

Kilwinning Area Committee
3 September 2015

KILWINNING, 3 September 2015 - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

John Ferguson, Joe Cullinane, Donald Reid and Robert Steel.

In Attendance

J. McHarg, Community Engagement Manager (Community Development Team) (Education and Youth Employment); S. Walker, Technician (Place); and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. McMillan (Police Scotland) and Station Manager L. Elliot (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Councillor Ferguson in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Reid, as a member of Kilwinning Community Events, declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Community Development Grant Scheme - application from Kilwinning Community Events), left the meeting and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 June 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Community Planning

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 11 June 2015

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 11 June 2015.

Noted.

3.2 Police Scotland

Inspector McMillan circulated a report on crimes reported and detections in the Committee's area for the period 1 May to 30 June 2015 and provided a verbal update for the months of July and August.

Members asked questions and were provided with information in relation to:-

- whether the rise in relation to domestic abuse statistics can be attributed to increased reporting and better recording methods;
- the reduction in anti social fires for the summer months as a result of the wet weather;
- the housebreaking detection figures reported in the national press, which include break-ins to old sheds and industrial sites; and
- stop and search which is still being recorded by Police Scotland to ensure all searches comply with legislation and to allow 'hot spot' areas to be highlighted.

There was discussion regarding the ongoing issue of fly tipping in Longford Avenue, Kilwinning. Members were advised that 4 concrete blocks had been installed across the road in this area but that the debris had not been removed prior to the blocks being in situ. Scottish Fire and Rescue raised concerns that if the weather improves and the debris in that area catches fire, then the concrete blocks will make access to extinguish the fires more difficult. Further discussion highlighted that this would be an area where the mobile CCTV unit could be placed and Councillor Steel, as a Council representative on North Ayrshire CCTV Limited, advised that he would look into this matter.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Clerk (i) contact the Head of Service (Physical Environment) to ascertain the current position with any action in relation to the removal of debris at Longford Avenue; and (ii) provide an urgent update to Members by email; (b) that a report by the Head of Service (Physical Environment) be submitted to the next meeting on the position in relation to fly tipping and debris in Longford Avenue, Kilwinning; and (c) otherwise to note the report.

3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity within the Kilwinning area during the period 1 June 2015 to 31 July 2015, including fires of note, special services and community safety.

Noted.

4. Road Maintenance Programme 2015/16

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Structural Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2015/16. The report set out the approach taken to determining the asset maintenance programme for roads and street lighting and highlighted at Appendices 3a and 3b the 2015/16 maintenance programme.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- funding from the Revenue Budget which would covers pot holes, drainage and other minor works;
- whether issues in relation to trunk roads should be reported through the Council's Lagan system or to TranServe direct;
- the co-ordination of roadworks between the Council and TranServe to better manage road system flows in order to prevent gridlocking; and
- any scope for Roads to monitor the flow of traffic when roadworks are being carried out.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance 2015/16

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants

Organisation

Corsehill Community Centre Association

Award

£1,957.26

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation

Kilwinning Community Events

Kilwinning Community Sports Club

Award

£1,500

£1,000

9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kilwinning Area Committee will be held on 29 October 2015 in Kilwinning Library.

10. Future Items

The Committee agreed to receive a report to the next meeting from the Head of Service (Physical Environment) on the position in relation to Longford Avenue, Kilwinning and the situation regarding fly tipping and debris.

The meeting ended at 3.00 p.m.