

Three Towns Area Committee  
2 December 1996

**Irvine, 2 December 1996** - At a special meeting of the Three Towns Area Committee at 11.00 a.m.

**Present**

David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, David Munn, Margaret Munn and Samuel Taylor

**In Attendance**

Sandra Bale, Administration Officer and Angela Little, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive and Corporate Support).

**1. CCTV: Stevenston Cross**

Councillor Gooding provided background information on an approach to the Three Towns Area Committee by a local company offering to install a CCTV camera at Stevenston Cross for a one month trial. This offer includes connection to the company's 24 hour manned control room in Stevenston for a cost of £800.00 plus VAT. The company have indicated that the normal cost of a CCTV system is approximately £4500 - £5000.

Vandalism at Stevenston Library has shown a requirement for some form of surveillance in this area of Stevenston.

After a full discussion the Committee agreed (a) to recommend to the next meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee the acceptance of the trial offer of installation of a CCTV camera at Stevenston Cross for a period of one month; and (b) to monitor the results following the trial period in terms of levels of crime and vandalism within this area of Stevenston.

**2. Urgent Item**

The Chair agreed to hear the following urgent item.

**3. Saltcoats: Landsborough Trinity Church**

Councillor Taylor advised of a planning application for the removal of the stained glass windows from the vacant Landsborough Trinity Church in Saltcoats as a preventative/protective measure. He also referred to the requirement of North Ayrshire Museum for more suitable premises.

The use of the Landsborough Trinity Church by North Ayrshire Museum to display exhibits would afford the Museum a larger exhibit area and by occupying the Church would help safeguard this prominent listed building. Lottery funding may be available to undertake some repairs to the Church. The agreement of the Church of Scotland will require to be sought.

The Committee agreed to request the Director of Planning, Roads and Environment and Director of Community and Recreational Services (a) to approach the Church of Scotland on the feasibility of locating the North Ayrshire Museum within the Landsborough Trinity Church, Saltcoats; and (b) to submit a report on the outcome to the next meeting of the Three Towns Area

Committee.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.