

Three Towns Area Committee
20 June 1996

Ardrossan, 20 June 1996 - At a Meeting of the Three Towns Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

Present

David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro and Samuel Taylor.

In Attendance

A. Herbert, Head of Accountancy Services, S. Burns, Manager (Area Services) Social Work, J. McKinlay, ACDO Community & Recreational Services, B. Gorman, Strathclyde Police, A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer and A. Little, Assistant Administration Officer.

Chair

Mr Gallagher in the Chair.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 May 1996 were confirmed.

2. Traffic Conditions at Mayfield and St. Anthony's Primary Schools

Submitted report by the Director of Planning, Roads and Environment on the outcome of the consultations on the traffic conditions at Mayfield and St. Anthony's Primary Schools.

The Committee expressed their concern at the lack of a pedestrian guard-rail at Mayfield Primary School and the long term access problem at Dykesmains Road.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) to request the Roads Department (i) to consider erection of a pedestrian guard-rail at the school entrance of Mayfield Primary School; and (ii) to assess the long term access problem at Dykesmains Road; and (b) otherwise to note the report.

3. Publicity for Area Committees

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on progress made in the formulation of a Publicity Strategy for Area Committees.

The Corporate Policy Officer advised that following consultation with the Chairs of all the Area Committees an item on Area Committees will be incorporated in the forthcoming Community Newspaper. The Committee welcomed this publicity and

emphasised the need for regular bulletins informing of the date, time, venue and agendas of the Three Towns Area Committee to encourage public attendance. Following consideration of the proposed Publicity Strategy by the Corporate Strategy Committee at its meeting on 30 July 1996, a final report will be submitted to the Three Towns Area Committee.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the progress made in formulating a Publicity Strategy for Area Committees; (b) that the Chair meet again with the Principal Officer (Marketing and Publicity) to re-inforce the publicity requirements; and (c) that a final report be submitted to the Three Towns Area Committee following consideration of the proposed Publicity Strategy by the Corporate Strategy Committee at its meeting on 30 July 1996.

4. Monitoring Reports

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on progress in formulating appropriate Monitoring Reports.

The Corporate Policy Officer advised that for a variety of reasons the consultation process has taken longer than expected. A final report will therefore be submitted to the next meeting of the Three Towns Area Committee.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the progress made in formulating appropriate monitoring reports; and (b) to receive a final report at the next meeting.

5. Community Consultation

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on matters discussed at the meeting of the five Area Committee Chairs on 21 May 1996 relating to Community Consultation.

Discussion focused on the Special Three Towns Community Consultation Meeting held on 16 June 1996 to discuss the bid for Priority Partnership Area Status in respect of the Three Towns within the North Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy.

The Committee agreed to invite (a) Mr S Wright, Manager of the Three Towns Initiative to the next meeting to provide an update on the work of the Initiative; and (b) a representative of the Community and Recreational Services Directorate to outline Young People's Development Services within the area.

The Committee also agreed to recommend to the Corporate Strategy Committee that an invitation be extended to Mr George Kynnoch, the Scottish Office, to visit the Three Towns in support of the bid for Priority Partnership Area Status.

6. Environmental Improvements

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for the introduction of Environmental Improvement Schemes remitted by the Corporate Strategy Committee for further consideration.

The Committee concluded that environmental improvements covered a wide range of issues and clarification would be required on criteria and funding.

Following discussion the Committee agreed to set up a member/officer working group to consider the criteria and ascertain the current levels of funding available to enable the compilation of a list of priorities.

7. Community Safety

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on Community Safety remitted from the Corporate Strategy Committee for further consideration.

The Committee considered Community Safety also to be a wide ranging issue with further clarification being required on criteria and funding.

The Committee agreed to establish a member/officer working group to consider criteria and ascertain the current levels of funding to enable the compilation of a list of priorities.

8. Analysis of Grants to 31 May 1996

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the categories of grants paid to 31 May 1996 relative to applications determined in respect of the Three Towns Area.

The Committee noted the current position including details of the funding balance.

9. Request for Financial Assistance

Submitted reports by the Chief Executive on requests received for financial assistance in respect of the Three Towns Area Committee

(a) Community Grants

The Committee agreed to award grants as follows:-

Three Towns Crime Prevention Panel	£375.00
Three Towns Health Forum	£250.00
Three Towns Writers Group	Defer

Cunninghame Multiple Sclerosis Drop-in Centre	£250.00
1st Stevenston Boys' Brigade	£600.00
Integers Youth Club	£600.00

(b) Sports, Arts and Leisure

The Committee agreed to award (a) Ardeer Gala Committee £300.00; and (b) Tass Thistle Boys Club £320.00.

(c) Playschemes

The Committee agreed (a) to award Sportsbreak Playscheme £570.00; and (b) noted that a report will be submitted by the Director of Community and Recreational Services on the operation of Sportsbreak Playscheme along with all other playschemes.

10. Common Good Funds

a) Stevenston Common Good Fund: Ardeer Parish Church

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request from Ardeer Parish Church for grant assistance from the Stevenston Common Good Fund towards stonework repairs to Ardeer Parish Church.

The Committee agreed (a) to provide Ardeer Parish Church with a letter of intent stipulating that their request for £5,000 from the Stevenston Common Good Fund will be met when the £40,000 balance has been secured.

b) Ardrossan Common Good: Old Town Hall, Princes Street, Ardrossan

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request from the Old Town Hall Restoration Fund Committee for grant assistance towards restoration costs to the Old Town Hall.

Discussion focused on the difficulties involved when securing finance from various organisations.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Director of Planning, Roads and Environment should report to the next meeting on the funding implications for this project in 1997/98; (b) to provide the Old Town Hall Restoration Fund Committee with a letter of intent agreeing to an award of £7,5000 over a two year period provided the balance of funds required to complete the restoration has been secured; and (c) to seek confirmation of the outcome of the application for Lottery Funding by the Old Town Hall Restoration Fund.

11. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following item be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

12. Disabled Parking

The Committee was advised of holders of disabled parking badges being issued with parking tickets when parking in pedestrianised areas. Chief Inspector Gorman explained the complexities of parking regulations and the difficulties in enforcing them. He further explained that a leaflet is provided to disabled drivers outlining the limits of the scheme. The Central Ticket Office has the power to investigate impartially individual cases and nullify tickets.

Areas of community safety were raised and discussed including vandalism and teenage drinking.

The meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.