

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **NORTHERN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2007 AT 1400 HRS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, 31 GROUGAR ROAD CROOKEDHOLM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert McDill, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John McGhee, Alan Brown and Stuart Finlayson; Community Representatives; Donald Fulton, Jean Brown, Frank Dawson, Charles Lindsay, Isobel Loudon, Aniela Miller, Jim Miller, and Cathy Spicer; and Named Substitutes; Fiona Andrew, May MacMillan, Alistair Thomson, Barbara Wiseman and Mary White.

**ATTENDING:** William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Pauline Donnelly, Acting Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Officer; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Eddie Fraser, Senior Manager, Community Care, Educational and Social Services; Anne Bennett, Sign Language Interpreter; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John MacKay and Provost Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Ashley Bell and Linzie Haggerty; and Substitute Representatives Lilian Meikle and John McFadden.

**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.

#### **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

##### **BUILDING STANDARDS AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH ACCESS PANELS**

3. The Forum received a presentation from Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Officer on Building Standards and Partnership Working with Access Panels.

Thereafter, the Disability Awareness Officer responded to issues raised by members of the Forum.

The Chair thanked the Disability Awareness Officer for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

4. The Chair at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 5.1, agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

### EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

#### MULTI-AGENCY INSPECTION OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 August 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the Multi-Agency Inspection of Learning Disability Services.

### MINUTES

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There were submitted for information and noted, the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Local Community Planning Forum held on 31 May 2007 (circulated).

#### **6.1 Matters arising – Community Grants to Local Organisations 2007/2008**

##### **6.1.1 Kilmarnock Concert Brass Band (CG 3546) (Item 4.1(a) (ii), Page 17, 07/11)**

Noted that the Group had completed their Disclosure Scotland Registration Process and the £494.00, previously recommended, had been released to the Group.

##### **6.1.2 Fenwick Community Association (CG3690) (Item 4.1(b) (i), Page 17, 07/11)**

Noted that £1023.75 had been awarded to the Group following receipt of a satisfactory assessment. This reflected a reduction of £176.25 as a tennis court post had already been installed and paid for.

##### **6.1.3 Shortlees Youth Netball Club (CG 3659) (Item 4.1(f) (ii), Page 18, 07/11)**

Noted that confirmation of the Group's registration with CRBS had been received and the grant of £50.00 had been released.

##### **6.1.4 Crosshouse Boys Club (CG 3597) (Item 4.2(i), Page 18, 07/11)**

Noted that following a more detailed assessment the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Local Community Planning Forum, agreed to award the recommended amount of £370.00.

##### **6.1.5 Kilmaurs Glencairn Football Club (CG 3645) (Item 4.3(f) (iv), Page 18, 07/11)**

Noted that the Group had completed the registration process with the SYFA to allow them to Disclosure Check volunteers at the Club and that the £200.00, previously agreed, had been released to the Group.

### COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM GRANTS SCHEME

#### FUTURE COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROJECTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 August 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) advised the Local

Community Planning Forum of the decision taken by the Irvine Valley Local Committee, at a meeting held on 8 November 2006, with regard to the funding of Christmas Lights Projects within the Irvine Valley Area; and (ii) sought the Forum's view on whether they would wish to implement this decision.

Councillor Stuart Finlayson seconded by Councillor Alan Brown moved that (i) an award of £1500 be ringfenced for those communities within the Northern Local Community Planning Forum area that had built up a stock of Christmas Lights i.e. Stewarton, Fenwick, Darvel, Newmilns and Galston and that this ringfenced money could only be used for repairs and maintenance to the lights, installation and removal of the lights and electricity costs incurred; (ii) that the ringfenced money not be used for the purchase of new lights; (iii) that if a group applied for an award in excess of £1500, then the Forum would consider each application for the additional monies on its merits, based on the submitted assessment report in the normal way; (iv) that applications from other communities in the area for the purchase of new lights be dealt with on their merits; (v) that any unused balance at the end of the financial year be returned to the Forum's general budget for disbursement the following year for any project, if the Forum's budget had already been totally committed; and (vi) that this arrangement be for this financial year only and that the Head of Democratic Services submit a report to the first meeting of the Forum in financial year 2008/2009.

Councillor John McGhee, seconded by Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame, moved as an amendment that each application be dealt with on its merits

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 3 votes to 2.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008**

8. There was submitted an updated report dated 23 August 2007 (circulated at the meeting) 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), assessment reports for Kilmaurs Gala Day Committee (CG 3716), Stewarton Lifelong Learning (CG 3729) and Hurlford Badminton Coaching Group (CG 3747) which had appeared on the agenda as copies to follow (circulated at the meeting) and a verbal report by the Administrative Officer in respect of Waterside Community Association (CG 3748) and Fenwick Community Council (CG 3750).

#### **8.1 Applications Approved (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-**

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Cumnock Acoustic Open Stage (CAOS) (CG 3532) – £110.94 subject to clarification of the £1000 in kind contribution from the Rugby Club for hall lets and that the Head of Democratic Services consider implications of this practice in future grant applications
- (ii) Darvel Music Festival/Darvel Improvement Group (CG 3730) - £5000

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Kilmaurs Gala Day Committee (CG 3716) – £2200
- (ii) Waterside Community Association (CG 3748) – The Administrative Officer reported details of the application which was to purchase new tables for the village hall

The group had detailed the cost of the project, and also the grant sought, as being £1457. The application was in the process of being assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, to award up to £1457 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 of the Local Community Planning Forum.

(c) Community Councils

- (i) Galston Community Council (CG3732) - £1750.00 (£1500 ringfenced monies and additional £250 in terms of the decision taken at Item 7 above)
- (ii) Stewarton Life Long Learning (CG 3729) – £1060
- (iii) Fenwick Community Council (CG 3750) – The Administrative Officer reported details of the application which was for storage and carriage of Christmas Lights together with the associated installation, electricity and public liability costs.

The group had detailed the cost of the project, and also the grant sought, as being £2006.60

Following the decision taken by the Forum at Item 7 above, it was agreed, in principle, to award the Group up to £2006.60 (£1500 ringfenced monies and an additional £506.60 based on the merit of the application 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 of the Local Community Planning Forum.

(d) Environmental

- (i) Galston Hatchery (CG 3732) – £471.85

(e) Older People

- (i) Kilmaurs Thursday Club (CG 3697) - £300.00

- (ii) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Robert McDill declared a non-financial interest in the following item and left the meeting for this item only. Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame took the Chair for item (iii) only.

Consideration of Item

- (iii) Darvel Old Folks Trip Committee (CG 3708) - £750
- (iv) Darvel Lunch Club and Transport Group (CG 3686) – Noted an award of £280.00 made under delegated authority.

(f) Sport

- (i) Hurlford Badminton Coaching Group (CG 3747) – £71.50 subject to the group adding a dissolution clause to their constitution.
- (ii) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club (CG 3737) – £161.76 subject to the undernoted conditions:-

- A second quote is received for strips and match balls;
- Details are provided as to how many members are on the management committee;
- Appropriate planning permission, if required, is obtained for the container; and
- The club update their constitution to show that they do not just work with players up to the age of 19

(g) Tenants and Residents Association

(i) Declaration of Interest

Community Representative Frank Dawson declared a non-financial interest in this item and took no part in the discussion of the application.

Consideration of Item

- (i) Gauchalland Tenants and Residents Association (CG 3727) – Noted an award of £500.00 made under delegated authority and agreed an additional award of £250.00.

**NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM**

**NEW DEVELOPMENT AT DUNLOP HOUSE, DUNLOP**

9. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought a street name for a new development at Dunlop House, Dunlop.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend that the name for the new development at Dunlop House, Dunlop be Wallace Avenue; and
- (ii) that the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management be advised of the Forum's decision in this regard.

**DATE OF MEETING**

10. It was noted that the next meeting of the Northern Local Community Planning Forum would be held on Thursday 25 October 2007 at 1400 hours in Dunlop Public Hall.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.