

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2004 AT
1400 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD,
CROOKEDHOLM**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Steve Brown, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham and Sheila McNulty; and Named Substitute Les Pittams.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Eileen Mackin, Accountant; Bruce Morgan, Museums Officer; Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager (Homes and Technical Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Isobel Loudon and Bill Howie; and Named Substitute Joyce McCulloch.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 4 February 2004.

MATTER ARISING**3.1 RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/05 (Item 9, Page 538, 03/07)**

The Administrative officer reported the following nominations which had been received in respect of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005, viz:- Gordon Thomson and Michelle McMillan as the Youth Representative and Named Substitute respectively; Les Pittams and George Dalzeil as the Representative and Named Substitute respectively for Darvel and District Community Council and Aniela Millar as the Disability Forum Representative.

It was further reported by the Administrative Officer that Community Representatives Bill Howie and Frank Donnelly were now standing down, having both served on the Local Committee for several years.

It was agreed to approve the nominations of Representatives and Named Substitutes as reported by the Administrative Officer and that letters of thanks be sent to Mr Howie and Mr Donnelly for their valued services to the Local Committee over the years.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

4. The Chair welcomed Sergeant Jim Stevenson, the new Sergeant in the Irvine Valley to his first Local Committee meeting. Thereafter was submitted and noted a report dated 11 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire which advised members on reported crime figures which related to the Irvine Valley area.

Councillor Raymond joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME ALLOCATION FOR 2004/05

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources (i) which advised the Committee of the grant allocation for 2004/05 and (ii) which advised the Committee of the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the community grant allocation for the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the financial year 2004/05 was £28,196; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRIORITISING THE GRANT ALLOCATION

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which reviewed the current method the Committee used to prioritise its annual grant allocation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that aims of the new budgeting process had been achieved; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 7.1 The Administration Manager requested that the Committee consider the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

Councillor Finlayson, seconded by Councillor Macrae moved that the Committee agree to pass a Resolution to exclude the Press and public for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McDill moved that the Committee not pass a Resolution to exclude Press and public for the consideration of this item, and that the item be considered in public.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by three votes to two.

7.2 Exclusion of Press and Public

Community Representative Steve Brown left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY GRANT TO DARVEL PTA – NOVEMBER 2003 (Item 6 (i)(a) Page 414, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested that the Committee agreed to reconsider a Community Grant application by Darvel Parent Teacher Association in terms of Standing Order 40.

It was:-

- (i) unanimously agreed to reconsider the application for community grant by Darvel PTA in terms of Standing Order 40;
- (ii) agreed on the basis of the new information presented to require repayment of the £850 of the grant which had originally been made to Darvel PTA based on the original incomplete information (in effect reducing the award from £2,500 to £1,650); and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McDill having moved an alternative proposal which failed to receive a seconder, recorded his dissent to this decision.

READMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. Community Representative Steve Brown re-joined the meeting at this point.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/04

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 15 March 2004 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2003/2004 together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was then agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-
 - (a) Environmental and Heritage
 - (i) River Irvine Improvement Association - £311.74

- (ii) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council – the Administrative Officer reported the details of the application for the provision of hanging baskets and tubs. The group was seeking a total grant of £300 towards a project cost of £483. The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed in principle an award up to a maximum of £300 made up of an award of £232.04 from financial year 2003/04 and an award of £67.96 from financial year 2004/2005, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

(b) Leisure and Sport

- (i) Darvel Horticultural Society - £410
- (ii) Caprington Junior Golf Club - £143

(c) Young People

- (i) Peace (New Farm) - £130

STREET NAMING

STREET NAMING REQUEST – NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF WEST EDITH STREET, DARVEL

11. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested consideration of names for three new streets for a new development off West Edith Street, Darvel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the three new streets within the new development off West Edith Street, Darvel (1) Morton Park Drive, (2) Lanfine View, and (3) Dalquharn Avenue in accordance with the streets highlighted in the map, copies of which were circulated at the meeting for Members information;
- (ii) to advise the department of Homes and Technical Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 12.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on Local Issues which had been raised, and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 12.2 Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

PRESENTATION

- 13.** The Committee received a presentation from Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Homes and Technical Services on the Council's intention to produce a Rent Setting Policy for East Ayrshire and which sought the Committee's views on the criteria which could be used.

Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Joe. Thereafter the Chair thanked him for a very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

The meeting terminated at 1552 hours.