

Three Towns Area Committee  
4 February 1999

**Ardrossan, 4 February 1999** - At a Meeting of the Three Towns Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

S. McLaughlin, Area Community Development Officer, Community Education (Educational Services); H Greenwood and J Wright, Area Officers, Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance and Transport (Property Services); and S. Bale, Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

**Also In Attendance**

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

**Chair**

Mr Gallagher in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Samuel Gooding.

**1. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 1998, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Monitoring Reports**

**(a) North Ayrshire Council Industrial Estate Factories**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the position regarding the letting/availability of factories on Council Industrial Estates.

Noted.

**(b) Litter Awareness**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on service delivery in respect of litter awareness.

No new instances of illegal dumping have been reported. Four calls were made to the Litter Hotline during December 1998.

The Committee was advised that the introduction of wheeled bins appears to have assisted in reducing litter. The scheme, reducing the frequency from weekly to fortnightly of pull outs which are granted to those households where there is no one capable of bringing the bin to the designated point of collection, has been extended to the Three Towns area. Assurances were given that the operation of the scheme will be monitored.

Noted.

**(c) Community Development Grants Scheme: Analysis of Grants Paid to 14 December 1998**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development grants paid to 14 December 1998, including the balance of funding remaining.

Noted.

**3. Community Development Grants Scheme: Applications for Grant Aid**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme.

**(a) Argyle Playgroup**

The Committee agreed to award £100 to Argyle Playgroup;

**(b) North Ayrshire Women's Aid**

The Committee agreed to award £750 to North Ayrshire Women's Aid;

**(c) Groovy Chics Girls Group**

The Committee agreed to award £250 to the Groovy Chics Girls Group; and

**(d) Auchendarvie Playgroup**

The Committee agreed to award £1040 to Auchendarvie Playgroup.

The Committee was advised that the Mayfield Playgroup, which received a grant from the Committee in 1997/98 for equipment, have indicated that they will be closing down. The equipment purchased therefore reverts to the Council. The Scottish Pre-School Playgroup Association has offered to undertake the redistribution of the equipment.

The Committee agreed to authorise the redistribution of the equipment by the SPPA, subject to the equipment remaining within Three Towns Playgroups.

**4. Saltcoats: Naming of New Private Housing Development by RDK Construction at Junction of Springvale Street, Union Street and Wellpark Road**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the provision of a street name in respect of a new housing development by RDK Construction at Springvale Street, Union Street and Wellpark Road, Saltcoats.

The Committee agreed that the street within the development be named "Springvale Court" in accordance with the recommendation of the local member.

**5. Saltcoats: Sidney Street: Traffic Regulation Order**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on a traffic management proposal for Sidney Street, Saltcoats.

In the interests of road safety and to improve traffic management, it is proposed to introduce (a) a one-way traffic operation (south to north) within Sidney Street and (b) waiting restrictions in the vicinity of the Sidney Street junction with Eglinton Street. Consultation will be required as part of the Traffic Order procedure and the proposal will thereafter be publicly advertised.

The Committee agreed (i) to approve the traffic management proposal for Sidney Street,

Saltcoats; and (ii) to remit the matter to the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee for the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

## **6. Community Safety**

### **(a) Strathclyde Fire Brigade: Fire Statistics for the Periods 1 to 30 November and 1 to 31 December 1998**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Fire Brigade on fire statistics within the Three Towns area from 1 to 30 November and 1 to 31 December 1998.

Noted.

### **(b) Strathclyde Police: Crime Statistics**

Strathclyde Police reported on crime statistics in the Three Towns area and the pending reorganisation which will result in the creation of a new North Ayrshire Sub-Division.

Noted.

## **7. Urgent Items**

The Chair agreed to hear the following as a matter of urgency.

### **8. Saltcoats North Area: Bus Services**

Councillor Taylor advised that a meeting will be held with Stagecoach Western Buses Limited on 8 February 1999 to discuss the concerns raised locally about the alterations to bus routes and withdrawal of certain services in the Saltcoats North area.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.