

Three Towns and Arran Committee
12 December 2001

SALTCOATS, 12 December 2001 - At a Meeting of the Three Towns and Arran Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 1.30 p.m.

Present

John Sillars, Margaret Munn, David Gallagher, Alan Munro and Samuel Taylor.

In Attendance

J. Ward, Head of Service and I. Frame, Area Officer (Community Education) (Educational Services); S. Bates, Local Manager (Social Services); J. Mason and A. McHarg, Principal Engineers (Roads) (Property Services); and S. King, A. Sobieraj and D. McCaw, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Chief Inspector J. Johnstone (Strathclyde Police); and Assistant Divisional Officer P. Nelis (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Councillor Sillars in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

David Munn.

1. Minutes

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

2. Community Safety

2.1 Report by Strathclyde Police

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police advising of the level of recorded crime within the Three Towns and Arran Committee's Boundaries.

Noted.

2.2 Report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on Fire Incidents within the Committee's boundaries during the periods 1 to 30 September and 1 to 31 October 2001.

The Committee agreed (a) in recognition of continued problem of chip pan fires and Strathclyde Fire Brigade's public information campaign, to refer the matter to North Ayrshire Community Safety Forum to consider the re-introduction of the 'chip pan voucher scheme' which enabled replacement of old pans with thermostatically controlled versions; and (b) that members be provided with information on investigations carried out by Strathclyde Fire Brigade and Strathclyde Police on malicious calls to the Fire Brigade.

3. Scrutiny Reports

3.1 Educational Services: Community Education

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on current Community Learning developments by the Community Education Service including building community capacity, developing lifelong learning, developing core skills, addressing priority health issues and engaging young people.

The Committee agreed that the Corporate Director (Educational Services) submit a report to the next meeting on the operation of Community Education within the Three Towns and Arran areas.

3.2 Social Services: Care of Older People

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Social Services) on recent developments in the Care of Older People comprising home care, home based respite, augmented care, community alarm services, sheltered housing warden support, home from hospital services, day care services and residential and nursing home provision.

Noted.

3.3 Property Services: Roads Services 2001/2002 Programme

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on progress with work programmes and other activities associated with maintenance, traffic and lighting within the Roads Service.

Noted.

4. Community Development Grants Scheme

4.1 Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants to 5 November 2001 in respect of the Three Towns and Arran area, including details of the balance of £1,813.80 available for disbursement.

Noted.

4.2 Applications for Grant Aid

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

The Committee (a) agreed to the following :-

Organisation	Decision
Misk Knowes and Ardeer Lane Neighbourhood Watch	Defer to other possible grants sources
North Ayrshire Women's Aid	£1150
West Coast Disabled Club	£ 363.80
Isle of Arran Junior Rugby Club	£ 300

and (b) noted that the grant budget was now fully expended for the financial year 2001/2002.

5. Ardrossan Common Good Fund: Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from the Ardrossan Common Good Fund by John Steele for the production of a paperback historical book on the HMS Dasher.

The Committee agreed to approve in principle an award of £500, subject to the submission of information on expenditure from a previous grant award.

6. Stevenston Common Good Fund: Request for Financial Assistance

Submit report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance from the Stevenston Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award
1st Stevenston Boys Brigade	£ 500
Stevenston Town Centre Initiative	£1,000

The Meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.