

Three Towns and Arran Committee
6 February 2002

SALTCOATS, 6 February 2002 - At a Meeting of the Three Towns and Arran Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 1.30 p.m.

Present

Margaret Munn, Samuel Gooding, Peter McNamara, David Munn, Alan Munro and Samuel Taylor.

In Attendance

J. Leckie, Head of Service (Educational Services); J. Paul, Head of Technical Services and A. Smith. Divisional Manager (Property Services); K. Thomas, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Legal and Regulatory); and A. Sobieraj and D. McCaw, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Inspector S. McInnes (Strathclyde Police); Assistant Divisional Officer P. Nelis (Strathclyde Fire Brigade); and F. Keddlity, Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Leisure Limited).

Chair

Councillor M. Munn in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Sillars and David Gallagher.

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 Three Towns and Arran Committee's boundaries during December 2001.

Noted.

2.2 Report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on Fire Incidents within the Three Towns and Arran Committee's boundaries during the periods 1 to 30 November and 1 to 31 December 2001.

Noted.

3. Scrutiny Reports

3.1 Educational Services: Attendance, Budget and Leaver Destination Statistics

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) detailing statistical information on attendance, running costs and leaver destinations for the school session 2000/2001 in relation to schools serving pupils from within the Committee's area.

Noted.

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.

Members sought clarification on the monitoring of contractors undertaking repairs and maintenance work on behalf of the Council and further information was provided by Property Services.

Noted.

3.3 Legal & Regulatory: 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. North Ayrshire Leisure Limited

Submitted report by the Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Leisure Limited on the sport and leisure activities provided by the Company across North Ayrshire, and on specific activities being undertaken within the Committee's boundaries.

The Company took over responsibility for the provision of sports and leisure activities from North Ayrshire Council in April 2000. The organisation is committed to partnership working with other agencies. Collaboration to date has included football player development services at Auchenharvie Academy, the YOUSA Project in partnership with Council and Strathclyde Police and GP Referral Schemes throughout North Ayrshire in association with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and the local Health Care Cooperative.

Noted.

5. Community Development Grants Scheme: Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants to 16 January 2002 in respect of the Three Towns and Arran area, confirming that the funding for 2001/2002 has been fully expended.

Noted.

6. Ardrossan Common Good Fund: Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from the Ardrossan Common Good Fund by John Steele for the publication of a book on HMS Dasher.

This application had been considered by the Committee on 12 December 2001 when it was agreed to approve in principle an award of £500, subject to the submission of information on expenditure from a previous grant award. This information had now been supplied by the applicant.

The Committee agreed to confirm an award of £500.

7. Stevenston Common Good Fund: Requests for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance from (i) The Festival, Stevenston; and (ii) Ardeer Boxing Club.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

| Organisation | Award |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| The Festival, Stevenston | £3,500 |
| Ardeer Boxing Club | £1,500 |

8. The Pilgrimage Trust: Scottish Youth Group: Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from the Scottish Youth Group of the Pilgrimage Trust.

The Committee agreed to award £700 to the organisation, £350 from the Ardrossan Common Good Fund and £350 from the Stevenston Common Good Fund.

9. Naming of New Private Housing Development, by Dykesmains Homes, Off Dykesmains Road, Saltcoats

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the naming of a new private housing development by Dykesmains Homes, Off Dykesmains Road, Saltcoats.

The Committee agreed to name the development "Lennox Wynd".

10. Community Leadership Forums

The Chair advised 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 meeting on 4 March 2002.

The Chair thanked the members for their contribution to the work of the Committee. In return a vote of thanks was offered to the Chair and Vice Chair.

The Meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.