

Three Towns and Arran Committee  
12 September 2001

**SALTCOATS, 12 September 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, Samuel Gooding, David Munn, Alan Munro and Samuel Taylor.

**In Attendance**

A. Smith, Divisional Manager (Property Services); M. Craik, Principal Children's Services Officer, Irene Gilmour, Children's Resource Officer and W. Simpson, Area Officer (Community Education) (Educational Services); K. Thomas, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Legal and Regulatory); S. King, Corporate Policy Officer, M. McKeown, Policy/Administration Officer and D. McCaw, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Also In Attendance**

Chief Inspector J. Johnstone (Strathclyde Police); and Community Safety Fire Officer A. Kane (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

**Chair**

Mr. Sillars in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Peter McNamara.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2001, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Community Safety**

**2.1 Report by Strathclyde Police**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police on the level of recorded crime within the 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 31 May and 1 to 30 June 2001.

Noted.

### **2.3 Three Towns CCTV System - Incidents Report**

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the performance of the CCTV system operating within the town centres of Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston during the period January to August 2001.

The Committee noted the positive impact of the CCTV system in detecting crime and contributing to public safety within the Three Towns area.

## **3. Scrutiny Reports**

### **3.1 Educational Services: Out of School Hours Activities**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on the Out of School Hours Learning opportunities offered by Children's Services in the period January to September 2001.

Noted.

### **3.2 Property Services: Housing Waiting Lists**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on the combined waiting and transfer list figures for Council houses to August 2001.

The Committee agreed that the Corporate Director (Property Services) be requested to take appropriate action to (a) address the concerns of the Committee about the number and duration of void properties within the Three Towns area, particularly in the south end of Stevenston; and (b) improve estate management arrangements within these areas.

### **3.3 Legal & Regulatory: Public Health Complaints: April - July 2001**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Regulatory) on the complaints received and actions taken by Environmental Health in relation to Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of public health nuisances.

Noted.

## **4. Community Development Grants Scheme**

### **4.1 Analysis of Grants**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development Grants awarded to 14 August 2001, including details of the balance of £9,161 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 agreed to make the following awards:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award</b>
Three Towns Number 1 Boys and Girls Football Club	£ 500
1st Ardrossan Girls Brigade	£ 150
Star Inn Christian Centre	Nil
Brodict Highland Games Committee	£ 500 underwrite
SNAP Craft Group	£ 200
Barrie Terrace and Hunter Avenue Residents Association	£ 141
Dykesmains Friday Club	£ 300
Saltcoats Blind Bowling Club	£1500
Kuloc Chinese Association	£ 300
Saltcoats Development Association	£1000
Ardrossan Old Age Pensioners	£ 500
Ardrossan Christmas Decorations Committee	£ 800
In terms of Standing Orders, Councillor Sillars declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion.	
Arran Theatre and Arts Trust Ltd.	£ 500 underwrite

## 5. Saltcoats Common Good Fund: Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance from the Saltcoats Common Good Fund by Saltcoats Development Association.

The Committee agreed to make an award of £1,000 to Saltcoats Development Association towards the provision of Christmas lights in Saltcoats town centre.

## 6. Naming of New Private Housing Development, by RDK Construction Ltd., at former Glencairn Nursery, Stevenston

Submit report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the naming of a new private housing development by RDK Construction Ltd., at the former Glencairn Nursery, Stevenston.

The Committee agreed to name the development "Glencairn Gardens".

## 7. Road Safety- Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats and South Crescent Road, Ardrossan

The Clerk provided an update on the current position regarding proposed road safety measures along Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats and South Crescent Road, Ardrossan.

The Committee noted that (a) a bid in respect of the proposed safety measures will be submitted to the capital programme for financial year 2002/2003; and (b) that public consultations will be carried out at an appropriate stage.

#### **8. Shore Road Pavilion: Ardeer: Stevenston**

The Local Member set out his concerns about the poor state of repair of the Shore Road Pavilion, Ardeer, Stevenston and requested that action be taken to reinstate the building.

The Committee agreed that (a) the Corporate Director (Property Services) be requested to take action to secure the restoration of the facility for use by the public; and (b) local members be kept advised of proposals for the facility.

The Meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.