

Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee  
11 August 2011

**KILBIRNIE, 11 August 2011** - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

Robert Barr, Anthea Dickson and Jean Highgate.

**In Attendance**

J. McHarg Assistant Manager, Community Development and Bernadette Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community and Culture) (Education and Skills) and P. Shiach, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

**Also In Attendance**

Sergeant M. Boyle (Strathclyde Police).

**Chair**

Councillor Barr in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

John Bell, E. Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Highgate, as Secretary of the Group, declared an interest in item 6 - Community Development Grants Scheme in relation to a grant application submitted by Beith Town Centre Initiative and took no part in the determination thereof.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride Area Committee held on 21 April 2011 and the Special Meeting held on 7 June 2011 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue on activity within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride area in the period 21 May to 27 July 2011.

Noted.

#### **4. Strathclyde Police**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on activity within the Garnock Valley and West Kilbride area for July 2011.

Sergeant Boyle provided information relating to beats 7,8,9,10,11,12 and 23 which encompass a geographical area including Kilbirnie, Beith, Dalry and West Kilbride. Information relating to Fairlie was also included with the beat 23 report which referred mainly to West Kilbride.

The Community Policing Team continue to make contact with local community based organisations, including the Community Councils. The report indicated that the main focus of proactivity would continue to be the priorities listed on the local Community Policing Plans which were published for 2011/12, i.e.

- Drug Dealing and Drug use
- Drunk and Disorderly behaviour (including Vandalism and Graffiti)
- Assault and Violent crime
- Housebreaking and Other theft.

A breakdown of the crime/offence statistics for June 2011 was detailed in the report.

Members sought, and received, clarification on a number of aspects of the report. Sergeant Boyle also clarified the position in relation to a number of issues raised by Members, including the proposed introduction of a neighbourhood watch scheme in Peden Avenue, Dalry, the perceived increase in violent crime, illegal parking in Eglinton Street, Beith, traffic calming in Barrmill, and flytipping at Balgray Farm.

Noted.

#### **5. Request for Change of Street Name at William Tricker Crescent, Beith**

Submitted report by the Solicitor to the Council on the proposed renaming of the street currently recorded as William Tricker Crescent, taking into account representations made on the matter.

On 21 April 2011, the Area Committee received a report on representations made on behalf of residents of William Tricker Crescent, Beith, who sought a change of name of the street to "Lochlands Grove". The street is commonly referred to as Lochlands Grove and a number of residents use Lochlands Grove instead of William Tricker Crescent when providing details of their postal address.

There was particular concern that the confusion generated by this situation could lead to a delay in emergency services response. The Committee approved the undertaking of public consultation on the proposed change of street name from William Tricker Crescent to Lochlands Grove via an advertisement in the local newspaper.

During the consultation period, one representation was received in the form of an objection from a descendant of William Tricker who feels that it would be irreversibly disrespectful to Mr Tricker to rename the street. A copy of the objection was appended to the report.

Under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the Council may alter the name of a street taking into account any representations made in that regard.

The Committee agreed that (a) the Solicitor to the Council undertake a detailed survey, seeking the residents views on the requested amended street name; (b) the residents be made aware of the history behind the original naming of the street, and the implications for the emergency services, Royal Mail and residents themselves of changing the street name; and (c) that a further report thereon be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

## **6. Community Development Grants Scheme - Applications for Grant Aid**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
West Kilbride Village Gala Group	£ 500.00
Kilbirnie Town Centre Management Committee	£1,876.80
Beith Town Centre Initiative	£1,000.00
West Kilbride Theatre	£1,500.00

## **7. Margaret Archibald Bequest**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance received in respect of the Bequest.

The Committee agreed that (a) no award be made at this time to the Dalry Old Folks Welfare Committee, and that the Group should be encouraged to apply for a Community Development Grant; (b) that an award of £3,000 be made to the Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee; and (c) that the Corporate Director (Finance and Infrastructure) submit a report to the next meeting on the implications for the fund of the current ceiling of £7,500 being exceeded.

**8. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP): Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 16 June 2011**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 16 June 2011.

Noted.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee agreed that the Economic Development Manager be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss economic regeneration in the Garnock Valley.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Area Committee is scheduled for 22 September 2011 in West Kilbride Village Hall (subject to availability).

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.