

North Coast and Arran Area Committee  
17 February 1997

**Largs, 17 February 1997** - At a Meeting of the North Coast and Arran Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

**Present**

Margaret Highet, Elizabeth McLardy, Robert Rae and Richard Wilkinson.

**In Attendance**

D Anderson, Head of Cultural and Community Services; M Smyth, Area Community Development Officer (Community and Recreational Services); A Moynihan, Principal Trading Standards Officer (Legal Services); R Lee, Assistant Principal Officer (Accountancy) (Financial Services); A Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer; J Bannatyne, Administration Officer; and C Graham, Assistant Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

**Also In Attendance**

Inspector M Scally (Strathclyde Police).

**Chair**

In the absence of the Chair the Committee unanimously agreed that Councillor Highet take the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

John Sillars.

**1. Minutes Confirmed**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. North Ayrshire Council Litter Awareness and Prevention Campaign**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the progress of the Council's Litter Awareness and Prevention Campaign.

The Litter Awareness and Prevention Campaign was launched in late January 1997 and will be supported by promotional publicity.

The Litter Hotline to the Commercial Services Directorate is now operating and the public response to the hotline in its initial weeks of operation will be reported to the Committee in due course.

The progress of the Campaign will be reviewed and progress reports will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Noted.

### **3. Dog Fouling**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the progress in establishing the five pilot areas initially selected to combat dog fouling, the area in North Coast and Arran being Main Street, West Kilbride.

Five bins per pilot project will be installed and sites for poop scoops, posters and signs will be determined. Strathclyde Police will also provide assistance..

It is also intended that a leaflet be produced for general distribution throughout North Ayrshire providing advice on responsible dog ownership, covering areas such as dog fouling, penalties for retrieving dogs from kennels, the statutory requirements to provide a tag with a name and address of the owner, and to keep dogs on leads in specific areas.

The pilot project should heighten awareness of the issue generally as well as tackling the specific problems of the five areas concerned and the Officers' Group, with representatives from various Directorates, will again meet to review these efforts and report further to the Committee in due course.

Noted.

### **4. Monitoring Reports**

#### **(a) Legal Services - Trading Standards**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on Trading Standards and various aspects of their service delivery.

The Trading Standards section has a wide ranging remit with certain services being governed by national performance indicators. Steps are currently being taken by the section to enable performance reports for each individual Area Committee to be provided in future.

Noted.

#### **(b) Analysis of Grants Paid to 5 February 1997**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive detailing the various categories of grants paid to 5 February 1997.

The Committee was advised that a grant (L/45/96) amounting to £300 had previously been awarded but not paid to Arran Paragliding Club until conditions attached to the grant, requiring the provision of specific financial documents were met. The Club has not met these conditions.

The Committee agreed (a) that Arran Paragliding Club be advised that their failure to comply with the conditions of the grant has resulted in the application being refused; and (b) to note that the balance available for distribution during the remainder of this financial year is £524.75.

### **5. Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on requests received for financial assistance in respect of the North Coast and Arran Area Committee:-

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

##### **(i) Pirnmill/Lochranza Parent Toddler Group**

The Committee agreed to grant the Pirnmill/Lochranza Parent Toddler Group £100.

**(ii) Whiting Bay Mothers and Toddlers**

The Committee agreed to grant the Whiting Bay Mothers and Toddlers Group £200.

**6. Largs: Viking Festival**

Submitted report by Director of Community and Recreational Services on the progress in establishing the programme for the 1997 Festival.

Planning is already underway in relation to a number of events for the 1997 Festival.

Some of the traditional Festival components are also being examined in an attempt to keep these up to date and attractive to the public. These include the possibility of a revised layout for the battle and fireworks site with added entertainment at that venue. Various methods of generating additional income are being considered including the possibility of permitting stalls and traders on to the site. Nominations are currently being sought from a number of groups/organisations for the Viking Festival Advisory Forum and steps will require to be taken to identify further outside sources of funding and sponsorship.

The Committee agreed to approve the programme in the terms indicated in the report.

**7. Largs: Railway Station: Redevelopment**

The Clerk confirmed that the Director of Planning, Roads and Environment has written to the Largs Community Council regarding the Largs Railway Station Development and advised the Committee of the content of the letter.

**8. Community Safety: Road Safety Presentation**

The Committee received a presentation by Mr. J. Melville, the Road Safety Officer on Road Safety - Education and Training.

Noted.

The Meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.