

Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Committee  
12 December 2001

**IRVINE, 12 December 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, Ian Clarkson, John Donn, Margaret McDougall and David O'Neill.

**In Attendance**

J. Ward, Head of Service and A. Milson, Community Education Officer (Educational Services), F. Roger, Local Manager (Social Services); J. Mason and A. McHarg, Principal Engineer (Property Services) A. Grossart, Senior Accountant (Finance); and S. King, M. McKeown and A. Little, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

F. Keddillity, Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Leisure Ltd); Superintendent I Henderson and Chief Inspector Lawrence (Strathclyde Police) and Assistant Divisional Officer P. Nelis (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

**Chair**

Councillor Gray in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Jack Carson, Jacqueline Browne and Stewart Dewar.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 October 2001, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Community Safety**

**2.1 Strathclyde Police Crime Statistics**

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

Superintendent Henderson advised of future I.T. arrangements which will route all police calls to centralised offices.

Noted.

**2.2 Strathclyde Fire Brigade: Fire Statistics**

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

Discussion focused on the number of fatalities caused by chip pan fires and on the measures being undertaken to heighten awareness of the dangers in

this area.

Noted.

### **3. Scrutiny Reports**

#### **3.1 Educational Services: Community Education**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on developments being undertaken by the Community Education Service.

Noted.

#### **3.2 Social Services: Care of the Elderly**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Social Services) on recent developments to the Older People's Services.

Noted.

#### **3.3 Property Services: Roads/Footpath Repairs Maintenance and Signposts**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the progress of works programmes and other activities associated with maintenance, traffic and lighting.

Discussion focused on the service being provided by private contractors in relation to trunk roads and the standard of works being undertaken to the repair of footpaths in the Castlepark area.

The Committee agreed that the works undertaken to footpaths at Castlepark be inspected and the local member advised of the outcome.

### **4. North Ayrshire Leisure Limited**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Leisure 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 has completed its first full year of trading and has achieved a modest surplus which will be reinvested in the current year to upgrade IT systems within the main leisure facilities. This will improve services to customers by speeding up transactions, enabling networking of information and bookings as well as providing a future option to adopt smart card technology.

Future developments in health and fitness development include the addition of 40 exercise machines at the Magnum and the programmed re-surfacing

of the pitch at Almswall Park on 2003/2004.

Noted.

## **5. Community Development Grants**

### **5.1 Analysis of Grants**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants paid to 17 September 2001 in respect of the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside areas, including details of the balance of £10,626 available for disbursement.

Noted.

### **5.2 Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on requests for grant aid from the Community Development Grants Scheme for 2001/2002.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u>
Castlepark & Eglinton Tenants Association	£200
Towerlands Mothers and Toddlers	£150
Corsehill Community Association	£800
Woodlands Senior Citizens Club	£200

The meeting ended at 4.20 p.m.