

Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee  
20 November 1996

**Irvine, 20 November 1996** - At a Meeting of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.50 a.m.

**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

J. McHarg, Community Services Development Manager, A. Robinson, Magnum Centre Manager (Community and Recreational Services), H. Hunter, Senior Accountant (Financial Services), M. Thomson, Kilwinning Area Manager, J. Hartley, Dreghorn Area Manager (Housing Services), S. Paxton, Administration Officer and D. McCaw, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

Inspector G. McLanaghan, Strathclyde Police.

**Chair**

Mr. Clarkson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Patrick Browne.

**1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair intimated that it had been necessary to change the venue of the Area Committee at the request of the Church. The Council had arranged transport for members of the public wishing to attend the meeting and the Chair extended his welcome to them.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 October 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**3. Monitoring Reports**

**(a) Housing Services**

Submitted report by the Director of Housing Services on the performance of Housing Services with regard to allocations, homelessness and voids.

The report detailed statistics with regard to the operation of the Council's Allocation and Homelessness Service, transfers and waiting lists, the housing needs of various groups, progress in achieving the targets for allocations for 1996/97, performance in allocating vacant properties, rent loss and reasons for applicants being refused lets.

The time taken to allocate vacant properties was dependent upon the properties, amongst other things, being brought up to standard by the Works Section of the Commercial Services Directorate.

The Committee (a) requested that the Director of Commercial Services submit a report to

the next meeting of the Committee on time taken to bring vacant houses up to a tolerable standard; and (b) otherwise noted the report.

#### **(b) Community and Recreational Services**

Submitted report by the Director of Community and Recreational Services on levels of use in the Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine.

Attendance levels were lower than the same period last year which was attributed to fewer people paying admission charges as a greater number of Leisure Cards were in circulation. Attendance at swimming, cinema and soft play had decreased while "body zone" and skating attendances showed substantial increases.

Noted.

#### **(c) Analysis of Grants Paid to 14 October 1996**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the various categories of grants paid to 14 October 1996 in relation to applications in respect of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside area.

Noted.

### **4. Community Safety**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the progress of the Community Safety Working Group together with proposals for promoting Community Safety in North Ayrshire and the local disbursement of the Community Safety Challenge Budget set up by the Corporate Strategy Committee.

The Working Group has met twice and received presentations from the Community Safety Centre, the Fire Service, the Addiction Services and Roads Safety Education. Representatives from each Area Committee have attended the Community Safety Seminar organised by Strathclyde Police on 17 September 1996 and local briefing meetings on the "Spotlight Initiative". Strathclyde Police are already represented at all Area Committees and Community Grant Applications dealing with community safety issues are given a degree of priority. The local submissions for the Challenge Budget were a Drugs Awareness Seminar to be held in Kilwinning Academy in late January 1997 and the Strathclyde Fire Brigade Experiential Learning and Interactive Educational Activities to be held in early Spring. The North Ayrshire-wide submission was training for North Ayrshire Tutors from the Women's Personal Safety Forum.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Corporate Strategy Committee that (a) Police representation at all Area Committees be continued; (b) community development grant applications dealing with community safety issues continue to be given a degree of priority; (c) community safety become a standing item on the Agenda of all Area Committees to allow a programme of reports to be submitted from services and organisations addressing safety issues; (d) the Community Safety Centre be invited to submit a report making proposals for the establishment of a Community Safety Task Group at a North Ayrshire Council wide area level to promote community safety issues within North Ayrshire; and (e) the recommendations in respect of the Community Safety Challenge Budget as detailed in the Appendix to the report be approved.

### **5. Springside: Traffic Calming Measures**

Submitted report by the Director of Planning, Roads and the Environment regarding traffic calming measures in Springside.

The Head of Roads investigated traffic conditions at Overtoun Road, Springside to ascertain the incidence of accidents in the area and has requested information from Strathclyde

Police in order to progress the matter.

The Committee (a) noted the progress made with regard to traffic calming measures at Overtoun Road, Springside; and (b) requested that the Director of Planning, Roads and the Environment submit a full report to the next meeting of the Area Committee on traffic calming measures in Springside.

## **6. Street Naming**

Submitted reports by the Director of Planning, Roads and the Environment on street naming at Lawthorn, Irvine and Woodside H Area, Kilwinning.

The Director of Planning, Roads and the Environment has consulted appropriate Local Members and the Committee agreed that with regard to (a) the development at Lawthorn, Irvine to name the streets "Galloway Court", "Meikle Place" and "Fairlie Drive"; and (b) the development at Woodside H Area, Kilwinning to name the streets "Lissens Walk", "Darmule Drive", "Woodgreen Wynd", "Broomhill Court", "Lochwood Close" and "Moncur Court".

## **7. Community Consultation**

Submitted reports by the Chief Executive on (a) the outcome of the first round of community consultations held in April and May; and (b) proposals for the second round of community consultations to be held in 1997.

The Committee (a) approved the action taken by the Council in addressing the issues raised by community groups at the first round of consultation meetings; and (b) agreed that the Chair, in consultation with the Clerk, progress arrangements for the second round of community consultation meetings to be held with Churches and Church Groups in Kilwinning in early January 1997 and thereafter in the rest of the area.

## **8. Control of Dog Fouling in Public Places**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive confirming proposals for dealing with the problem of dog fouling in public places.

On 22 October 1996 the Corporate Strategy Committee considered a report on the control of dog fouling in public places and agreed (a) that the £18,000 presently allocated to the Infrastructure and Environment Services budget be transferred to the Corporate Strategy Committee budget for disbursement; (b) that a Working Party comprising officers from appropriate directorates be established to assist in the provision of a service to address dog fouling problems; (c) to remit to Area Committees to determine their priorities; and (d) that regular progress reports be submitted to the Area Committees on the measures taken.

The Area Committee was requested to confirm any outstanding complaints of dog fouling which have not already been notified to Officers to ensure their inclusion in the initial investigation by the Working Group.

The Committee (a) agreed to confirm any outstanding complaints or problem areas; (b) requested that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee on the Council's powers with regard to the control of dogs; and (c) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

## **9. Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the undernoted applications for grants to voluntary organisations.

### **(a) Community Grants**

**(i) St. Michael's Parent Support Group**

The Committee agreed to defer the application to the next meeting.

**(ii) Springside Evangelical Church Mother and Toddler Group**

Subject to the Group providing a written constitution, the Committee agreed to grant £850 to the Springside Evangelical Church Mother and Toddler Group,

**(iii) Woodwynd Health and Fitness Group**

The Committee agreed to grant £500 to the Woodwynd Health and Fitness Group.

**(iv) Whitehirst Park Retired Club**

The Committee agreed to grant £250 to the Whitehirst Park Retired Club.

**(v) Kilwinning Darby and Joan Club**

The Committee agreed to grant £200 to the Kilwinning Darby and Joan Club.

**(b) Festivals and Galas**

**(i) Kilwinning Festival Society**

The Committee agreed to grant £600 to the Kilwinning Festival Society.

**(ii) Springside Gala Committee**

The Committee agreed to grant £500 to the Springside Gala Committee.

**10. Strathclyde Police: Area Committee: Crime Statistics**

Inspector McLanaghan reported on crime levels within the Kilwinning, Dregghorn and Springside area.

Crime levels for September and October 1996 for offences such as car crime, house breaking, drugs and vandalism had fallen in comparison with the same period last year.

Sub-divisional crime figures from 1st April to 30th September had shown a decrease of 21% over the same period last year with the exception of road traffic offences which have increased by 7%.

Noted.

**11. Urgent Items**

The Chair agreed that the following items be considered as a matter of urgency.

**(a) Kilwinning: Foundry Wynd: Community Grant: Neighbourhood Watch**

The Chair had received from the Foundry Wynd Area Neighbourhood Watch an application requesting a community grant of £144 to cover the cost of supplying and erecting neighbourhood watch signs.

The Committee agreed, in principle, subject to satisfactory evaluation by the Community and Recreational Services Directorate, the outcome of which would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, to award £144 to the Foundry Wynd Area Neighbourhood Watch.

**(b) Springside: Station Drive: Dumping of Rubbish**

Councillor Gorman raised the issue of the dumping of rubbish at Station Drive, Springside. The ground in question is owned by a Mr. Chowdry who cannot be contacted.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk liaise with the Legal Services Manager and advise Councillor Gorman what action can be taken to resolve this matter.

The Meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.

**Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee**  
**20/11/96**

Appendix No **KDS1**

**Community Safety Challenge Budget**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside</b>			
Drugs Awareness Seminar in Kilwinning Academy	To raise awareness on drugs issues and promote a corporate response	£540.00	£540.00
Strathclyde Fire Brigade Experiential Learning and Inter-Active Educational Activities	To raise awareness of fire safety issues amongst young people and elderly initially within Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside by means of innovative learning techniques using caravan and fire engine.	£550.00	£550.00
<b>North Ayrshire Wide</b>			

Training for North Ayrshire Tutors from the Women's Personal Safety Forum	To train the Forum Tutors in the newly produced manual focusing on new techniques and new resources and to target specific areas such as women with disabilities and women from ethnic minorities - training to be provided by Glasgow Women's Personal Safety Group.	£846.00	£500.00
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