

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2004 AT 1404 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor Ray Murray, Provost Jane Darnbough and Councillor John Knapp; and Community Representatives: John Timpany, Susan Anderson and Mrs Jean Collins; and Substitute Community Representatives: Steven Fegan, Mrs May Proudfoot and Mrs A Gallagher.

ATTENDING: Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager (Homes and Technical Services); Paul Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); Fiona Samson, Accountancy Assistant; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives: Mrs Jean Wark, Mrs Margaret Shaw and Mrs Winnie Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed that one further application for Community Grant funding which had been received from The Contact Phab Club be considered under item 6.1(e) on the Agenda by reason that an urgent decision was required.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1408 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1409 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

RENT SETTING POLICY

4. 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 on the presentation. Thereafter, the Chair thanked him for his presentation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 28 January 2004 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2003/2004, together with assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the following applications:-

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

(a) Environmental

(i) River Irvine Improvement Association - £148.57. It was also agreed to attach an additional condition to the award to read, viz:- "That the grant award be conditional upon the organisation securing additional funding to meet the total costs of the project";

(b) Sport

(i) Caprington Junior Golf Club - £650.00;

(c) Women's Issues

(i) St Ninian's Guild - £400.00;

(d) Young People

(i) Parents, Teachers and Friends Association - Shortlees Primary - £497.94; and

(e) Disability

(i) Contact PHAB Club - £2,423.59.

The Administrative Officer reported that a cross-boundary Community Grant application had been received to fund a social and educational activity based residential holiday in Blackpool from 20-24 September 2004 and advised that an assessment report had been received from the Director of Educational and Social Services recommending an allocation from Kilmarnock South Community Grants budget of £2,423.59.

After consideration, the Committee agreed to fund the Kilmarnock South Local Committee pro-rata allocation as follows:-

2003/2004 - £1,364.66; and

2004/2005 - £1,058.93.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2004/2005

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Local Committee (i) of the grant allocation for 2004/2005; and (ii) of the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Community Grant allocation for the Local Committee for 2004/2005 was £20,385;
- (ii) to note the grant spend, by category for the last two financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services (i) advising on the nature and results of Policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives for the preceding period; and (ii) enclosed as an Appendix A to the report, a quarterly evaluation report on Better Neighbourhood Services Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that any local issues identified by Members of the Committee should be reported to the Community Police Officer;
- (ii) to note the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund evaluation figures for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 December 2003; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH STRAY DOGS AND DANGEROUS DOGS

9. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 24 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services and Strathclyde Police which advised of the arrangements for dealing with stray dogs and dangerous dogs.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005

10. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the position in respect of the Recruitment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the following as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 and to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes, viz:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Community Council (Bellfield)	John Timpany	Mrs Jean Collins
Disability Forum (East Ayrshire (North) Forum)	Steven Fegan	Jim Bryan
Elderly Forum (South Kilmarnock)	Winnie Campbell	Mrs A Gallacher
Young People	Vacant	Vacant
Sports Groups	Vacant	Vacant
Community Association (Shortlees)	Susan Anderson	Vacant
Local Churches	Joan Wark	May Proudfoot
Early Education and Childcare	Peggy Shaw	Elaine Wallace
Community Residents' Association	Vacant	Vacant
Pre-Five Representative	Jan Miller	Vacant

- (ii) to note the position with regard to the efforts being made to recruit a Young Persons Representative for the Local Committee as outlined in Paragraph 2.4 of the report; and
- (iii) 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 for Community Representatives and Named Substitute Community Representatives for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee.

LOCAL ISSUES

11.1 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

Following concerns raised by Community Representatives in regards to safety of members of the public when excavation works on public footpaths and roads were being undertaken, the undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) Work undertaken by Public Utilities within East Ayrshire, with specific reference to the Kilmarnock South area.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.