

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2007 AT
1400 HRS IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, 48 MAIN STREET, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Rose-Ann Cunninghame, John MacKay, John McGhee, Alan Brown and Stuart Finlayson; Community Representatives Frank Dawson, Linzie Haggerty, Charles Lindsay, Jim Miller, Cathy Spicer and Donald Fulton; and Named Substitutes May McMillan, Alistair Thomson and Alison Young.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Alison Brown, Developer Contributions Officer; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Carolyn McEwan, Licensing Standards Officer and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Provost Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Aniela Miller, Jean Brown, Les Pittams and Isobel Loudon and Substitute Representatives Lilian Meikle, Fiona Andrew, Barbara Wiseman and Mary White.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW FOR A PUBLIC QUESTION AND
ANSWER SESSION**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes in order to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance. (Councillor Finlayson having joined the meeting).

PROMOTING TENANTS PARTICIPATION

3. The Forum received a presentation from Sharon Donohoe, Acting Director, Tenants Information Service on promoting Tenants Participation.

Thereafter Ms Donohoe responded to issues raised by members of the Forum.

The Chair thanked Ms Donohoe for the presentation which had been both interesting and informative.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noted, the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Local Community Planning Forum held on 23 August 2007 (circulated).
 - 4.1. **Matters Arising – Community Grants to Local Organisations 2007/2008**
 - 4.1.1 **Waterside Community Association (CG 3748)(Item 8.1(b)(ii),Pages 95 & 96, 07/11)**

Noted that £1000.00 had been awarded to the Group following receipt of a satisfactory assessment

4.1.2 Fenwick Community Council (CG 3750) (Item 8.1(c)(iii), Page 96, 07/11)

Noted that £2006.60 had been awarded to the group following receipt of a satisfactory assessment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. The Chair at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 – DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 October 2007 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board on the details of the East Ayrshire Licensing Board statutory obligations in relation to the publication of a statement of licensing policy, which invited the Forum to consider the draft policy statement and invited responses from the Forum on the consultative exercise.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the draft statement of licensing policy and that any responses or views should be submitted with the Clerk to the Licensing Board by 9 November 2007; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 October 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support (a) which updated the Local Community Planning Forum of developer contributions received in relation to policy TLR5 – Sports, Leisure and Recreation Fund of the adopted East Ayrshire Local Plan; and (b) which advised of grants made to community organisations from this Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST BACKGROUND REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which summarised the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest contained in her Trust disposition and settlement registered on 26 October 1981. This deed directed her executors to pay over the residue of her estate “to the common good fund of the Burgh of Darvel to be used in such manner as the Town Council of said burgh may think fit”.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Minutes; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM GRANTS SCHEME
COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008**

9. There was submitted a report dated 3 October 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2007/2008 together with individual assessment reports (circulated), an assessment report for Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG 3769) which had appeared on the agenda as a copy to follow (circulated at the meeting) and a verbal report by the Administrative Officer in respect of Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 3778).

9.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) South West Writers (CG 3753) - £74.00

(b) Community Councils

- (i) Darvel and District Community Council (CG 3768) - £1500.00 to be used for repairs to existing stock, safety checks and electricity costs subject to the group obtaining a quote from Len Paget, Principal Engineer prior to the release of the grant.

- (ii) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 3778) – The Administrative Officer reported details of the application which was for the erection, dismantling and running costs of the Christmas Lights.

The group had detailed the cost of the project, and also the grant sought, as being £1607.29. The application was in the process of being assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, to award up to £1607.29 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that the payment of the grant be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Community Planning Forum.

(c) Leisure

- (i) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG 3769) - £2000.00

(d) Older People

- (i) Open Door Club (CG 3764) - £200.00

(e) Sport

- (i) Darvel Junior Bowlers (CG 3763) - £411.00 and that the group be advised to apply to East Ayrshire Sports Council for the remaining £411.00 with the Forum agreeing that if the Group's application to East Ayrshire Sports Council was not successful then the Forum would award the additional £411.00 to the group.

9.2 Application Refused

- (i) Fenwick Pre 5's (CG 3760) – On the grounds that the project was not appropriate use of Community Grant Funding and that the Group be advised that in future it would be more appropriate to apply for grant funding for a specific project i.e. purchase of new equipment.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.