

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2005 AT 1400 HOURS
IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Billy Sullivan, Dorothy McGowan, Pauline Barbour, Robin Ballantyne and Margaret Docherty.

ATTENDING: David Johnstone, Licensing and Community Safety Manager; Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Housing; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Roads; Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator and Louise Kerr, Link Worker, Working for Families Fund; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; John Connolly, Senior Practitioner, Youth Outreach Project; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Donald McIntosh, Police Liaison Officer, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Drew McIntyre and Community Representative Charles McGowan; and Substitute Representatives Anne Docherty and Karen Kerr.

CHAIR: Councillor Daniel Coffey.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. In terms of Standing Order 16.1, the Administrative Officer invited nominations from those Members present to Chair the meeting. It was agreed that Councillor D Coffey be appointed as Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1408 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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4. There was submitted (circulated) for information and noting, Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2005.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

WORKING FOR FAMILIES FUND

5. The Committee received a presentation on the Working for Families Fund and its target areas of Onthank, Longpark, Knockinlaw and Altonhill by Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator (Working for Families).

It was agreed to note the presentation.

Arising from discussion, Community Representative Billy Sullivan considered that New Farm Loch might be missing out in terms of attracting funding for social initiatives and the Administrative Officer was requested to contact the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to clarify the current position in relation to New Farm Loch area and respond direct to Billy Sullivan.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

6. The Committee received a presentation on the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund Youth Outreach Project in relation to young people in Northwest Kilmarnock by John Connolly, Senior Practitioner, Youth Outreach Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the presentation; and
- (ii) to note that John Connolly, Senior Practitioner, Youth Outreach Project would contact the Chairperson of the Northwest Youth Project to discuss co-ordination of youth outreach facilities in the area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime figures and Police activity within the Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers;
- (ii) to request Superintendent Weir to consider preparation of an annual report which collated figures from the seven Local Committees and provided a commentary on crime trends;
- (iii) to note the contents of the report;
- (iv) to note that Community Police Officers would be trained and equipped to operate Radar Speed Cameras and that all requests from the community for the targeting of specific roads would be dealt with in future by Community Police Officers;
- (v) to note that Community Policing cycling patrols would be available for deployment within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area;

- (vi) to note that Community Police Officers would hold “surgeries” at an appointed time and venue to be publicised each week which would allow members of the local community to have further access to Community Police Officers;
- (vii) to note that two mobile Police Offices would be available for deployment in the local communities throughout East Ayrshire Council as required to deal with enquiries; and
- (viii) to note that a pilot project aimed at diverting young people away from anti-social behaviour had been operating successfully at the Grange Academy and Strathclyde Police, in consultation with the Department of Educational and Social Services, were considering rolling out this project to all secondary schools in East Ayrshire Council.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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8. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05 in respect of the undernoted applications, viz:-

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

(a) Early Education and Childcare

(i) New Farm Parents and Under 5’s Group (CG 2997) - £200.00;

(b) Older People

(i) Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum (CG 2987) - £200.00. It was also agreed to request the group, if at all possible, to work with the Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum in an attempt to reduce the cost of transport hire;

(ii) South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum (CG 2911) - £63.00;

(c) Social Inclusion

(i) Onthank Men’s Club (CG 2963) - £694.00;

(d) Sport

(i) Dean Thistle Boy’s FC (CG 2995) - £196.88;

(ii) Dean Thistle Under 12’s and 13’s FC (CG 2996) - £1,393.00;

(e) Young People

(i) Friends of Loanhead (CG 2838) - £218.71; and

(ii) Friends of Loanhead (CG 2837) - £67.58.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of the recruitment

of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 as set out in the table below;

<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	Billy Sullivan	Archie Pryce
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability	Dorothy McGowan	Ann Docherty
Northwest Youth Project	Robin Ballantyne	No Nomination
Onthank Community Association	Margaret Docherty	No Nomination
Northwest Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Sally Roy	No Nomination
Young Persons' Representative	No Nomination	No Nomination
The Avenue Project	Pauline Barbour	Karen Kerr
Thorn Terrace Residents Better Neighbourhood Group	Charles McGowan	Patricia Toner

- (ii) that the New Farm Loch Community Association be invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006; and
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to fill the outstanding nominations.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

DISABLED PARKING PROVISION IN KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

10. There was submitted a report dated 9 March 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised on the provision of disabled parking facilities within the Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Head of Roads and Transportation clarify the terms of the order which prohibited disabled drivers accessing King Street during the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Sunday;
- (ii) to request the Head of Roads and Transportation to examine the feasibility of reviewing disabled parking and extending the access arrangements for disabled drivers in King Street, Kilmarnock, as the existing arrangements and

- disabled parking bay provision within the surrounding area was perceived to be too far for disabled people to access the retail outlets in King Street; and
- (iii) to note the contents of the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

LONGPARK, KILMARNOCK - REGENERATION

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 March 2005 (circulated) by the Head of Housing which updated on the current position with regard to the regeneration proposals for Longpark.

LOCAL ISSUES

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

Noted there were no items raised.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.