

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee
28 September 2006

Irvine, 28 September 2006 - At a meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council

Present

Ian Clarkson, Jacqueline Browne, Jane Gorman and John Moffat.

In Attendance

A. Milson, Learning Manager, Quality Development (Educational Services); M. McKeown and A. Little, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's)

Also In Attendance

PC Alan Rintoul (Strathclyde Police); and Station Master K. Alcroft and L. Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Tom Barr, Jack Carson, Stewart Dewar, Drew Duncan, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 August 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activities in the Committee's area during the period 6 August to 18 September 2006.

Fire Incidents

During the period, the Service attended 232 emergency calls in the Committee's area, including fires involving property, secondary fires, malicious calls, fire alarm apparatus false alarms, and emergency calls of a non-fire related nature.

Home Fire Safety Visits

Seventy home fire safety visits were carried out during the period. Ninety eight smoke detectors were fitted to properties.

Special Service Emergency

Special Service Emergency calls included 4 road traffic calls, a gas leak, a child stuck inside a kiddies ride, children stuck in trees, and incidents involving flooding.

Secondary Fires

Skips belonging to the businesses at Hawkhill Retail Park, Stevenston had been targeted on a nightly basis for wilful fire raising. The businesses have been visited and advised of action required to reduce such incidents.

Malicious Calls

A quarter of the malicious calls made during the period were from Greenwood Academy. Dreghorn Fire Station are liaising with the school to provide talks to pupils to educate them on the implications of malicious calls. There has also been liaison with the Community Police and Education in relation to reducing the number of break glass call points which are being broken at period changes.

Community Firefighter Andy Holt is undertaking an initiative to attend assembly at Irvine Royal Academy and give a 15-minute presentation to pupils on Home Fire Safety Visits.

Fire Alarm Apparatus False Alarms

Premises showing a high incidence of attendance are targeted for service demand reduction as a priority.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the report; and (b) that the Chair write to Educational Services on the Committee's behalf expressing concern at the high levels of call outs to Greenwood Academy in response to malicious calls and incidents of break glass call points broken.

3. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on crime trends and Police activities in the Committee's area. The statistical report provided information on crimes involving violence, indecency, dishonesty, vandalism, drugs supply and disorder.

Operation Arctic

Operation Arctic was developed in response to a large number of complaints in relation to youth related anti-social behaviour in and around the Bourtreehill area of Irvine. Community based and operational officers were supported by officers from the CID, the Dog Branch, the Support Unit and the Force Helicopter. North Ayrshire Council Community Wardens and the Mobile CCTV Unit also participated in the operation which lasted for a six day period.

Noted.

4. Community Development Grants Scheme 2006/07: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for financial assistance under the Community Development Grants Scheme 2006/07.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Kilwinning Community Sports Club	£500
Cunninghame Action Club	£750

5. Irvine Common Good Fund

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications received for financial assistance from Irvine Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks	£8,000
Trinity Trust	£1,900

6. Woodgreen Mortification Trust

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application received for financial assistance from Woodgreen Mortification Trust.

The Committee agreed to make the following award:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Promoting Kilwinning	£4,400

7. Future Agenda Items

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

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.