

Garnock Valley Area Committee
16 March 1999

Dalry, 16 March 1999 - At a meeting of the Garnock Valley Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

Present

Robert Reilly, James Jennings and Thomas Morris.

In Attendance

J Ferguson, Assistant Principal Estates Officer (Development and Promotion), J McHarg, Commercial Services Development Manager, A Pettigrew, Young Peoples Development Services Officer, A Haxton (Adviser), J Barr, Area Officer Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance and J McKinlay, Area Community Development Officer (Educational Services) and J Bannatyne, Administration Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Inspector C McCreath (Strathclyde Police) and R Andrew, Sub Divisional Officer and T Barr, Community Fire Officer (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

Chair

Mr Reilly in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Thomas Dickie and George Steven.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 1999, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Monitoring Reports

(a) Educational Services

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) providing statistical information on attendance, running costs and leaver destinations in relation to schools serving pupils from within the Garnock Valley area.

The Committee agreed that similar reports be submitted on an annual basis.

(b) Litter Awareness

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Property Services) on litter awareness.

Details were provided of 3 instances of illegal dumping reported in February 1999. No calls were made to the Litter Hotline during January and February 1999. Arrangements are currently in hand to publicise the Litter Hotline number throughout North Ayrshire.

Noted.

(c) Community Development Grants Scheme: Expenditure Analysis 1996-99

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the disbursement of grant funding though the

Community Development Grants budget from 1996/1999.

Noted.

3. Community Development Grants Scheme: Requests for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on requests for financial assistance.

(a) Beith Harriers Junior Youth Section

The Committee agreed to award £127 to Beith Harriers Junior Section;

(b) Barrmill Community Association

The Committee agreed to award £525 to the Barrmill Community Association.

4. Street Naming: Dalry: Off Greenlees Court: New Private Housing Development

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) on the provision of a street name for a new private housing development by Acre Developments, off Greenlees Court, Dalry.

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

5. Public Address Systems

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on Public Address (PA) Systems at community facilities within the Garnock Valley area.

Due to limited financial resources, together with Health and Safety commitments, it is not possible at this time to renew or extend the Public Address Systems within community halls throughout the Garnock Valley. Portable PA Systems for use within those halls which have no permanent PA Systems will be made available as and when required. Special arrangements can be made for the Walker Halls, Kilbirnie given the particular difficulties experienced in relation to the provision of PA Systems in the past.

The Committee agreed (a) that arrangements be made for lessees of the Walker Halls, Kilbirnie to have permanent access to a portable PA System as required; and (b) that a training session on the operation of PA Systems be arranged for appropriate staff.

6. Kilbirnie Loch Management Group

Submitted report, being the minutes of the meeting of the Kilbirnie Loch Management Group held on 1 March 1999.

Noted.

7. Kilbirnie: Bridgend: Proposed Drop-in Centre

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Educational Services) on a proposal by the Radio City Association to provide a community facility for young people in the existing cinema building in Kilbirnie.

Members and Officers of the Council recently met with representatives of the Radio City Association who confirmed that they have prepared a Business Plan for the development of the

cinema building in Kilbirnie as a community facility which will incorporate a Drop-in Facility for young people. The Association are still in negotiation with possible funding bodies to secure the necessary finance and anticipate a decision on funding within the next 2 months. The Association is also seeking the active participation of young people in designing and developing the facility.

The Committee agreed (a) to the temporary suspension of the development of the proposed Youth Drop-in Facility in the Mission Hall, Kilbirnie pending further information on the Radio City Association development in Kilbirnie; (b) that in the meantime no further steps be taken to formalise the lease agreement with W & J Knox; and (c) that a further report on progress be submitted.

8. Common Good/Trust Funds: Standard Application Form

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the proposed introduction of a standard application form for requests for financial assistance from Common Good/Trust Funds with effect from 1 April 1999.

Noted.

9. Community Safety

(a) Crime Statistics

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on crime statistics in the Garnock Valley for January 1999 provided by Strathclyde Police.

There were 122 crimes reported in the Garnock Valley in January 1999, of which 68 (55.7%) were detected. This is an increase of 45 crimes over the corresponding period last year.

Noted.

(b) Fire Statistics

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on fire statistics within the Garnock Valley for the period 1 January to 28 February 1999.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.