

Educational Services Committee
2 June 1999

Irvine, 2 June 1999 - At a Meeting of the Educational Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Peter McNamara, Thomas Barr, John Bell, Jacqueline Browne, Gordon Clarkson, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Jane Gorman, Alan Hill, James Jennings, Father Matthew McManus, David Munn, John Sillars, Samuel Taylor and Christine Welch.

In Attendance

B Devine, Chief Executive; J Travers, Corporate Director; D Anderson, B Gardner, F Keddlity, J Leckie, L Owens, and J Tulips, Heads of Service (Educational Services); L Morton, Manager (Finance); M Hewitt, Corporate Policy Officer and S Paxton, Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Margaret Munn.

Chair

Mr McNamara in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Reid, Ian Clarkson, David O'Neill and Richard Wilkinson.

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed all of those present to the first meeting of the Educational Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council.

2. Membership of the Educational Services Committee

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on additional categories of membership of the Educational Services Committee.

The Committee (a) noted that the Church of Scotland and Catholic Church appointments were Mrs Christine Welch and Father Matthew McManus respectively; and (b) agreed (i) to place an advertisement in local papers inviting churches and denominational bodies in North Ayrshire to nominate a person to serve as the third church representative on the Educational Services Committee; (ii) to invite the Joint Consultative Committee for teaching staff to nominate one member currently serving in a North Ayrshire school to act as the representative of the teaching profession on the Educational Services Committee; and (iii) to consult School Boards in North Ayrshire in order to identify one parent to serve on the Educational Services Committee.

3. HMI Inspection Reports

Submitted reports by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the outcome of inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) at (a) James McFarlane School, Ardrossan; (b) Ardeer Primary School and Nursery Class, Stevenston; and (c) St Mark's Primary School, Irvine.

The Committee agreed the proposals detailed in the reports to address the recommendations of the HMI Inspection Reports.

4. Award of School Transport Contracts

Submitted reports by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on tenders received in respect of transport contracts for (a) mainstream schools; and (b) children with medical and/or special needs.

The Committee discussed the operational aspects of mainstream school transport and the need to examine the issue further.

The Committee (a) with regard to mainstream school transport contracts (i) agreed (A) the award of contracts as detailed in the report; and (B) that a Working Group be appointed to consider school transport issues; and (ii) noted that the Chair and a Head of Service (Educational Services) will meet with Strathclyde Passenger Transport to discuss these contracts; and (b) with regard to school transport contracts for children with medical and/or special needs agreed (i) to award the contracts as detailed in the report; (ii) that two contracts be awarded to one firm who submitted multiple bids which were the lowest tenders; (iii) that in two instances contracts be awarded to firms whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors; and (iv) that nine contracts be re-advertised and awarded and the outcome reported to the Committee in due course.

5. Arran Community Learning Centre

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the proposed development of a Community Learning Centre on Arran in partnership with Argyll College and James Watt College.

The Committee agreed (a) in principle, to the lease to Argyll College of an area of ground adjacent to the Community Education office at Lamlash High School, Arran; and (b) that the matter be referred to the Corporate Services Committee for its consideration.

6. Funding of Pre-School Education

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on funding arrangements for Pre-School Education in 1999/2000.

The Committee agreed (a) the arrangements for commissioning nursery places from the private and voluntary sectors; and (b) the arrangements for assisting private and voluntary sector groups in the provision of nursery education.

7. Adult Learners Week 1999 Awards

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the success of the "Family Cooking Group" from North Ayrshire at the recent Adult Learners Award Ceremony.

The Committee agreed (a) to congratulate the "Family Cooking Group" on their award as overall winners from all entrants in the Scottish Television area; and (b) that the Chair and Vice-Chair or their nominees visit the parents and children involved.

8. Appointments to Trusts and Other Bodies

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the appointment of Members of the Council to Trusts and Other Bodies.

The Committee agreed (a) to continue consideration of appointments to the North Ayrshire Leisure Trust Steering Group to the Corporate Policy Committee; and (b) the undernoted appointments:-

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| Trust/Other Body | Membership |
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| Spiers Trust Committee | Robert Reilly; John Reid; James Jennings; Gordon Clarkson; and John Bell; |
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| Largs Viking Festival Advisory Forum | John Sillars; and |
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| Education Appeals Sub-Committee | Jane Gorman; Gordon Clarkson; John Donn; Elliot Gray; Alan Munro; Jacqueline Browne; John Bell; Thomas Barr; and John Moffat. |

9. Kilwinning Rangers: Abbey park

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on future management arrangements for Abbey Park, Kilwinning.

The Committee discussed the situation regarding Junior Football Clubs re-acquiring their grounds by lease or purchase. The former Community and Recreational Services Committee had considered this matter in January 1999 and agreed to continue discussions to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee agreed (a) to the lease of Abbey Park to Kilwinning Rangers Football Club on terms to be agreed between the Club and the Council; and (b) noted that a report on other Junior Football Clubs' grounds will be submitted to a future meeting.

10. Dreghorn and Broomlands Bowling Club: Extension of Lease

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on a request by the Dreghorn and Broomlands Bowling Club to extend the lease of the bowling green by another 25 years and to approve proposals for an extension to the clubhouse, subject to the necessary planning and building consents being received.

The Committee agreed to the extension of the lease to the Dreghorn and Broomlands Bowling Club and the proposed clubhouse development.

11. Urgent Item

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

(a) Award of Grants 1999/2000

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for grants

in the financial year 1999/2000.

The Committee discussed the need to review procedures for the approval of grants to community groups.

The Committee agreed the awards as detailed at Appendix EDS1.

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.

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Appendix No
ES1

AWARD OF GRANTS 1999/2000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

| <u>APPLICANT</u> | <u>AMOUNT REQUES TED</u> | <u>DECISION</u> | <u>COMMENT</u> |
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| | | | |
| Corsehill Community Association | £4,000 | (*£2,000) £1,000 | *Interim award of £1,000 made in March 1999 |
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| Magnum Crèche | £3,396 | £2,100 | |
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| Drybridge Hall Management Association | £3,300 | (*£2,800) £1,400 | *Interim award of £1,400 made in March 1999 |
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| Oasis Café, Monday, Bourtreehill Baptist Church | £13,002 | (*£2,000) £1,000 | *Interim award of £1,000 made in March 1999 |
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| Irvine Woodcraft Folk | £2,000 | (*£1,800) £1,200 | *Interim award of £600 made in March 1999 |
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| Ardrossan Youth Association | £4,397 | (*£4,000) £2,000 | *Interim award of £2,000 made in March 1999 |
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| Fullarton Community Health House | £12,724 | (*£5,000) £2,500 | *Interim award of £2,500 made in March 1999 |
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| Redburn and Vineburgh Community Association | £51,000 | (*£43,000) £21,500 | *Interim award of £21,500 made in March 1999 |
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| Fullarton Community | £24,000 | (*£18,600) | *Interim award of £9,300 made |

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| Association | | £9,300 | in March 1999 |
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| North New England Residents Association | £8,396 | (*£1,500) £750 | *Interim award made of £750 in March 1999 |
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| 71st Ayrshire Scouts | £2,500 | £1,000 | |
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| Largs and District Community Association | £8,830 | £1,250 | |
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| Cumbræ Youth Project | £2,300 | £2,000 | |
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| Lochranza Village Hall | £1,000 | £950 | |
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| The Guide Association (North Ayrshire) | £3,360 | £400 | |
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| Kilmory Public Hall Committee | £869.97 | £870 | |
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| Irvine Gingerbread | £3,100 | £1,800 | |
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| Pirnmill Community Centre | £885 | £885 | |
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| Kildonan Hall Committee | £500 | £500 | |
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| North Ayrshire Swimming Club | N/A | £2,100 | |
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| North Ayrshire Sports Council | N/A | £2,500 | |
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| Football Development | N/A | £2,000 | |

ARTS AND FESTIVALS GRANTS

| <u>APPLICANT</u> | <u>AMOUNT REQUES TED</u> | <u>DECISION</u> | <u>COMMENT</u> |
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| The Ayrshire Music Festival | £500 | £500 | |
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| North Ayrshire Arts Council | N/A | £2,500 | |
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| Support to Festivals | N/A | £6,000 | Kilbirnie Fun Week£600 |
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