

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2004 AT 1401 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Charles McGowan, Hugh Stirling, Margaret Docherty and Tom Stewart; and Noreen Lennon, Substitute Community Representative.

ATTENDING: Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager (Homes and Technical Services); Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Margaret MacBain, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Wendy Johnstone, Best Value Service Review Team (Homes and Technical Services); and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a fifteen minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1406 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

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 and which sought the Committee's views on the criteria which should be used.

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

Community Representative Hugh Stirling arrived during discussion of the above item.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on 4 February 2004 (circulated) subject to addition of Margaret Docherty, Community Representative, being marked present.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2004/05

5. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised on the grant allocation for 2004/05 and on the Local Committee's grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2004/2005 was £25,440; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports (circulated). The Administrative Officer advised that the total value of grants potentially exceeded the remaining balance of the 2003/04 Community Grants budget and accordingly, any further balance of funding, would require to be met from the 2004/05 Community Grants budget as indicated against each project.

6.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) The Avenue Project - £1,403.94 to be met from 2003/2004 Community Grants budget;

(b) Environmental

- (i) River Irvine Improvement Association - £135.34 be awarded from 2003/2004 Community Grants budget, subject to the condition that the Group require to secure such funding as required before release of the grant;

(c) Social Inclusion

- (i) The Evergreen Club - £700.00 to be met from the 2003/2004 Community Grants budget;

(d) Sport

- (i) Caprington Juniors Golf Club - £91.00 to be met from the 2003/2004 Community Grants budget;

(e) Young People

- (i) PEACE (Silverwood) - £1,000.00 (£291.77 to be met from 2003/2004 Community Grants budget and £708.23 to be met from the 2004/2005 Community Grants budget);
- (ii) PEACE (New Farm) - £870.00 to be met from the 2004/2005 Community Grants budget; and

- (iii) Northwest Youth Project - £3,224.00 to be met from the 2004/2005 Community Grants budget.

Beryl Graham, Community Representative, declared a direct non-pecuniary direct interest in the above Community Grant.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/05

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the appointment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted organisations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 and to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations as follows:-

<u>COMMUNITY ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Northwest Community Council	Beryl Graham	Noreen Lennon
New Farm Loch Community Council	Vacant	Vacant
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability	Dorothy McGowan	Vacant
Northwest Youth Project/New Farm Loch Youth Project	Tom Stewart	Vacant
Onthank Community Association	Margaret Docherty	Vacant
Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Janet Smith	Sally Roy
Young Person Representative	Kerri Anne Clark	Vacant
The Avenue Project	Helen Milligan	Jeannie Beveridge
Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Group	Charles McGowan	Vacant
Allies	Hugh Stirling	Vacant

- (ii) to note that re-establishment of New Farm Loch Community Council was in progress; and
- (iii) to note that Community Learning and Development was currently working with two young persons who had expressed an interest in becoming a Young Person's Representative.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 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) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

9.1 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed to request the Director of Educational and Social Services to submit a report to a future meeting on the range of provision of activities available to young people in the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area.

The meeting terminated at 1513 hours.