

Three Towns Area Committee
28 March 1996

Saltcoats, 28 March 1996 - At a meeting of the Three Towns Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30am.

Present

David Gallagher, Peter McNamara, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro and Samuel Taylor

In Attendance

T. Orr, Director of Housing Services, N. Buchan, Head of Roads, J. Currie, Head of Cleansing/Grounds Maintenance, E. McNaught, Head of Customer Services (Housing Services), J. McHarg, Community Services Development Manager, S. Burns, Manager (Area Services) Social Work, J. Hair, Principal Officer Accounting and Budgeting, H. Greenwood, Area Cleansing/Grounds Maintenance Officer, Superintendent J. Young, Police Sub-Divisional Officer, A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer and S. Bale, Administration Officer.

Chair

Mr Gallagher in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Samuel Gooding and David Munn

1. Scheme of Delegation

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Scheme of Delegation to the Area Committees which was approved by the Corporate Strategy Committee on 27 February 1996 including details of additional delegated functions relating to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 agreed at the meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee on 13 March 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) to note the Scheme of Delegation together with the additional functions delegated to the Committees in relation to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984; (b) that reports be submitted to the next Meeting on (i) the implications of the new road at Burns Avenue, Saltcoats and (ii) traffic congestion outside schools and measures which can be taken to alleviate such congestion.

2. Community Consultation

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for the arrangement of public consultation meetings on the services of North Ayrshire Council in accordance with the recommendations of the Officer/Member Working Groups on consultation and Area Committees approved by the Corporate Strategy Committee on 27 February 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair arrange the community consultation meeting within the Three Towns Area to enable the Committee to meet with the main representative Community Organisations (i.e. community councils and community associations and Three Towns

forums); (b) that a report be submitted to the next Meeting on proposals for further consultation with a wider range of groups in various locations throughout the Three Towns Area; and (c) to recommend to the Corporate Strategy Committee that the setting up of a register of Community Groups who wish to be advised of agenda items for their interest be considered at the public consultation meetings on the services of North Ayrshire Council such meetings to be arranged in consultation with the Area Committee Chairs.

3. Core Agenda of Priority Items

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for a core agenda of priority items for consideration at future Meetings. Copies of this report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed (a) to invite the Community and Recreational Services Directorate to report to the next Meeting of the Committee on (i) its service delivery plans for the area covered by the local Area Committee in particular in relation to the Committee's remit to deal with grant requests and provide a focus for liaison with the local community and (ii) the maintenance programme for the Ardrossan/Saltcoats promenade; (b) to consider at the next meeting a core agenda of future prioritised items to allow frontline services to submit local reports on service delivery; and (c) the Corporate Policy Officer report to the next Meeting on Directorates which could provide monitoring updates on a regular basis.

4. Community Grants Budget

Submitted report by the Chief Executive giving details of the proposed Community Grants Budget for the five Area Committees for the financial year 1996/97 which had been approved by a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee on 25 March 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

Mr Osborne explained the basis for the calculation of the grants and confirmed that part of the Community and Recreational Services Directorate report to the next meeting would indicate how the budget would be enhanced by the disaggregation of local grants from the former Leisure Grants Scheme Budget. Fifty percent of the proposed allocations should be released in the first instance and the remaining allocation reviewed after 6 months.

After discussion the Committee agreed to (a) request that the Corporate Strategy Committee when developing the Corporate Policies of the Council take into consideration that the Three Towns Area has the highest poverty weighting; and (b) otherwise note the report.

5. Easter Playschemes: Applications 1996

Submitted report on the proposed formula for funding of playschemes and requests for financial assistance for Easter 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

Mr Osborne confirmed that due to additional information received on the number of sessions which the Ardrossan Lone Parents were operating, the recommendation should be altered to £220.00.

The Committee agreed (a) to award funding to Easter Playschemes as follows including the revised recommendation on Ardrossan Lone Parents;

Ardrossan Lone Parents	£ 220.00
The Womens Centre	£ 110.00
Ardrossan After School Care	£ 220.00
Saltcoats After School Care	£ 220.00
Ardeer After School Care	£ 220.00
Stevenston Teenscene	£ 110.00
Hayocks School Break Club	£ 132.00
Ardeer Community Association	£ 260.00

and (b) to consider at a future meeting recommendations for the funding of all playschemes in 1996/97 in accordance with the formula previously operated by the Cunninghame Local Committee of Strathclyde Regional Council.

6. Arrangements for Future Meetings of the Committee

Submitted report by the Chief Executive detailing the arrangements for the dates and times of future meetings of the Area Committees to January 1997. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Clerk confirmed that the Area Committee would meet on the fifth week of each six week Committee cycle on the dates and at the times indicated in the timetable in the report. The Chair will be consulted on the arrangements to be made regarding Pre-Agenda meetings and the Chief Executive proposes to issue details of the guidelines for the submission and receipt of reports for Committee Agendas. The Chair indicated that it was his wish that the venue for future meetings of the Committee should rotate around the Three Towns Area at suitable local venues.

The Committee agreed (a) that the venue for the next meeting be Saltcoats Town Hall; (b) that a report be submitted to the next meeting on possible future venues; and (c) otherwise to note the report.

7. Requests for Appointment to Outside Bodies

Submitted report on a request for representation of two members on the Management Committee of the Urban Programme Project ASSIST (Three Towns) which had been remitted to the Three Towns Area Committee, by the Corporate Strategy Committee on 25 March 1996.

The Committee agreed to appoint the Chair and Councillor David Munn to the Management Committee of the Urban Programme Project ASSIST (Three Towns).

8. Urban Programme Projects

Councillor Peter McNamara raised the matter of how information was disseminated to Urban Programme Projects and former Urban Programme Projects on their future funding from North Ayrshire Council.

After discussion the Committee agreed to remit to the Corporate Strategy Committee to consider the procedures for reporting on funding to such groups.

The meeting ended at 11.40am.