

Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee
6 February 2002

KILBIRNIE, 6 February 2002 - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley North Coast and Cumbrae Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

James Jennings, Gordon Clarkson, John Bell, Alan Hill, Elizabeth McLardy, Elisabeth Marshall and Richard Wilkinson.

In Attendance

J Leckie, Head of Service (Educational Services); K Thomas, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Legal and Regulatory); M McManus, Acting Divisional Officer (Garnock Valley/Largs Area) (Housing Services) and K McCallan, Resource Manager (Technical Services) (Property Services); M McKeown and C Graham, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Assistant Divisional Officer P Nellis (Strathclyde Fire Brigade) and Inspector H McFadden (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor Jennings in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Robert Rae, John Reid and Robert Reilly.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 December 2001 copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Community Safety

2.1 Report by Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police advising of the level of recorded crime within the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee's Boundaries.

Noted.

2.2 Report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on fire incidents in the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae areas.

Noted.

3. Scrutiny Reports

3.1 Educational Services: Attendance, Budget and Leaver Destination

Statistics

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on attendance, running costs and leaver destination statistics for the school session 2000/2001, including comparisons over the previous two years.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Corporate Director (Educational Services) respond to members' outstanding enquiries on the report; and (b) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

3.2 Property Services: Housing Repairs and Maintenance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the monitoring of the Council's performance in relation to housing repairs.

Noted.

3.3 Legal and Regulatory Services: Public Health Complaints: April to December 2001

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Regulatory) on the complaints received and actions taken by Environmental Health in relation to Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, with respect to public health nuisances.

Noted.

4. Community Development Grants Scheme: Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants in respect of the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Area, advising that the funding for 2001/2002 has been fully expended.

Noted.

5. Largs Common Good

5.1 Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the current position with regard to the Largs Common Good Fund.

As of the last meeting the Committee had awarded 15 grants in the current financial year totalling £16,926 and a balance of £74 remained. Included in the awards already approved are underwrites to the Largs Viking Festival and Largs and District Round Table. Indications suggested that these underwrites will be required in full, although the final position has yet to be confirmed.

The Clerk reported however that notification has now been received from The Largs Players that they will no longer require the £2,000 grant awarded to them on 31 October 2001 because they were unable to proceed with the project for which it was intended. Accordingly a balance of £2,074 is now available for disbursement in the

current financial year.

A further six applications totalling £16,050 have been received, and these were detailed by the Clerk.

The Committee agreed to dispose of these applications as follows:-

(a) Largs Academy Music Department

The Committee agreed to award £800 to the Music Department, Largs Academy.

(b) Largs Citizen of the Year Award

Councillor Hill declared an interest in the following item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

The Committee agreed to award £250 to the Largs Citizen of the Year Award.

(c) Largs Blooming Lovely

The Committee agreed (i) to an interim award of £1,000 to Largs Blooming Lovely; and (ii) to remit further consideration of the application to a meeting of the relevant Community Leadership Forum, in the new financial year.

(d) Other Applications

The Committee agreed to remit to a meeting of the relevant Community Leadership Forum in the new financial year, consideration of the applications in respect of (i) The Largs Initiative (Celtic Weekend); (ii) The Largs Initiative (Jazz Festival); and (iii) Largs Illuminations.

The Committee noted the remaining balance of £24.

5. Community Leadership Forums

The Chair intimated that today's meetings of the three Divisional Committees would be the last. Following final consultations with the Community Planning Partners, proposals for the new Community Leadership Forums which will replace the Divisional Committees will be presented to the Council for consideration on 4 March.

The Chair thanked the Members of the Committee for their assistance and support during his Chairmanship. In return, a vote of thanks was offered to the Chair.

The meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.