

Irvine Area Committee
2 June 2010

IRVINE, 2 June 2010 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Pat McPhee, Tom Barr, Ian Clarkson, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

D Nibloe, Head of Finance (Finance and Infrastructure); J. McHarg, Learning Manager, Capacity Building and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Learning and Development) (Education and Skills); A. Little, Committee Services Officer and E. Fisher, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Sergeant A Brown, Strathclyde Police and Station Commander K. Alcroft and L Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Chair

Councillor McPhee in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Brown and Kirkwood.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations by Members in respect of Standing Order 16.

2. Strathclyde Police

Sergeant Muir reported on incidents and activities in the Committee's area during March 2010.

The number of assaults and domestic incidents are up from the last period but robbery and vandalism figures are down. There have been a series of public indecency incidents within the Irvine area in the past 2 months. North Ayrshire CID are continuing enquiries into all unsolved incidents supported by both uniform and plain clothed Response Teams and Community Policing Team officers.

Noted.

3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Irvine area from 13 April to 23 May 2010.

Station Commander Alcroft provided Information in relation to:-

- A deliberate fire in a derelict building
- A deliberate vehicle fire
- Rubbish fires
- Malicious false alarms
- Heath and grass fires
- Special services
- A road traffic collision
- A water related incident

It was reported that an appliance, returning to the station after attending an incident in the grounds of Ayrshire Central Hospital, was attacked by youths in Castlepark Road.

Noted.

4. Street Name for Housing Development by North Ayrshire Council Housing Services, at Site South of Shiel Place, Castlepark, Irvine

Submitted report by the Solicitor to the Council on the eight proposed street names for the new street within the above development.

The Council has a responsibility to provide street names for new developments under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Existing streets in the area follow the names of Scottish Lochs alphabetically. Castlepark Primary School pupils were asked for suggestions for Scottish Loch names beginning with the letter "T" onwards. The proposed names, listed in order of preference are Tay Place, Thom Place, Treig Place, Trool Place, Tulla Place, Tummel Place, Valley Place or Veyatie Place.

The Committee agreed that the name of the new street should be Tay Place.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2010/11

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund 2010/11.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation	Award
Irvine & District Angling Club	£500
Irvine Victoria Football Club	£1,100
Irvine Beat FM	£2,000
Irvine Sea Angling Club	£450

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation	Award
Irvine Rugby Club	£1,800 to be released upon receipt of satisfactory financial monitoring information
Irvine Beat FM	£2,000

6. Irvine Common Good

6.1 Draft Accounts

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) on (a) the draft revenue account in respect of Irvine Common Good Fund for the year to 31 March 2010; and (b) to propose a level of grant funding for 2010/11.

In 2009/10, the Fund made a surplus of £114,784 despite a dramatic reduction in interest on balances as a result of the current economic recession. Grants distributed during the year totalled £91,963. Property repairs and other expenditure amounted to £61,919. Income for the year benefited from backdated rental on property at East Road in Irvine. Without this receipt, the Fund would have been in deficit for the year.

It is not anticipated that interest rates will change dramatically in 2010/11. It would normally be recommended that £54,000 be made available in 2010/11 for distribution. The Committee however, has already agreed distributions amounting to £66,757 and it is therefore recommended that no further grants be awarded this year. The overspend can be accommodated within the overall balance.

An allowance of £30,000 has been made in these projections for repairs to properties.

The reduction in interest rates, the impact of empty properties and the continuing cost of repairs to the Townhouse will continue to provide a challenge in future years. The Committee will require to consider whether the present level of support to external organisations can be sustained.

The Committee agreed that (a) there should be no further awards from Irvine Common Good in the 2010/11 financial year; and (b) the historical level of support for external organisations should be reduced over the next 4 to 5 years.

6.2 Application for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application to Irvine Common Good Fund from Irvine Beat FM for financial assistance towards the costs of licences and recording equipment.

The Committee agreed that the application from Irvine Beat FM be refused.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.