

Irvine Area Committee
3 February 1999

Irvine, 3 February 1999 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 4.00 p.m.

Present

Joseph McKinney, Thomas Barr, Jack Carson, John Donn, Stewart Dewar and Elliot Gray.

In Attendance

D. MacRitchie, Manager Area Services, C. Devenay, Homecare Organiser, I. Kelly, Welfare Rights Development Officer (Social Services), W. Simpson, Community Development Services Officer (Educational Services), M. Gillis, Assistant Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Area Officer (Property Services), M. McKeown, Administration Officer and A. Little, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Chief Inspector Collier, (Strathclyde Police), and A. Kane, Community Fire Safety Officer (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Mr McKinney in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

David O'Neill.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9th December 1998, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Monitoring Reports

Submitted monitoring reports on the undernoted matters:-

(a) Litter Awareness

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on service delivery regarding litter awareness.

No incidences of fly-tipping had been reported, but 5 calls in respect of cleansing were received by the Litter Hotline in the period to December 1998.

Members commented on the untidy condition of the Vineburgh Wimpey site and the New Town Trail.

The Committee agreed (a) to request that the Wimpey site and New Town Trail be inspected and cleared promptly; and (b) a charge for the clear up of the Wimpey site be made to the owner.

(b) North Ayrshire Council Industrial Estate Properties

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the position regarding the letting/availability of factories on Council Industrial Estates.

Discussion focused on the maintenance of land surrounding industrial estates and the responsibility for maintaining these areas.

The Committee agreed to request the Corporate Director (Property Services) to provide a report on (i) ownership of these areas of land; (ii) who has responsibility for the maintenance of these sites; and (iii) the feasibility of the Council maintaining the sites at a charge to the occupiers.

(c) Home Care Services

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Social Services) on the home care services provided in the Irvine area.

Members acknowledged the prompt home care assessment process and otherwise noted the report.

(d) Welfare Rights Service

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Social Services) on the Welfare Rights Service.

The Welfare Rights Development Officer provided information on the level and range of referrals received by the service.

The Committee agreed to request a 6 monthly welfare rights report.

(e) Community Development Grants Scheme: Analysis of Grants Paid to 14th December 1998

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development grants paid to 14th December 1998 in respect of the Irvine area including details of the balance of funding remaining.

The Irvine Extreme Sports Club have now disbanded and the grant of £265 awarded by the Committee returned. This amount will be added to the balance available for disbursement.

Noted.

3. Community Development Grants Scheme: Applications for Grant Aid

Submitted reports by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for financial assistance.

(a) Lanfine Mother and Toddler Group

The Committee agreed to award 250.

(b) Redburn Junior Girls Group

After discussion the Committee agreed to remit to the Chair to award a grant to this group following receipt of a further report which details the activities of the group and their contribution to the proposed ski course.

(c) ABC Playgroup

The Committee agreed to award £300.

(d) Magnum Creche Club

The Committee agreed to award £200.

(e) Broomlands and Bourtreehill Credit Union

The Committee agreed to award £150.

4. Irvine Common Good Fund - Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request from Irvine Royal Academy Burns Club for financial assistance towards the costs of visiting Dumfries in July to take part in the Annual Commemoration organised by the Southern Scottish Counties Burns Association and towards the costs of attending the Annual Conference of the Burns Federation in Peebles.

The Committee agreed to award Irvine Royal Academy Burns Club £200.

5. Management of Rivergate Car Park, Irvine

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the access arrangements and controls at the Rivergate Car Park, Irvine.

The car parking areas at the Rivergate Centre, including the Asda Supermarket and Riviera Bingo units, are controlled by the management company Land Securities Ltd who have recently installed a gate on the service entrance at Fullarton Street. The gate is an interim measure which will be operated under supervision until a further review of the access and circulation arrangements to the car parks and servicing areas is carried out.

Noted.

6. Templars Hall: Community Management Proposal

The Committee was advised of a proposal by local groups to manage the Templars Hall which the Council has declared surplus to requirements.

The Committee agreed (a) to request the Corporate Director (Educational Services) to prepare a report detailing the running costs of this hall and any other associated expenses; and (b) thereafter to meet with the proposed management group to discuss their proposals and the findings of the report prepared by the Corporate Director (Educational Services).

7. Community Safety

(a) Fire Statistics

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on Fire Incidents in the Irvine area in the period to 30th November 1998.

Noted.

b) Crime Statistics

Strathclyde Police reported on the recorded crime within the Irvine Area Committee's

boundaries and pending re-organisation which will result in a new North Ayrshire sub-division.

The Committee requested a report on the impact of the bye-law on drinking in public places.

The meeting ended at 5.07 p.m.