

Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee  
23 April 2015

**Stevenston, 23 April 2015** - At a Meeting of the Ardrossan and Arran, Saltcoats and Stevenston Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

John Bruce, Willie Gibson (Items 1 - 3.2); John Hunter and Ronnie McNicol.

**In Attendance**

J. McHarg, Community Engagement Manager and B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Officer (Economy and Communities); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Inspector Skimming (Police Scotland) and Station Manager Gallacher (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

**Chair**

Councillor Bruce in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Tony Gurney, Peter McNamara and Alan Munro.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**2. Minutes (Page 5)**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 February 2015 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Community Planning Partnership Partners**

**3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2015**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the minute of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 19 March 2015.

Noted.

### **3.2 Police Scotland**

Inspector Skimming provided information on crimes reported and detected in the Committee's area for the period 26 February to 20 April 2015 and gave updates in relation to:-

- two serious assaults in the Stevenston area;
- 14 persons reported for various drug offences as a result of drug related operations ;
- a number of community policing actions and initiatives that have taken place;
- the Campaign Against Violence Strategy that has been employed in the Committees area since the start of 2015; and
- directed patrol plans that have been in operation to target inconsideration/dangerous driving and parking and housing breakings and thefts.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- an incident that took place in the short stay hostel, Ardrossan; and
- an accident at the level crossing in Ardrossan;

Discussion took place on a number of parking issues in Saltcoats, including parking by blue badge holders and loading/unloading lorries in Dockhead Street and parking problems in Windmill Street and Hamilton Street, Saltcoats.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the report; and (b) request the Executive Director (Place) investigate and examine possible solutions to the parking issues in Saltcoats.

Councillor Gibson left the meeting.

### **3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity within the Committee's area during the period 27 February 2015 to 12 April 2015.

Noted.

#### **4. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee was advised that Ardeer Homing Society have been unable to use their grant for the installation of gas to their premises. They have requested that they be permitted to use the grant for a different purpose.

The Committee agreed (a) that Ardeer Homing Society refund the grant and submit an application for their new project; and (b) to make the following awards:-

##### **Community Development Grants**

Brodick Early Years Centre		£558.95
Brodick Improvements Committee	Defer for further information	
The Ayrshire Community Trust		£2,000

##### **Local Youth Action Fund**

Ardrossan Whitlees Community Association		£1,045
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#### **5. Grants to Elderly Groups**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) on (a) the level of funding available for disbursement to elderly groups across North Ayrshire in 2015/16; and (b) the allocation of £16,046 for disbursement to elderly group in the Committee's area.

Noted.

#### **6. Stevenston Common Good Fund: Application for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application received in respect of the Stevenston Common Good Fund for 2014/15.

The Committee agreed (a) to make an award of £5,000 to Stevenston Christmas Lights Fund; and (b) that the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) (i) provide advice to the Group in respect of appropriate insurance and leasing of Christmas lights; and (ii) arrange a meeting of the Christmas Lights Groups from Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston to share best practice.

The meeting ended at 3.00 p.m.