

Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae Area Committee  
18 August 2006

**FAIRLIE, 18 August 2006** - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

**Present**

Richard Wilkinson, John Bell, Alan Hill and Elisabeth Marshall.

**In Attendance**

A Milson, Learning Manager, Quality Development and B Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer, Community Learning and Development (Educational Services); and M Anderson and C Graham, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Inspectors K McLachlan and R Pearson (Strathclyde Police); and D Davidson, Station Manager and L Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

**Chair**

Councillor Wilkinson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Margie Currie, Jean Highgate, John Reid and Ian Richardson.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 June 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Strathclyde Police**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on trends in crime figures in the Committee's area in the period from 4 to 31 July 2006.

Inspector Pearson advised of staffing changes at Inspector level and confirmed that both himself and Inspector McLachlan would attend future meetings of the Area Committee.

The month of July showed a major reduction in violent crime. Additional police patrols allowed for an increase in the number of persons stopped and searched and resulted in 4 persons being detained for possession of offensive weapons.

Within Kilbirnie, vandalism is of concern for the Police, although incidences have been low across the period covered by the report. Disorder is the main issue for Police in Largs and action plans have been implemented to tackle instances of youth related disorder, including the issue of an ASBO against 1 young person.

The Mobile Police Office remains well used across the area of the Committee, despite problems with maintenance issues. Barrmill has been added to the list of sites for regular visits, as had previously been requested by the Committee.

In terms of the Community Well-Being Fund, the Youth Football Training Group in Largs and the Youth Tennis in Fairlie have been successful in securing funding.

On behalf of the local Member for Arran, the Chair submitted questions to Strathclyde Police on policing levels on the island and on the role/payment of Special Constables.

The Committee noted that (a) future reports would include annual comparisons in crime trends; and (b) Inspector Pearson would undertake to respond directly to Councillor Currie on the issues raised by her.

### **3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activities within the Committee's area in the period 23 May to 3 August 2006.

During the period of the report, fire crews attended a total of 140 incidents, 14 of which resulted in the recording of a fire report. A grass fire on open land on Cumbrae led to 3 children being treated for smoke inhalation and breathing difficulties and, although it could not be confirmed that the children were residents on the island, the Fire Service in conjunction with Strathclyde Police have undertaken to provide a fire safety presentation to schoolchildren on the island.

Of the 11 Special Service emergencies, 1 traffic collision resulted in a loss of life on the Isle of Arran. There were 3 further road traffic collisions, 1 in Kilbirnie and 2 at the Den in Dalry. Strathclyde Police Traffic Division and the local authority Roads Service are examining the road layout at the Den area in the light of a number of recent road accidents at that location.

The commitment to carrying out Home Fire Safety Visits continues and an active approach is being taken to educate the community. The regeneration areas in Kilbirnie have been targeted, with leaflet drops advertising the service. The Home Fire Safety initiative will be expanded to include the Dalry, Beith, Barrmill, Glengarnock areas as soon as resources allow. Referrals continue to be received through Social Services and North Ayrshire Care and Repair requests.

Noted.

#### **4. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Action Fund**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on awards paid to 29 June 2006 and applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Action Fund. The remaining balances are £507 and £8,325 respectively.

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

##### **Community Development Grants Scheme**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
Garnock Valley Lunch Club	£507

##### **Local Action Fund**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
Isle of Arran Music Society	£ 319
Largs Gymnastics Display Team	Nil
1st Kilbirnie Boys' Brigade	£ 250
Fairlie Tennis Club	£1,000
Fairlie Youth Club	£1,000
Millport Youth Group	£ 400
Ayrshire Aikijutsu Club	£1,500
Kilbirnie Community Football Club	£ 600
Valley ARC Development Group	£1,000
Garnock Valley Community Safety Forum	£2,000

It is a condition of grant that 75% of the course participants are young people aged between 12 and 20 years.

(b) agreed that the Corporate Director (Educational Services) report to the November meeting of the Committee on (i) a breakdown of the Community Development Grants awarded in 2006/07, including the purpose of those applications, and (ii) proposals for the consideration of applications in financial year 2007/08; and (c) noted that the budget for the Community Development Grants Scheme in financial year 2006/07 has been fully committed.

## **5. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee agreed that any items for inclusion on future agendas should be submitted to M Anderson, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.