

Three Towns and Arran Committee
16 December 1999

Irvine, 16 December 1999 - At a rescheduled 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

W. Simpson and I. Frame, Area Officers (Community Education) (Educational Services); S. Good, Divisional Manager (Housing) (Property Services); S. King, Corporate Policy Officer, and M. McKeown, Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Acting Superintendent T. Love and Inspector I. Reilly, (Strathclyde Police); and Community Safety Fire Officer, A. Kane and Station Officer Blair (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Mr Sillars in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

David Munn and Samuel Gooding.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27 October 1999, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Community Development Grants Scheme

(a) Analysis of Grants

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants paid to 2 November 1999 in respect of the Three Towns and Arran area including details of the balance of funding remaining.

Noted.

(b) Requests for Financial Assistance 1999/2000

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on requests for financial assistance from the Community Development Grants Scheme.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award
Brodick Improvements Committee	£150.00

Back Beat Drama Group	£500.00
Befriending and Respite Services	£500.00 Arising from discussion concerns were raised about lack of community/voluntary group activity in the Three Towns area and it was considered that even more should be made to assist and encourage activity in these areas. The Committee agreed therefore to request the Corporate Director (Educational Services) report to the next meeting on the level of community/voluntary activity in the Three Towns area, including details of type of support provided to these groups, and to put out proposals for developing activity in this area.

3. Stevenston Common Good - Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application from Ardeer Thistle Football Club for financial assistance from the Stevenston Common Good.

Due to a lack of sponsorship the Club has been struggling to meet their running costs and was seeking £1000 from the Common Good to help meet these costs. The Club had previously been awarded £1623.50 in June 1999 and had also received support in the past.

After discussion the Committee agreed to (a) award £300 immediately; and (b) consider granting the remainder of the request on the submission of a satisfactory financial report to the next meeting.

Arising from discussion the Committee also agreed to support in principle, on receipt of a competent application from a properly constituted group, an initiative to commemorate the memory of Mr Kenneth Campbell VC, in the Three Towns.

4. Montgomerie Street, Ardrossan

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the outcome of a meeting involving Members and Officers held on 18 November 1999 to discuss the situation at Montgomerie Street, Ardrossan.

The Committee agreed to (a) approve the action agreed at the meeting; and (b) request that progress reports be submitted to future meetings as appropriate.

5. Remit and Operation of Committee

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals to influence the content and composition of agendas, reinforce administrative arrangements and implement a number of short term measures to strengthen the role of Divisional Committees.

The Committee agreed (a) to approve these proposals; and (b) that the operation of these measures be reviewed in June 2000.

6. Provision of Christmas Trees and Decorative Lighting

Submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the provision of Christmas trees and decorative lighting within the Committee's area.

Noted.

7. Community Safety

(a) Report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on Fire Incidents in the Three Towns and Arran area.

The Committee (a) noted the reports; and (b) agreed that the Community Safety Forum release a statement supporting the campaign currently being undertaken by the Fire Brigade to install smoke alarms/replace batteries free of charge in residential properties in North Ayrshire.

(b) Report by Strathclyde Police

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

Information was provided on the level of drug related crimes, crimes of violence, and road traffic offences recorded in the three towns area over the last year. Details of the measures being taken by the Police to address these problems was noted. The Committee also discussed the situation with regard to road traffic accidents on Arran where the condition of the roads was seen a contributing factor.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.