

Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee  
30 June 1999

**Kilbirnie, 30 June 1999** - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

**Present**

James Jennings, Gordon Clarkson, John Bell, Elisabethe Marshall, Robert Rae, John Reid, Robert Reilly, Richard Wilkinson.

**In Attendance**

D Nibloe, Chief Financial Accountant, Expenditure (Finance); G Clark, Operations Manager; J Lockhart, Area Officer (Cleaving and Grounds Maintenance) (Property Services); N McCrone, Advisor (Arts); A Pettigrew, Area Officer (Community Education); G Hamilton, Festival and Events Officer (Educational Services); S Bale, Administration Officer and C Graham, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Assistant Divisional Officer J Milligan; Community Firefighter T Barr (Strathclyde Fire Brigade); and Superintendent J Young (Strathclyde Police).

**Chair**

Mr Jennings in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Alan Hill and Elizabeth McLardy.

**1. Community Development Grants**

**(a) Community Development Grants Scheme**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the operation of the Council's Community Development Grants Scheme and the budget allocation for the financial year 1999/2000.

The Corporate Strategy Committee on 30 March approved a budget of £73,947 for Community Development Grants in 1999/2000. This figure assumed separate allocations to the previous five Area Committees. Given the composition of the new Divisional Committees, a sum of £5,656 previously allocated to Arran groups has been transferred from the North Coast and Arran Area Committee allocation to the new Three Towns and Arran Committee.

Therefore the budget allocation for the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee in 1999/2000 now amounts to £18,306. However with an award of £1,000 having already been made to Beith Civic Week under the Chief Executive's delegated powers, the current balance for the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae is £17,306.

After discussion, the Committee (i) noted the Community Development Grants Scheme and the budget allocation for 1999/2000; and (ii) agreed that Councillor Bell be advised whether changes in Council ward boundaries had been considered in the disaggregation of the budget to the new Committees.

**(b) Requests for Financial Assistance**

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:-

**(i) Generally**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Award</u> £
West Kilbride Gala Committee	700
Millport Country and Western Festival Association	underwrite to a maximum of 1,500
West Kilbride Museum Trust	134
'Variations' Largs Choral Society	500
West Kilbride Music Club	500
Fairlie Bowling Club	500
Brisbane Queen Festival Committee	460
Glengarnock Toddler Group	320
Glengarnock Dolphins Synchronised Swimming Club	200 in respect of coaching only
Beith Drop-In	600; and
Celtfest	1,000
	<b>(ii) Douglas Park Bowling Club</b>

Mr Wilkinson, seconded by Mrs Marshall, moved to award £1,000. Mr Jennings, seconded by Mr Reilly, moved as an amendment to award £800.

On a division, there voted 6 for the amendment and 2 for the motion and the amendment was duly carried; and

**(iii) Beith Community Council**

The Committee agreed to refuse the application.

### **(c) Voluntary Playschemes: Applications 1999/2000**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications for Voluntary Playscheme grants in respect of summer and autumn 1999 and Easter 2000 within the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae area.

The Committee (i) noted the awards made; and (ii) agreed that a report on the operation of the Playschemes be submitted to a future meeting.

## **2. Largs: Viking Festival**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the draft programme for the 1999 Largs Viking Festival, compiled by the Largs Viking Festival Advisory Forum.

The Committee approved the draft programme for the 1999 Largs Viking Festival which will take place from 28 August to 5 September inclusive.

## **3. Largs: Common Good Fund**

### **(a) Budget 1999/2000**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) on the draft accounts for the Largs Common Good Fund for the year ended 31 March 1999 and suggesting a level of funding to be made available for grants in 1999/2000.

After discussion, the Committee agreed (i) the sum of £14,300 be available for disbursement from the Largs Common Good fund for the financial year 1999/2000; and (ii) that a report on the breakdown of the administration costs be provided to the next meeting.

### **(b) Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications for financial assistance from the Largs Common Good Fund for 1999/2000.

Councillor Marshall declared an interest in the applications by Largs Brisbane Queen Festival and the Largs Illumination Committee and took no part in the discussion on these items.

#### **(i) Largs Brisbane Queen Festival**

The Committee agreed to award £450;

#### **(ii) The Largs Museum Trust**

The Committee agreed to award £600;

#### **(iii) Largs Illumination Committee**

The Committee agreed to award £3,500;

#### **(iv) Largs Viking Festival Advisory Forum**

The Committee agreed to award £7,700;

#### **(v) Largs and District Round Table**

The Committee agreed to award £750; and

**(vi) Celfest**

The Committee agreed to award £850.

**4. Millport: Common Good Fund**

**(a) Budget 1999/2000**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) on the draft accounts for the Millport Common Good Fund for the year ended 31 March 1999 and suggesting a level of funding to be made available for grants in 1999/2000.

The Committee agreed the sum of £1,950 be available for disbursement from the Millport Common Good fund for the financial year 1999/2000.

**(b) Request for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from the Millport Common Good Fund for 1999/2000.

**(i) Millport Country and Western Festival Association**

The Committee agreed to underwrite any possible shortfall in the cost of the Festival to a maximum of £1,000.

**5. Venues for Future Committee Meetings**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposed venues for future meetings of the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae Committee.

The Committee agreed to approve alternating meetings between the Garnock Valley and North Coast, subject to the availability of appropriate venues.

**6. Community Safety**

The meeting was advised of the priority given by the Council to Community Safety including a Community Safety Forum comprising representatives of Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire Brigade and various Council services and other agencies. Superintendent Young and Assistant Divisional Officer Milligan proposed a format of reporting to the Committee on their services.

The Committee agreed to receive written reports and representatives from Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade at each meeting.

**7. Largs: Football Clubs/Football Pitches**

The Chair reported on the terms of a letter from Councillor Rae on problems being experienced by football clubs in Largs, in respect of both the condition of pitches and the timing of pitch inspections.

Having heard the Operations Manager, Grounds Maintenance in response to members' questions, the Committee noted (a) that limited improvement works will be undertaken within the budget available; and (b) that the Area Parks Management Officer will be requested to alternate the days of pitch inspection between Largs and the Garnock Valley.

## **8. Urgent Items**

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency.

### **(a) Largs: Additional Car Parking: Tall Ships Race: 30 July - 2 August 1999**

The Committee was advised of the terms of a letter from Strathclyde Police requesting assistance with additional car parking places in Largs during the period of the Tall Ships Race.

The Committee agreed that discussions take place between Strathclyde Police and appropriate officers of the Council to progress the matter.

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.