

Garnock Valley Area Committee
7 May 1996

Dalry, 7 May 1996 - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

Present

Robert Reilly, James Jennings, Thomas Morris and George Steven.

In Attendance

The Director of Community and Recreational Services; C. Hamilton, Area Services Manager, Social Work; J. Hair, Principal Officer Accounting and Budgeting; D. Potter, Area Community Development Officer, Community and Recreational Services; A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer; and J. Bannatyne, Administration Officer.

Chair

Mr. Reilly in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Thomas Dickie

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 26 March 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Beith Stained Glass Windows

The Clerk referred to the stained glass windows which were formally sited on the ground floor of the Town House, Beith. These were refurbished by North Ayrshire District Social Work Department and subsequently were displayed at a variety of arts and culture venues throughout Cunninghame. They have been returned to the Social Work Headquarters at Elliott House Irvine and it is proposed that they now be returned to Beith Library and retained there on a permanent basis.

The Committee agreed that the Director of Community and Recreational Services in consultation with the Director of Social Work further investigate this matter and report.

3. Community and Recreational Services Directorate: Service Delivery Plan

The Director of Community and Recreational 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 and the Council's decentralisation programme

as it relates to the Directorate.

Following the presentation the Committee raised the undernoted matters of concern:-

- (i) Complaints from elderly people regarding the behaviour of young persons in the Garden City area of Kilbirnie which requires to be more closely monitored by the local Police;
- (ii) The need to clear rubbish from the river in Kilbirnie and from the areas surrounding the football pitches throughout the Garnock Valley area;
- (iii) The need for more emphasis to be placed on the promotion of the Garnock Valley in terms of tourist facilities;
- (iv) The need for the provision of adequate public toilet facilities in Dalry Public Park; and
- (v) The Police response to complaints in the Garnock Valley area.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) that the Director of Community and Recreational Services be requested to further investigate the issues raised; (b) that a Special meeting be arranged between the local Police and the Area Committee to discuss matters of concern; and (c) 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 Dalry on 24 April 1996 with representatives of Community Councils and Community Associations.

The Committee agreed (a) to refer the points made by the Community Councils/Associations at the meeting to the appropriate Directors for consideration; (b) that the Clerk in consultation with the members of the Committee consider arrangements for future Community Consultation with other groups following the Special Meeting of the five Chairs to be held on 21 May 1996; (c) that a report be submitted to a future meeting detailing the results of the Community Consultation questionnaire; and (d) to note the progress made by the Committee in introducing its functions to Community Councils/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 £1,880 (16% of total transferred) into a single enhanced Community Grants budget total; (b) to approve the procedure for processing grant applications in the terms outlined in the 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 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>
Garnock International Games	£300
Beith Civic Week	£820

Local Grants (with recommendations from North Ayrshire Arts Council)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Decision</u>
The Garnock Choral Society	(a) to award £200; and (b) that the Society be advised of the available on request in drawing up

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>
Kilbirnie Women's Aid	£380

It was further agreed 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 of future meetings of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to approve the terms of the schedule in relation to the 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 a summer site visit programme to facilities within the Garnock Valley area and 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) that the site visit for the Garnock Valley area be held on 2 July 1996; (b) that all members of the Area Committee be invited to attend; and (c) to note that a report on the visits will be submitted to the Community and Recreational Services Committee in August.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.