

Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee
9 October 1996

Dreghorn, 9 October 1996 - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, James Clements, Jane Gorman, Irene Oldfather and Gena Seales.

In Attendance

D. Anderson, Head of Cultural and Community Services, W. Simpson, Area Community Development Officer (Community and Recreational Services), J. Mason, Principal Engineer, (Planning, Roads and the Environment), Elaine McLean, Early Years Advisor, (Education), A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer, S. Paxton, Administration Officer and D. McCaw, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

Inspector G. McLanaghan, Strathclyde Police.

Chair

Mr. Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Patrick Browne and George Steven.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28 August 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Monitoring Reports

(a) Nursery Education Initiative

Submitted report by the Director of Education on North Ayrshire Council's involvement in the Government's Nursery Voucher Initiative.

From an initial 504 nursery places for 4 year olds, the Council now provide 1200 places with a further 600 places being supplied by the voluntary and private sectors.

In the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area 215 part-time places are offered at 4 nursery and primary schools.

Noted.

(b) Road Lighting

Submitted report by the Director of Planning, Roads and the Environment on road lighting systems and maintenance.

There are approximately 20,500 lighting units (including traffic sign lighting) in North Ayrshire. The

electrical supply to over half of these units is taken from Scottish Power cable networks, the remainder being supplied from separate cable networks controlled by the Council.

Lighting maintenance work is carried out under three main categories, namely, Planned Maintenance, Unplanned Maintenance and Emergencies. Maintenance is carried out by BEI under a contract which terminates in March 1997.

The Roads and Lighting Faults Scheme (RALF) was established by Strathclyde Regional Council to provide information to members of the public on how to report faults in roads and lighting in the area. North Ayrshire Council have continued this scheme for 1 year to ascertain the costs/benefits of operation of the system prior to a decision being made on whether or not to continue RALF.

Noted.

(c) Roads Maintenance Contracts

Submitted report by the Director of Planning, Roads and the Environment on the 1996-97 maintenance programme and providing details of contracts in the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside areas.

The 1996-97 programme for carriageway and footway maintenance was previously considered by the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee. The value of the programme was £1,180,000 being divided into three categories, namely, carriageway screeding/surface dressing, carriageway resurfacing and footway resurfacing. The works planned for the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area are now substantially completed.

The condition of the footpaths at Whitehirst Park and Segton Avenue, Kilwinning were discussed by the Committee and the Principal Engineer of the Roads Division confirmed that these footpaths would be re-examined.

Noted.

(d) Analysis of Grants Paid to 20 September 1996

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the various categories of grants paid to 20 September 1996 relative to applications determined in respect of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area including details of the balance of funding remaining.

Noted.

3. Requests for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the undernoted applications for grants to voluntary organisations.

(a) Jobs Action Group - Irvine Unemployed Advice and Resource Centre

The Committee agreed to grant £2,000 to the Jobs Action Group - Irvine Unemployed Advice and Resource Centre.

(b) Pennyburn Pre-5 Nursery

The Committee agreed to refuse the application by Pennyburn Pre-5 Nursery, Pennyburn Primary School.

(c) Pennyburn Pre-School Playgroup

The Committee agreed to refuse the application by Pennyburn Pre-School Playgroup,

Pennyburn Primary School.

(d) Neighbourhood Watch, Killermont Place, Kilwinning

The Committee agreed to grant £66.44 to Neighbourhood Watch, Killermont Place, Kilwinning subject to a bank account number being provided by the Group and the establishment of a Constitution.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch, Loudoun Crescent, Kilwinning

The Committee agreed to grant £154.80 to Neighbourhood Watch, Loudoun Crescent, Kilwinning subject to a bank account number being provided by the Group and assurance that a Constitution is established.

(f) 4th Pennyburn Rainbow Guides

The Committee agreed to grant £200.00 to the 4th Pennyburn Rainbow Guides.

(g) Kilwinning & Eglinton Angling Club

The Committee agreed to grant £1,500 to the Kilwinning and Eglinton Angling Club.

(h) Springside Evangelical Church Youth Club

The Committee agreed to grant £750.00 to the Springside Evangelical Church Youth Club.

4. Draft Revised Community Development Grants Scheme

Submitted report by the Director of Community and Recreational Services on the draft revised Community Development Grants Scheme.

The Community Development Grants Scheme is an amalgamation of the Cunninghame District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council schemes which seeks to build upon and improve the procedures introduced by the former Authorities.

After discussion the Committee agreed that any Member wishing to comment on the proposed scheme should contact the Head of Cultural and Community Services directly.

5. Kilwinning Common Good Fund

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the disbursement of Kilwinning Common Good funds.

On 28 August the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee agreed that the balance of £68.99 remaining in the Kilwinning Common Good Account be disbursed to a worthy cause within the Committee's geographic area which would result in the closure of the fund.

The Committee agreed that the sum of £68.99 be disbursed to the Kilwinning Old People's Welfare Committee.

6. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1992: Byelaws for the Prohibition of the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places

Submitted report by the Chief Executive advising Members of the Area Committee of a decision of the Protective Services Committee at its meeting on 26 September 1996 to establish a Working Group to consider the problems associated with drinking in public places and methods to deal with this.

The Protective Services Committee have requested that a Member of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee be appointed to serve on the Working Group.

The Committee agreed that Councillor Clarkson be appointed to serve on the Working Group.

7. Strathclyde Police: Report

Inspector McLanaghan reported on the terms of the "Spotlight" Initiative.

The "Spotlight" Initiative has commenced in North Ayrshire with the Police targeting specific offences e.g. litter, underage drinking in licensed premises, etc.

Inspector McLanaghan reported that in general the crime figures for the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area were down for various offences such as car breaking, house breaking and drug related offences. Instances of vandalism had however risen in comparison to last year.

Noted.