

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN GRANGE ACADEMY (S & R WING), OFF BEECH AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Iain Linton and John Campbell; Community Representatives Tom Cook, Charles Calman, John McIvor, John Tannock, Ester Caldwell, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Jean Churchill, Alison McCann and Mary Fraser.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Fiona Samson, Finance Officer; Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager (Homes and Technical Services); Sam McVie, Principal Surveyor; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader (Community Learning and Development); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Tom Morrison.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

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

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1414 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**PRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S RENT SETTING POLICY**

3. 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.

Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of the Policy Manager. Thereafter the Chair thanked him for his presentation.

Community Representative Bryan Thompson joined the meeting during the question and answer session.

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 20 January 2004 (circulated).

## **CORPORATE RESOURCES**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS FOR REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS (Item 13, Page 227 03/07)**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, in response to a previous decision of the Local Committee, East Ayrshire Council's Standing Orders and gave general information on their application.

### **DATES AND VENUES OF MEETINGS**

6. It was reported and noted that meetings of the Local Committee for the remainder of the calendar year would take place on 11 May 2004, 31 August 2004 and 27 October 2004 and that provisional bookings had been made for these meetings to be held in Council Headquarters, Crosshouse Community Centre and Grange Academy S & R Wing, Kilmarnock, respectively.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – ALLOCATION FOR 2004/2005**

7. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the Local Committee's grant allocation for 2004/2005 and its grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Local Committee for 2004/2005 was £23,266.00; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS BUDGET (Item 5, Page 363 03/07)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider the weightings to be applied in connection with the new mechanism for the future disbursement of Community Grant funding.

It was agreed;-

- (i) that the following categories/weightings be applied to the disbursement of grants for 2004/2005 under the new mechanism, viz:-
  - Older people – 32%;
  - Sport and Leisure – 32%;
  - Young People – 15%;
  - Arts and Cultural – 5%;
  - Disability – 5%;
  - Miscellaneous – 11%;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Head of Corporate Resources to implement the new categories/weightings for the disbursement of grant monies; and

- (iii) that it be remitted to Depute Chief Executive/Head of Corporate Resources to submit a report to the Local Committee at the end of the current financial year, reviewing the operation of the new method of disbursement of grant monies.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005**

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Head of Corporate Resources on the appointment of Community Representatives from community organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005, the following, viz:-

<u><b>Community Organisation</b></u>	<u><b>Community Representatives</b></u>	<u><b>Substitute Representatives</b></u>
Bonnyton Community Council	Mr John Tannock	None submitted
Crosshouse Community Council	Esther Caldwell	None submitted
Gatehead Community Council	Mr John McIvor	Mrs Alison McCann
Grange/Howard Community Council	Mr Tom Cook	Mrs Jean Churchill
Piersland/Bentinck Community Council	Mr Charles Calman	Mr Ian McVey
Kilmarnock South/Kilmarnock North West Elderly Forum Groups	Mr Maurice Ashbridge	Mrs Mary Fraser
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability	Ms Linda Thomson	Mr Tom Morrison
Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches	Dr Bryan Thompson	Mrs Margaret Adamson
Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association	Mr John Donaldson	Mr Marco Sinforiani
Youth Representative	Mr Stephen Grant	Miss Louise Sansun

- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Head of Corporate Resources to pursue outstanding nominations.

### **NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES – NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF IRVINE ROAD, CROSSHOUSE**

10. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Head of Corporate Resources on a proposed name for a new development off Irvine Road, Crosshouse.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the new development off Irvine Road, Crosshouse, Carmel Place; and
- (ii) the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION**

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that an anti-truancy initiative was currently being conducted, particularly within Kilmarnock town centre, in an effort to address this issue; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Item 13, Page 227 03/07)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the role of Community Learning and Development within the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area, this issue having arisen as a local item in September 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further report be submitted to the Local Committee in spring 2005 to indicate progress made in implementing the various initiatives undertaken by the Community Learning and Development section in the local area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **SITE AT GATEHEAD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE (Item 29, Page 560 03/07)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on approval given by the Council's Corporate Governance Committee on 10 February 2004 to market a vacant site at Gatehead Road, Crosshouse as a development opportunity, to secure a new local office and library facilities in partnership with a private developer.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Local Committee's concern that any development include adequate provision for public parking;
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Head of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

**NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

15. Community Representatives were invited to raise items of local interest for inclusion on the future agenda.

The undernoted item was identified as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) proposals for the refurbishment of the Kay Park Burns Monument.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.