

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Committee  
10 May 2001

**IRVINE, 10 May 2001** - At a Meeting of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 3.00 p.m.

**Present**

Elliot Gray, Drew Duncan, Thomas Barr, Jacqueline Browne, Ian Clarkson, John Donn, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall, John Moffat and David O'Neill.

**In Attendance**

M. Craik, Principal Children's Services Officer; J. Martin, Principal Officer (Library Operations); and A. Milson, Area Officer (Community Education) (Educational Services); S. Driscoll, Divisional Housing Manager; G. Clark, Operations Manager (Grounds Maintenance) (Property Services); A. Grossart, Senior Accountant (Finance); J. Bannatyne, Policy/Administration Officer and A. Little, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

B. Walker, Manager, North Ayrshire Volunteers; Superintendent I. Henderson and Acting Chief Inspector R. Pollock (Strathclyde Police); and Temporary Station Officer S. Logan (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

**Chair**

Mr Gray in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Jack Carson and Stewart Dewar.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2001, copies of which were previously circulated, were confirmed.

**2. North Ayrshire Volunteers**

The Committee received a presentation from Brenda Walker, Manager North Ayrshire Volunteers on the work of the organisation which provides a service to organisations recruiting volunteers and individuals interested in becoming volunteers.

Noted.

**3. Community Safety**

**3.1 Strathclyde Police Crime Statistics**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on the level of recorded crime within the Committee's boundaries, which indicated a rise in crimes of vandalism. A number of initiatives are being pursued by the Police to tackle vandalism, including a proposal by the Community Safety Forum to establish a multi-agency working group to focus on vandalism and its associated problems which is to be considered by the Corporate Policy Committee.

Noted.

### **3.2 Strathclyde Fire Brigade: Fire Statistics**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on fire incidents within the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside areas.

Noted.

## **4. Scrutiny Reports**

### **4.1 Educational Services: Library Issue Figures**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the progress of the Library Services in 2000/01.

Noted.

### **4.2 Property Services: Litter Awareness/Graffiti**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on complaints received in relation to litter and the provision for dealing with graffiti.

Concern was expressed over ongoing problems associated with litter and fly-tipping and the Committee agreed (a) to remit to the Corporate Director (Property Services) to address these concerns; and (b) that investigations be undertaken by appropriate officers in relation to the use of the Edge Grime Buster equipment for the removal of graffiti from private buildings.

### **4.3 Property Services: Voids**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the number and duration of current voids in Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside areas.

Noted.

## **5. Community Development Grants**

### **5.1 Analysis of Expenditure 2000/2001**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the expenditure of the Community Development Grants budget for 2000/2001.

Noted.

### **5.2 Budgetary Provision for 2001/2002**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the budgetary provision for Community Development Grants in 2001/2002.

Noted.

### **5.3 Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on requests for financial assistance.

Councillor Barr declared an interest in the application from Irvine Woodcraft Folk and took no part in the discussion.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
Irvine Woodcraft Folk	£1,800
Drybridge Community Hall	£2,800
Corsehill Community Association	£2,000
The Fullarton Community Health House	£5,000
Magnum Crèche Club	£2,100
Irvine Gingerbread Group	£1,725
Broomlands & Bourtreehill Baptist Church Oasis Cafe	£2,000
Castlepark Guide Units	£260. In this case the Committee also agreed to remit to the Corporate Director (Educational Services) to undertake an assessment of (i) the range and condition of outdoor equipment held by Community Education for hire by local organisations; and (ii) the use of this service by local groups, and their needs.
Dreghorn Gala	£ 700
Kilwinning Festival Society	£1,000. In this case it was also agreed to remit with powers to the Corporate Director (Educational Services) in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to award additional funding to a maximum of £300 subject to satisfactory evidence of further relevant expenditure.
Castlepark and Eglinton Gala Committee	£ 900
Croft Angling Club	£ 900
Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band	£1,000

## **6. Playscheme Grant Awards: Summer and Autumn 2001 and Easter 2002**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on playscheme grant applications received for Summer and Autumn 2001 and Easter 2002.

Noted.

## **7. Irvine Common Good**

### **7.1 Analysis**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Irvine Common Good Awards paid to April 2001.

Noted.

### **7.2 Radio 1: One Big Sunday: Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) on the proposed provision of funding assistance towards the Radio 1 event "One Big Sunday" to be held at Irvine Beach Park on Sunday 15 July 2001.

The Committee agreed to contribute £5,000 towards this event to assist with the onsite requirement costs which include traffic management, the provision of toilets, medical staff and stewarding etc.

#### **8. Woodgreen Mortification Trust: Budget and Application for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) on an application for financial assistance from the Erskine Church of Scotland, Kilwinning towards renovation costs to convert existing toilet facilities in the Church hall to a standard suitable for the disabled. The estimated funding available for disbursement in this financial year is £6,000.

The Committee agreed to award £500 towards these conversion costs.

#### **9. Naming of New Private Housing Development by G & S Homes, Off Crocus Grove, Irvine**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the proposed provision of a street name for a new private housing development off Crocus Grove in Irvine.

The Committee agreed that it be named "McClure Gardens".

The meeting ended at 5.15 p.m.