

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2005 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD,  
CROSSHOUSE**

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

**ATTENDING:** Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Sergeant Donald McIntosh, Police Liaison Officer, Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Esther Caldwell and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Alison McCann

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

**CHAIRS' REMARKS**

1. The Chair intimated the recent sad loss of Mrs Margaret Adamson, who had attended the Local Committee on occasion as Named Substitute for the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches' Representative. It was noted that Mrs Adamson had been very active in the community and was admired for her efficiency.

It was agreed to convey members' condolences and appreciation of Mrs Adamson's work on behalf of the Local Committee to her family and forward a copy of the Minute excerpt.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours for approximately 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

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

Councillor Cree joined the meeting during the Public Question and Answer Session.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Local Committee held on 18 January 2005 (circulated).

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

### SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on behalf of Superintendent Liz Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, which advised on crime figures and police activity within the Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in response to a query from members about diversion activities for young people, to discourage loitering during the evenings, it was noted that options were being explored for Friday and Saturday night opening of recreational facilities. A scheme piloted in the northwest, for Saturday night opening of community facilities, had ceased as a result of low uptake. Night football leagues had proved successful, however, these did not target the youths causing concern. Strathclyde police would continue to support Council initiatives;
- (ii) to note Community Representatives' concerns about lack of parking at Crosshouse Hospital, leading to parking on pavements. It was anticipated that the situation would improve longer term as a result of extra parking provision and road markings as part of the new build proposals. Meantime, hospital management were reviewing current parking arrangements with a view to introducing controls to prevent parking at the hospital to travel into town by bus; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

6. Following a request from the current Representative at the last meeting, the Committee was invited to consider its future representation on East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

Having noted the resignation of the current Representative, Maurice Ashbridge, it was agreed unanimously to appoint John McIvor as the Committee's new Representative.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/05

7. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position on current applications, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application) viz:-
  - (a) Older People

South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £287.00

Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum - £58.00

(b) Sport & Leisure

East Ayrshire Gardening Club - £130.90

Dean Thistle Under 12s and 13s - £557.00

(c) Young People

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Crosshouse Rainbows - £300.00

Friends of Loanhead (Outings) - £1522.82

Friends of Loanhead (Commemorative Plaque) - £126.74

New Farm Parents & Under 5s - £107.50 in principal, subject to satisfactory assessment, and remitted to the Administration Manager to action the award in consultation with the Chair.

It was agreed that a further grant of £238.40, being the uncommitted balance of the Committee's budget be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Crosshouse Rainbows towards the total cost of the Project.

## LOCAL ISSUES

### 8.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission proposals on the list of Local Committee Issues detailed within the Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### 8.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

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

Availability of community facilities for youth diversion activities.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hours.