

Three Towns Area Committee
10 July 1998

Irvine, 10 July 1998 - At a Meeting of the Three Towns Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 11.00 a.m.

Present

David Gallagher, Patrick Browne and Alan Munro.

In Attendance

The Director of Financial Services, M. Marshall, Head of Architectural Services, F. Keddlity, Head of Sports and Horticultural Services (Community Services) and S. Bale, Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

Chair

Mr. Gallagher in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Samuel Gooding, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Peter McNamara and Samuel Taylor.

1. Portacabins: Armswall Park, Kilwinning: Proposed Removal to Ardchoille Park, Stevenston

Submitted report by the Director of Financial Services on the financial implications of removing and relocating a portacabin from Armswall Park, Kilwinning to Ardchoille Park, Stevenston.

The portacabins currently located at Armswall Park were acquired under an operating lease which has now expired. The leasing company, under the terms of the lease, has already disposed of the units to a third party, HIPPO. Operating leases specifically exclude direct acquisition by a local authority and any buy back must be made through a third party. HIPPO have given notice that the units will be removed from the site and have given a deadline for a decision on whether the Council wishes to acquire the units at a cost of £10,000.

The Head of Architectural Services has estimated that the costs of the removal of the portacabins, relocation to Ardchoille Park, provision of services and remedial works amount to £11,000, plus fees of 10% which totals £12,100. It was noted, however, in considering the detailed breakdown of the costs that these will be less than estimated. The removal, relocation and making good existing surfacing costs should be charged against the leasing account, as these are costs which would require to be borne in any case. The amounts allocated for fencing, remedial works and fees may also not be required in full. It is proposed that the costs of purchase and relocation be met from the Stevenston Common Good Fund. The ongoing maintenance and caretaking costs are anticipated as being minimal and would be met by the Community Services Directorate. These costs would also be offset by income from the hire of the pitches.

After a full discussion, the Committee agreed (a) to the immediate purchase of the portacabins at a cost of £10,000 and the relocation of one unit to Ardchoille Park, Stevenston, with both the purchase and relocation costs to be met from the Stevenston Common Good Fund, subject to the reimbursement to the Fund of the costs of the second unit when it is relocated elsewhere at a future date; and (b) to instruct the Director of Community Services to explore options for the relocation of the second unit and report in due course.

The Meeting ended at 11.35 p.m.