

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Committee
8 December 1999

Springside, 8 December 1999 - At a Meeting of Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Divisional Committee at 4.00 p.m.

Present

Elliot Gray, Jacqueline Browne, Thomas Barr, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, Stewart Dewar, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall and David O'Neill.

In Attendance

A. Milson, Area Officer, Community Education (Educational Services); S. Taylor, Planning Officer (Development and Promotion); A. Grossart, Senior Accountant (Finance); S. King, Corporate Policy Officer, J. Bannatyne, Administration Officer and A. Little, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Superintendent T. Love, Chief Inspector P. Collier (Strathclyde Police) and T. Kane (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Mr Gray in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Joseph McKinney.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 October 1999, copies of which had previously circulated, were confirmed.

2. Community Safety

(a) Strathclyde Police Crime Statistics

Superintendent T. Love who is taking up a new post in 'U' Division, was welcomed to the meeting.

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on the level of crime and detection throughout the Divisional Committee area. Future statistical reports will identify the locality of the beat areas for the benefit of local members.

A multi-agency Spotlight Shop opened in the Mall on 1 December 1999 and will be operational throughout the festive period. Additional patrols will also be in evidence throughout 'U' division during this time.

Noted.

(b) Strathclyde Fire Brigade: Fire Statistics for the Period 1 July to 31 August 1999

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on fire incidents during the period 1 September to 31 October 1999.

A Firesafe Christmas campaign will operate from 6 - 23 December 1999 and as part of this campaign the Brigade will provide smoke alarms and batteries and check and replace existing alarms

if required. This free service will be advertised in the press and radio and is available to any member of the public via the Hotline 0800 073 1999.

The Committee agreed (a) to ask that copies of the Hotline poster be sent to A. Milson for distribution to community centres and halls; and (b) to convey the Council's thanks to the Fire Service for the initiation of an excellent fire prevention scheme.

3. Community Development Grant

(a) Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants paid to 29 October 1999, confirming a remaining balance of £17,759.

Noted.

(b) Requests for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on requests for financial assistance.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Cranberry Moss Tiny Tots	£410
Girdle Toll Out of School Care	£500
Redburn Over 60's Bowling Club	£504
Pennyburn Pre-School Playgroup	£450
Irvine North Credit Union	£1,075
Irvine Men's Hockey Club	£200
Kilwinning Development Association	£1,500
Dreghorn Under 18 Football Club	£200
Tiddlywinks Mother and Toddlers	£300
Springside Women's Health Group	£758
Lanfine and Braehead Community Association	£760

4. Irvine Common Good Fund

(a) Expenditure to September 1999

Submitted report by the Chief Executive detailing expenditure together with the balance remaining for disbursement.

Noted.

(i) Old Folks Joint Wards

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the current position in respect of an application for

grant of £6,000 from the Irvine Old Folks Joint Wards Committee which exceeds the original amount of £4,000 set aside by the Committee for 1999/2000. The Committee unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow further discussion on this item.

There has been no increase in this award for a number of years.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to award the Old Folks Joint Wards an additional £1,910.

(ii) Irvine Fuel Relief

The Committee was advised that on 7 December 1999, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Irvine members had approved applications to the Irvine Fuel Relief to the total of £2,590, leaving an underspend of £910 to be returned to the Irvine Common Good Fund.

Noted.

(iii) Irvine Christmas Lights

The Committee was advised of the current position in relation to the lights and that an underspend of £612.62 from the £18,000 allocated, has been returned to the Irvine Common Good Fund.

Noted.

(b) Requests for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from Loudoun Montgomery Primary School towards the costs of a trip to Arran Outdoor Centre.

The Committee agreed to match fund, to a maximum of £500, monies raised by Loudoun Montgomery Primary School towards this trip.

5. Irvine: Land at Knadgerhill Cemetery, to the rear of Nos. 1-4 Willow Gardens

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the options and costings for the future retention/disposal of Irvine Common Good adjoining Knadgerhill Cemetery which is surplus to the Cemetery's requirements.

In the event that the ground is retained, some low level maintenance work will require to be undertaken, funded from the Common Good. Alternatively, the land could be disposed of for development or garden ground, or utilised for parking, with some remedial works being required in each case.

A letter was tabled from residents of Willow Gardens, intimating their intent in acquiring the ground for use as garden ground, which they indicated has been under discussion, with the Council, since 1998.

After discussion, the Committee, having considered the representations agreed (a) to retain the ground in the ownership of Irvine Common Good; and (b) that the Irvine common Good Fund meet the costs of the necessary remedial works to be undertaken at the earliest possible date.

6. Street Naming: North Service Road running from Howgate Junction to Main Street Junction within Kilwinning Town Centre

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the proposed street name for the road running from Howgate junction to Main Street junction within Kilwinning Town Centre.

The Committee agreed that this road be named "Lauchlan Way".

7. Remit and Operation of the Committee

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals to influence the content and composition of agendas, reinforce administrative arrangements and implement a number of short term measures to strengthen the role of Divisional Committees.

The Committee agreed (a) to approve these proposals; and (b) to consider the circulation of minutes to community groups and future venues of the Committee etc. when reviewing the impact of these proposals.

8. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following items be considered as a matter of urgency.

9. Woodgreen Mortification Trust

The Committee was advised of an application to the Woodgreen Mortification Trust for assistance towards the costs of funeral expenses. The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Regulatory) and Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) had confirmed the application meets the criteria.

The Committee agreed to award £1,274.50 from the Trust towards the costs of these expenses.

10. "The History of Irvine" - Strawhorn

The Committee was advised that the Council has considerable stocks of "The History of Irvine" which was published in 1985. Sales have declined in recent years and in an effort to generate further sales over the Christmas period it is proposed to reduce the retail price.

The Committee agreed to reduce the retail price to £5.00 per book.

The meeting ended at 5.40 p.m.