8 January 1997)

Submitted report by the Director of Housing Services regarding the present situation at Cornmill House, Kilwinning.

No comprehensive work is planned under the Council's Capital Programme for this financial year. The Housing Services Committee will consider proposals for the property in the light of recommendations made by the Accommodation Strategy for Homeless Persons Member/Officer Working Group.

Noted.

## **8. Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request for financial assistance from Crown Flyfishers for a start up grant.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of this application until the Community Grants Budget 1997/98 is determined.

## **9. Woodgreen Mortification Trust**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on an application for financial assistance from the Woodgreen Mortification Trust.

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the application.

## **10. Community Safety: Strathclyde Police: Crime Statistics**

Inspector McLanaghan reported on crime levels within the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area.

Crime levels for offences such as house breaking and drugs have fallen in all areas. Instances of vandalism have risen in the Dreghorn/Springside area and car crime has risen in Kilwinning.

Noted.

## **11. Urgent Items**

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency.

### **(a) Community Development Grants Scheme - Pre-5 Voluntary Sector Groups**

Submitted report by the Director of Community and Recreational Services on applications from Pre-5 Voluntary Sector Groups to the Community Development Grants Scheme.

The Committee on 8 January 1997, deferred consideration of a grant application by Pennyburn Primary School Playgroup for a community grant until clarification was obtained on the number of voucher and non-voucher children in place at the Playgroup and whether or not this would act as a bar to a grant application.

Guidance on applications from Pre-5 Voluntary Sector Groups is as follows:-

- “ applications are assessed on a basis of need following a visit from an officer of the Pre-5 section and the submission of an officers report;
- “ Pre-5 Voluntary Sector Groups are eligible to apply for support from the Community Development Grants Scheme if they are providing a service to children other than those who would be voucher holders i.e. those under 4 years of age; and
- “ the Committee should consider each application in relation to the needs of those children under 4 and within that process take into account the views of the officer concerned as to the resources that the group has available to it. This assessment should not focus exclusively on income received from the Nursery Voucher Initiative.

The Committee (a) continued consideration of the application from Pennyburn Primary School Playgroup to the next Area Committee meeting; and (b) noted the guidance contained in the report.

The Meeting ended at 11.45 p.m.