

Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee  
3 February 1999

**Springside, 3 February 1999** - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

**Present**

Ian Clarkson, James Clements, Gena Seales and Jane Gorman.

**In Attendance**

I T Mackay, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Regulatory); C McEwing, Area Housing Manager; M Gillies, Area Officer, Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance and Transport (Property Services); S Bates, Assistant Manager, Area Services; C Devaney, Home Care Organiser (Social Services); W Simpson, Community Services Development Officer, Community Education (Educational Services); S Paxton, Administration Officer and C Graham, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

Chief Inspector P Collier and Sergeant P Martin (Strathclyde Police); Sub-Officer R Andrews and Community Fire Officer T Kane (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

**Chair**

Mr Clarkson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Irene Oldfather.

**1. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 December 1998, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Monitoring Reports**

**(a) Empty Houses in the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on empty council houses within the Area Committee's boundaries.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the Members be advised as a matter of urgency on the outcome of investigations in respect of the void properties at 41 and 45 Montgomerie Terrace and 28 Eglinton Place, Kilwinning.

**(b) Home Care Services**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Social Services) on Home Care Services in the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside areas.

The Committee discussed the high number of clients in Kilwinning in comparison to other areas and requested that a more detailed breakdown of the Kilwinning statistics be provided in

future reports.

Noted.

**(c) Litter Awareness**

Submitted report by the Director of Community Services on service delivery in respect of fly-tipping and the number of calls received by the Litter Hotline in relation to Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside.

No incidences of fly-tipping have been reported and two calls in respect of cleansing were received by the Litter Hotline in the period to December 1998.

After a lengthy discussion on promoting the Litter Hotline, the Committee agreed that the Corporate Director (Property Services) be requested (i) to advertise the Litter Hotline number in the local newspapers and "Look North"; and (ii) to give consideration to the provision of a supply of pocket-sized advertisements for distribution to Community Centres, Schools and Libraries throughout North Ayrshire.

**(d) Community Development Grants Scheme: Analysis of Grants Paid to 18 December 1998**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Community Development grants paid to 18 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) Dirrans Boys Club**

The Committee agreed to award £250 to the Dirrans Boys Club, subject to the appropriate insurance cover being obtained;

**(b) Friends of Dalgarn Mill**

The Committee agreed to award £682 to the Friends of Dalgarn Mill for the purpose of administrative equipment for the development of information and tourism;

**(c) Senior Citizen Wednesday Club**

The Committee agreed (i) to award £300 to the Senior Citizen Wednesday Club and (ii) that the Club consider the purchase of insurance in respect of its equipment; and

**(d) Outstanding Applications**

The Committee was advised of a number of outstanding applications in the current financial year and agreed that the Community Services Development Officer conclude the appraisal of the applications as a matter of urgency.

#### **4. Kilwinning: Trunk Road A738: Whitehirst Park Road, Woodside Road, Pennyburn Road and Stevenston Road: Traffic Regulation Order**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on a traffic management proposal for Whitehirst Park Road, Woodside Road, Pennyburn Road and Stevenston Road (A738) Kilwinning, following a request by the local member to review the current speed limit on Whitehirst Park Road and Woodside Road.

The Whitehirst Park and Woodside areas of Kilwinning are accessed from housing distributor roads connected to the main road network at the junction of Stevenston Road and Whitehirst Park Road. The Pennyburn local authority housing area is also accessed from a distributor road of similar character. The Whitehirst Park, Woodside, and Pennyburn Roads are currently subject to a 40 mph speed limit, with Stevenston Road changing from 30 mph to 40 mph at its junction with Whitehirst Park Road.

The Committee agreed (a) the content of a Traffic Regulation Order for submission to the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee to consider reduction of the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph on Whitehirst Park Road, Woodside Road and Pennyburn Road, Kilwinning; and (b) to note the Scottish Office Development Department's intention to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 30 mph speed limit on the A738 Trunk Road.

#### **5. Irvine: Perceton: Route C27 (North): Traffic Regulation Order**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on a traffic management proposal for Route C27 (North), linking Old Stewarton Road with Middleton Road, at Perceton, Irvine.

Route C27 (North) is a rural standard route linking Old Stewarton Road with Middleton Road with two housing areas taking access off this route. Residents of both housing areas have expressed concern regarding the speed of traffic on Route C27 and the unsuitability of the carriageway for heavy traffic. The introduction of a Prohibition of Movement Order has been proposed, the costs of which will be met from the Roads Revenue budget.

The Committee agreed the traffic management proposal as detailed in the report for submission to the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee.

#### **6. Woodgreen Mortification Trust**

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Regulatory) on an application for financial assistance from the Woodgreen Mortification Trust. The purpose of the Trust is to provide relief for the poor of Kilwinning.

The organisation applying is a lunch club, providing subsidised meals to senior citizens living in Kilwinning. The Club, previously awarded £200 towards running costs, has requested further assistance from the Trust towards the cost of rent charged for use of the premises.

The Committee, having considered the full circumstances surrounding the application, agreed (a) to refuse the request in this instance on the grounds that the application does not meet the required criteria; and (b) that officers from Community Education (Educational Services) and Social Work meet with the Club to discuss providing assistance.

#### **7. 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 Kilwinning, Dreghorn

and Springside areas from 1 to 30 November and 1 to 31 December 1998.

Forty-four storm-related incidents had been attended by the Fire Brigade in Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside, and 116 across North Ayrshire as a whole.

Noted.

**(b) Crime Statistics**

Submitted report by Strathclyde Police "UA" Division regarding the level of recorded crime in the Sub-Division.

The Committee was advised of the current Police initiatives in Kilwinning to combat littering and the proposals for the re-organisation of U Division which would result in the creation of a new North Ayrshire Sub-Division.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.