

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Committee
15 September 1999

Kilwinning, 15 September 1999 - At a Meeting of Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Divisional Committee at 4.00 p.m.

Present

Elliot Gray, Jacqueline Browne, Thomas Barr, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, Stewart Dewar, John Donn, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall, Joseph McKinney, John Moffat and David O'Neill.

In Attendance

M. Craik, Principal Children's Services Officer, A. Weir, Landscape & Amenity Services Manager, Parks and Horticulture Services and A. Milson, Area Officer, Community Education (Educational Services); I. MacKay, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Regulatory); D. Nibloe, Chief Financial Accountant, Expenditure (Finance); R. Forrest, Principal Planning Officer, M. Ferrier, Team Leader, I. McQuaker, Planning Officer and T. Mauchlen, Planning Technician (Development and Promotion) J. Bannatyne, Administration Officer and A. Little, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Chief Inspector P. Collier, and Sergeant W. Beatts (Strathclyde Police) and T. Kane (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Mr Gray in the Chair.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 199, copies of which had previously circulated, were confirmed.

2. Irvine/Kilwinning Local Plan: Finalised Plan

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the implications for the Irvine and Kilwinning Replacement Local Plan as a result of objections received to the Finalised Plan.

The Committee received a presentation prior to the commencement of the meeting which outlined the objections received to the Finalised Plan. Some objections have now been resolved and as a result a number of proposed modifications to policy wording and technical aspects are required to update the Plan and regularise its contents. Given the extent of the proposed modifications it is necessary to place on deposit the Proposed Modifications for the statutory period of 6 weeks. If unresolved objections remain however a Public Local Inquiry must be arranged to allow objectors to present their case to a Scottish Office Reporter. This Inquiry has been provisionally set for December 1999.

Councillor Carson expressed his disappointment (i) that the land at Highfield is not to be reallocated as residential and that the matter will accordingly be subject of a Public Local Inquiry;

and (ii) that Scottish Homes are not retaining Tarryholm for social housing.

The Committee agreed the modifications and the matters which should be referred to a Local Plan Inquiry.

3. Community Development Grant

(a) Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants paid to 7th July 1999.

The Committee was advised that (i) the Magnum Leisure were unable to assist with the provision of a bowls carpet and that the Thursday Club had subsequently been awarded a grant of £600.00 by the Chair in terms of his remit with powers; and (ii) Springside Evangelical Church Youth Club had been unable to attend their Annual Camp and had therefore returned the £330.00 grant.

Noted.

(b) Requests for Financial Assistance

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

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Corsehill Community Centre	£1,000
Irvine Elderly Forum	£ 200
Jobs Action Group	£ 300
Irvine and District Poverty Action Group	£ 150
Relief Parish Church Parents and Toddler Group	£ 500
Fullarton Focus	£ 800
Kilwinning Horticultural Society	£ 300
Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band	£1,000

The Committee was advised of a report to be considered by the Corporate Policy Committee on 21st September 1999 on applications for funding from the Council's Millennium Grants Scheme. Due to financial constraints it has not been possible to make provision for Millennium grants through the scheme and it is recommended that applications which do not clearly identify Millennium activities be remitted to Divisional Committees for consideration under the Community Development Grants Scheme.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) to approve in principle the recommendations in respect of the following Millennium grants subject to their referral from the Corporate Policy Committee on 21st September 1999;

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Dreghorn Gala Committee	£500

explored. Kilwinning Millennium Committee In kind assistance to be

Opportunities in Retirement (Irvine) £266

Kilwinning Horticultural Society £500

and (b) authorise the Chair to give final approval subject to satisfactory background reports being provided.

4. Irvine Common Good Fund

(a) Expenditure to July 1999

Submitted report by the Chief Executive detailing expenditure together with the balance remaining for disbursement.

Noted.

Discussion thereafter focused on the annual payments from Irvine Common Good made to Irvine Fuel Relief and the Old Folks Joint Wards and the requirement to set aside an appropriate amount to meet these annual costs.

The Committee further agreed that the following amounts be set aside for 1999/2000:-

Irvine Fuel Relief £3,500

Old Folks Joint Wards £4,000

(b) Irvine Christmas Lights

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for the provision of Christmas Lights in Irvine Town Centre.

Following a decision by the Committee on 30th June 1999, investigations into the proposed replacement of the Christmas lights have concluded that the existing lights are beyond repair and require replacement. Three replacement options were presented which outlined costings, fixings and technical detail. It was suggested that the new Irvine Town Centre Initiative Steering Group be approached regarding future sponsorship from local businesses towards additional Christmas decorations in the Town Centre.

The Committee agreed (a) to allocate £18,000 for the replacement of the Christmas lights for Irvine Town Centre; (b) that Members and Officers of the Council arrange to meet with representatives of the new Irvine Town Centre Initiative Steering Group to discuss sponsorship for the provision of additional decorative lighting etc. in Irvine Town Centre; and (c) to review the financial requirements for the Christmas lights on an annual basis.

(c) Marymass Folk Festival 1999

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request from the Irvine Folk Festival Organising Committee for additional financial assistance towards the 1999 Festival.

The Marymass Folk Festival received £1,650 for the 4 day festival from the Executive Committee. However despite several changes to the programme and efforts to keep expenditure within the budget the Festival Committee is unable to settle outstanding invoices totalling £600, and have requested that an additional £600 be awarded for 1999 with the proviso that an equivalent sum is deducted from any award provided towards the Festival in the year 2000.

The Committee agreed (a) to award Marymass Folk Festival an additional £600 towards the 1999 Festival on the proviso that an equivalent sum is deducted from any award provided towards the Festival in the Year 2000; and (b) that the Chair, Vice-Chair (or nominees) and Councillor Barr, Chair of the Marymass Executive Committee meet with representatives of the Marymass Folk Festival Organising Committee to discuss the financial position with regard to future Festivals and report.

(d) Requests for Financial Assistance

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

The Committee agreed to award the grants as shown, subject to confirmation that total funding for each project has been secured:-

Emmanuel Christian Centre	£1,000
Public Art Development	Advise applicant to apply for a Community Development Grant.
Church of St. Margaret of Scotland	£1,000
Irvine Amateur Operatic Society	Advise applicant to apply for a Community Development Grant. If they do not meet the criteria remit powers to the Chair to award £1,000.

Councillors Gray and O'Neill declared an interest in the following item, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion. Councillor Browne took the Chair for this item.

Trinity Trust	£1,200
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Councillors Gray and O'Neill returned to the meeting. Councillor Gray resumed the Chair prior to consideration of the following item:-

Fullarton Parish Church	£1,000
Irvine Sailing and Cruising Club	Nil

5. Children Act 1989

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the procedures for registration of daycare provision, including playschemes including the implications of the Children Act 1989 for voluntary workers operating within Playschemes.

Noted.

6. Committee Venues for Future Meetings

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposed future venues for meetings of the Irvine/Kilwinning/Dreghorn and Springside Committee, which are as follows:-

Irvine	Cunninghame House Towerlands Community Centre
Kilwinning	St. Winnin's Church Hall Kilwinning Academy
Dreghorn	Townend Community Centre

Dunlop Memorial Hall

Springside

Springside Community Centre

The Committee agreed that future meetings will be held in rotation at the above venues.

7. Irvine: Bank Street; Templars Hall

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the current position on Templars Hall, Bank Street, Irvine.

The Templars Hall was closed during financial year 1998/99 following a fire and local groups were relocated to other accommodation. One particular group of former users have expressed an interest in making use of the property provided the Council will give assistance in obtaining grants etc, with the release of insurance money, and with the preparation of a full building survey and business plan.

The Committee agreed that the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Regulatory) consult with the Principal Estates Officer with a view to progressing matters.

8. Naming of New Private Housing Development by Taywood Homes adjacent to Springbank Gardens, Irvine

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) regarding the provision of a street name for the development adjacent to Springbank Gardens, Irvine by Taywood Homes.

The Committee agreed the development be named "Springfield Gardens".

9. Community Safety

(a) Strathclyde Police Crime Statistics

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on the level of recorded crime within the Committee's area.

Noted.

(b) Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on Fire Incidents in the Committee's area during the period 1st April to 30th June 1999.

Noted.

10. Irvine Town Centre: Traffic Management

Councillor O'Neill expressed the view that a Member/Officer Working Group of interested parties should be formed to address problems relating to traffic management in Irvine Town Centre.

The Committee agreed (a) that a Member/Officer Working Group be set up comprising appropriate members and officers, Strathclyde Police, representatives of TOA and other interested parties to consider issues pertaining to traffic management in Irvine Town Centre; and (b) that Councillor Gray chair this group.

The meeting ended at 5.40 p.m.