

North Coast and Arran Area Committee
3 May 1996

Arran, 3 May 1996 - At a Meeting of the North Coast and Arran Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 11.00 a.m.

Present

John Sillars, Margaret Highet, Elizabeth McLardy and Robert Rae.

In Attendance

The Director of Housing Services; The Head of Sports/Horticultural Services; C. Hamilton, The Area Services Manager, Social Work; R. Lee, Assistant Principal Accountant; M. Smyth, ACDO Community and Recreational Services; I. Frame, ACDO Community and Recreational Services; I. Thomson, Local Officer, Arran; A. McLeod, Assistant Local Officer, Arran; A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer; and J. Bannatyne, Administration Officer.

Chair

Mr. Sillars in the Chair.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 March 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Video Conference: Arran

The Committee received a presentation on the new Video Conference Link between Cunninghame House and the local Arran office. The Head of Corporate Business addressed the Committee in Arran from Cunninghame House via the new link.

The Video Conference Link introduces face to face contact and communication between individuals and will provide easier access to Chief Officers and members of the Council's staff based in Cunninghame House. Local businesses in Arran have also expressed an interest in using the facility which would enable them to contact their suppliers and the Herald newspaper has also expressed an interest. The cost per call is twice the normal British Telecom rate as communication via the Link requires the use of two telephone lines. These costs will be recharged to the user. The new facility will continue to be widely publicised by the Council to encourage greater use and it will be possible in the longer term to establish links through this type of system on a world-wide basis. The Council will gradually take steps to increase its own use of the facility which will eventually become an essential business tool and it is anticipated that through the decentralisation process over the

next five years the Video Link will become a standard facility within the Council's Area Offices.

The Committee welcomed the introduction of the new Video Link and expressed their appreciation for the presentation.

3. Community and Recreational Services Directorate: Service Delivery Plan

The Head of Sports and Horticultural Services gave a presentation on the Service Delivery

Plan for the Community and Recreational Services Directorate.

Information was provided in relation to the following:-

- (a) The staffing structures within the Community and Recreational Services Directorate;
- (b) The range and scope of services provided by the Directorate;
- (c) The Directorate's early, medium and long-term priorities strategies including the key issues to be addressed and the role of the Area Committee in the identification of the areas of greatest priority; and
- (d) Community development programmes.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to note the presentation.

4. Core Agenda of Priority Items and Monitoring Reports

Submitted report by the Chief Executive giving details of the progress made in drawing up a core agenda in terms of priority items and monitoring reports for consideration at future meetings.

Although initial consultations have taken place and a number of potential monitoring reports identified, the matter will be discussed in detail at a meeting with the five Chairs of the Area Committees on 21 May 1996.

The Committee agreed (a) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting; and (b) to note the position meantime.

5. Community Consultation

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the outcome of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Largs on 26 April 1996 with representatives of Community Councils and Community Associations.

The Committee were requested to give consideration to the next phase of its Community Consultation process by determining which organisations are to be invited to attend the next Community Consultation meeting to be held in Skelmorlie as previously agreed. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the Conference entitled "Working Together For Our Future" to be hosted by the Arran Council for Voluntary Services and held in Lamash Community Centre on Thursday 16 May 1996. Arrangements have been made for the Convenor and the Chair of the North Coast and Arran Area Committee, to speak at the Conference in the interests of the furtherance of the Council's Community Consultation programme.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Clerk consult with the Chair and Councillor Margaret Hight regarding the arrangements for the next Community Consultation meeting with a wider range of groups to be held in Skelmorlie; (b) to refer the points made by the Community Councils/Associations to the appropriate Directors for consideration; (c) that Arran Community Council be invited to provide additional information on their requirements for supplementary travelling expenses, for consideration; (d) that a report be submitted to a future Meeting detailing the results of the Community Consultation questionnaire; (e) to note that the Arran Council for Voluntary Services Conference is to be held in Lamash Community Centre on 16 May 1996; and (f) to note the progress made by the Committee in introducing its functions to Community Councils and Community Associations.

6. Additional Allocation to Community Grants Budget

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an additional allocation to the Committee's Community Grants budget from the former Leisure Grants budgets as approved by the Community and Recreational Services Committee.

The Committee agreed (a) to incorporate the sum of £1,939 (16.5% of total transferred) into a single enhanced Community Grants budget total; (b) to approve the procedures for processing grant applications in the terms outlined in a report by the Director of Community and Recreational Services submitted to the Community and Recreational Services Committee on 23 April 1996; and (c) otherwise to note the position.

7. Interim Guidelines for Consideration of Community Grant Applications

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the interim guidelines for consideration of Community Grant applications based on the previous practice of considering Community and Leisure Grant applications.

The Committee agreed (a) to adopt the interim guidelines in the terms detailed in the report; and (b) that new proposals for a Community Grants Scheme set of guidelines be considered at a future meeting.

8. Community and Recreational Services Grants

Submitted report on grant applications received in respect of groups within the remit of the Area Committee which were previously considered under the former Cunninghame District Council's scheme of Leisure Grants.

The Committee considered the applications and agreed to award grants as follows:-

Festivals and Galas

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Largs Brisbane Queen Festival	£450
West Kilbride Gala Committee	£300
Isle of Arran Folk Festival Society	£580
Corrie Capers	£200
Kildonan Village Hall Gala Week	£150
Lamlash Gala Committee	£300
Lamlash Heather Queen	£100

Local Grants (with recommendations from North Ayrshire Arts Council)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Arran Theatre and Arts Trust	(a) agreed to award £300 subject to the Trust becoming members of North Ayrshire Arts Council; and (b) to meet the cost of the hire of Brodick Hall to a maximum of £200 or

	alternatively to provide a free let.
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The Arran Chorus	(a) to award £110; and (b) that the Chorus be advised of the Council's equal opportunities policy and that assistance is available on request in drawing up a policy document
Variations (Largs Choral Group)	£350

The Royal British Legion Scotland - 75th Anniversary

The Committee further considered a request from the Largs Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland for financial assistance towards the costs of staging a Drumhead Service at the War Memorial Largs on Sunday 9 June 1996 at 2.30 p.m., to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organisation in 1921.

The Committee agreed to contribute £100 towards the costs of staging this event, to be met from the Local Grants budget.

9. Playscheme Applications 1996

Submitted report by the Chief executive on requests from Playschemes requiring financial assistance for Summer and Autumn 1996 including details of the amounts recommended under the current Playschemes formula.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards for Summer/Autumn Playschemes in 1996:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Largs Churches Holiday Club	£100
Shiskine Scripture Union Holiday Club	£250
Teen Time Playscheme	£380
Overtoun Church Holiday Club	£261

It was further agreed that the Director of Community and Recreational Services submit a monitoring report to a future meeting of the Committee on the operation of Playschemes in 1996.

10. Arrangements for Future Meetings of the Committee

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the proposed schedule for future meetings of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to approve the terms of the schedule in relation to proposed dates for meetings, submission of reports etc.

11. Community and Recreational Summer Site Visits

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a proposal by the Community and Recreational Services Directorate to conduct two summer site visit programmes to facilities within the North Coast Area and also on Arran inviting the Area Committee to nominate representatives to attend and to determine an appropriate date for these visits between 17 June and 2 August 1996.

The Committee agreed (a) to refer the matter to a Special Meeting of the Chairs of the five Area Committees to be held on 21 May 1996 for consideration; (b) that the Clerk liaise with the Members of the Area Committee regarding the nomination of representatives to attend; and (c) to note that a report on the visits will be submitted to the Community and Recreational Services Committee in August.

12. The Chairman agreed that the following item be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

13. Skelmorlie: Evening Health Cover

Miss. Highet referred to problems which have arisen in relation to the inability of the two existing Doctors based in Skelmorlie to provide adequate cover in the evenings for the villages of Skelmorlie, Wemyss Bay and Inverkip due to their current workload. She requested that arrangements be made for representatives of the Council to meet with the Doctors to discuss possible solutions to the problem.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Clerk write to Brian Wilson MP regarding this matter, formally requesting that he arrange a meeting involving representatives from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, the local Member, the Doctors and any other relevant parties to discuss this issue; and (b) that a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

The meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.