

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee  
16 November 2006

**Irvine, 16 November 2006** - At a Meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council.

**Present**

Ian Clarkson, Tom Barr, Stewart Dewar, Drew Duncan, Margaret McDougall and John Moffat.

**In Attendance**

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

**Also In Attendance**

Inspector N. Kerr (Strathclyde Police); and R. Clark, Station Manager and L. Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

**Chair**

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Jacqueline Browne, Jack Carson, Jane Gorman, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28 September 2006, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Clarkson declared an interest in Item 5 (application no. 3) and Item 6 on the agenda, vacated the chair, and withdrew from the meeting for these items of business. Councillor Barr assumed the Chair for these items of business.

**3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activities in the Committee's area in the period 19 September to 2 November 2006. The following issues were highlighted:-

**Fire Incidents**

During the period, the Service responded to 214 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.

### **Malicious Calls**

Dreghorn and Kilwinning Watches continue to liaise with Head Teachers of the local schools to carry out talks to pupils and educate them with regards to the implications of malicious calls.

### **Fireworks/Bonfires**

During the end of October and the beginning of November all Watches were actively visiting schools to give presentations on the dangers of fireworks.

### **Home Fire Safety Visits**

To date 625 home fire safety visits have taken place with 754 smoke detectors fitted in homes throughout the area.

Noted.

## **4. Strathclyde Police**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on crime trends and Police activities in the Committee's area in the period April to September 2006. Statistics were provided in relation to crimes involving violence, indecency, dishonesty, vandalism, drugs supply and disorder.

The following issues were highlighted:-

### **New Irvine Royal Academy and Greenwood Academy**

Community Police Officers are providing advice to all 1st year school pupils at New Irvine Royal Academy and Greenwood Academy about the dangers of carrying offensive weapons and the irresponsible consumption of alcohol.

### **Kilwinning Academy**

Constable Alan Hill, Campus Officer for Kilwinning Academy, continues to be involved in issues such as bullying and mediation. He has initiated a very successful angling section and other diversionary projects as well as arranging and participating in school football matches, and arranging trips and visits for school pupils.

### **Vineburgh Boxing Club**

PC Jamison continues to liaise with staff and members of the Vineburgh Boxing Club. He encourages local children to join the club and is presently working with staff who are keen to expand the project.

### **Football Initiative**

Community Police are working with Social Services colleagues targeting youths on the periphery of committing crime to encourage them to participate in sport as a diversionary activity. At present 12 youths are involved in football coaching at Pennyburn Sports Centre and a challenge match has been arranged against the police.

### **Street Dance Classes**

Community Officers are involved in encouraging 12 – 15 year olds to participate in Street Dance classes in the Irvine area.

### **Policing Initiative Woodwynd**

A police campaign to target vandalism and drink fuelled anti-social behaviour was undertaken in the Woodwynd area of Kilwinning.

### **Operation Arctic**

A seven-day operation took place during September 2006, targeting instances of youth related anti-social behaviour in the Bourtreehill area of Irvine.

### **Operation Advent**

The festive policing campaign is currently being organised and will involve high visibility police patrols in and around town centres.

Discussion took place on a number of issues including the Mobile Police Unit, call handling, bogus callers, anti social behaviour, dispersal orders and traffic arrangements during the Remembrance Service in Irvine town centre.

The Committee agreed that (a) an update on the Mobile Police Unit be provided to the next meeting; and (b) contact details for the CCTV Control Room within Saltcoats Police Office be made available to Members.

## **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 Local Action Fund 2006/07.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

### **Community Development Grants Scheme**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
1. Vineburgh Colts FC	£1,000
2. Bright Beginnings Nursery	£ 910
3. Irvine Town Centre Partnership	£1,170

### **Local Action Fund**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
1. Kilwinning Sports Club Girls FC	£1,000

### **6. Irvine Common Good Fund**

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

The Committee agreed to (a) award Irvine Town Centre Partnership £2,000 towards the costs of Christmas lights; and (b) request that future applications by this organisation include a more detailed breakdown on how the grant will be used.

### **7. Woodgreen Mortification Trust**

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

The Committee agreed to refuse the application

### **8. Future Agenda Items**

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

The meeting ended at 3.00 p.m.