

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee
1 March 2007

Irvine, 1 March 2007 - At a Meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Thomas Barr, Jack Carson, Stewart Dewar, Drew Duncan, Jane Gorman, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

A. Milson, Learning Manager, Quality Development, and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer, Community Learning and Development (Educational Services); and M. McKeown and E. Fisher, Corporate Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Inspector N. Kerr (Strathclyde Police); and Station Manager K. Alcroft (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Margaret McDougall and John Moffat.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18 January 2007, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on incidents and Fire Service activities in the Committee's area in the period 9 January to 22 February 2007.

During the period, the Service responded to 175 emergency calls in the Committee's area, involving property fires, secondary fires, malicious calls, fire alarm apparatus false alarms, and emergency calls of a non-fire related nature.

During the period the Service carried out 94 Home Fire safety Visits. Visits have been carried out to a number of premises as a means of reducing the number of call outs associated with fire alarm apparatus failures. These will continue.

The malicious activation of fire alarms within Greenwood Academy continues to be a problem. The Fire Service continues to work closely with the school to reduce these incidents and a presentation has been made to S1 and S2 pupils. A risk assessment has also been undertaken within the school relating to the removal of specific call points.

In February 2007, a number of pupils from North Ayrshire schools participated in a week long work experience programme at Dreghorn Fire Station.

Noted.

3. Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on crime trends and Police activities in the Committee's area in the period 1 April to 30 December 2006.

Statistics were provided in relation to crimes involving violence, indecency, dishonesty, vandalism, drugs supply, and disorder. Inspector Kerr provided additional information in relation to recent incidents. Safer Scotland Town Centre Initiatives will continue until 31 March 2007. North Ayrshire Safer Community Group has received funding for its campaign which will be used to provide taxi wardens and additional Police patrols at weekends, and to fund under 18s discos at Pitches as a means of reducing youth related anti social behaviour. The campaign has proved successful.

The Committee discussed issues relating to youths gathering in Irvine High Street area and possible disorder, Police responses to incidents caught on CCTV, and the use of mobile CCTV.

Noted.

4. Analysis of Funding 2003 - 2007

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the grants awarded by the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn, Springside Area Committee during the four year period 2003 - 2007.

The Area Committee is responsible for disbursing grants from the Community Development Grant Scheme, the Local Action Fund, Irvine Common Good Fund, Woodgreen Mortification Trust, the Sturrock Trust, and the Town Twinning Fund. To date the Committee has considered 223 applications for funding from a range of community groups and individuals and awarded grants totalling £531,432. The report provided a breakdown of the awards made under each budget heading.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Action Fund 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 and the Local Action Fund 2006/07.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation	Award
1. Dreghorn Co-operative Women's Guild	£ 400
2. Ayrshire Community Education and Sports	£1,000
3. Add it Up	£1,500
4. ANCHO Community Link Project	£1,551.68

Local Action Fund

Organisation	Award
1. 19th Ayrshire Scout Group (Kilwinning)	£1,000
2. Irvine/Vineburgh Boxing Club	£2,000
3. Kilwinning Fitness Club	£1,800

6. Urgent Item

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

7. Woodgreen Mortification Trust

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

The Committee agreed to make an award of £600 to the applicant.

8. Valedictory

The Chair thanked Members for their contribution to the work of the Committee over the last 4 years.

The meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.