

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2006 AT
1400 HOURS IN THE HOGG HALL, ADJACENT TO GALSTON PARISH CHURCH,
GALSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Jessie Graham, Aniela Miller and Gerard Cassidy; and Named Substitutes Finlay MacLean and Nicola Kerr.

ATTENDING: Linda Armstrong, Community Link Worker; Helen Sinclair, Community Planning Officer; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner; Anne Bennett, Sign Language Interpreter and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Harry Wilson, Community Representatives Steve Brown and Frank Dawson and Named Substitute Joyce McCulloch.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional community grant application from Dean Thistle Under 14's at Item 8 of the Agenda, as an early decision was required.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2006.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on Crime Figures and Police Activity within the Irvine Valley Area.

Arising from discussion of this report it was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Head of Roads and Transportation to consider larger no parking signs, as well as re-painting the double yellow lines at the bus stops at Mauchline Road, Hurlford and Galston Cross; and
- (ii) to invite the Procurator Fiscal to attend a future meeting to talk about sentencing.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the process for the forthcoming Community Planning four-yearly Review.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to provide comments on the Community Plan Aims and Aspirations to the Community Planning and Partnership Unit by 14 April 2006;
- (ii) to participate in Stage 2 of the review process; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 14 March 2006 in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2005/2006 together with summary statements which related to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).

(i) **Applications approved** (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Disability

- (i) North West Disabled Club (CG3218) - £413.00
- (ii) St Marnock's Youth Club (CG3227) - £492.00
- (iii) Parents of Park School (CG3305) - £368.96
- (iv) Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council (CG3314) - £500.00

(b) Miscellaneous

- (i) Lara Neighbourhood Watch (CG3188) (Item 10) (ii)(a)(i), (Page 1960, 03/07) – Having heard the updated report from the Administrative Officer - £325.60 and approved in principle a further £67.30, payment of which be remitted to the Administration Manager following Council approval of the Local Committee's grant allocation for next financial year.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

8. (i) Dean Thistle Under 14's (CG3342)

The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application in respect of the Club's proposal to take a group of boys to Blackpool to compete in a football tournament at the end of April. The group had detailed the cost of the project at £5,728.20 and were seeking a community grant of £4,253.20. It was a cross-boundary application with 3 members of the Club coming from the Irvine Valley Area.

The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed to remit consideration of this application to the Administration Manager in consultation with the five Irvine Valley Members, following receipt of an assessment and meanwhile that the Assessing Officer be advised of the specific points on which the Committee wished further information with regard to the organisation's contribution to accommodation costs, and any steps taken to fundraise for the trip.

DECENTRALISATION**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007 (Item 13, page 1961, 03/07)**

9. The Administrative Officer reported on the outcome of recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the following as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes from the period from 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007 and to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes, viz:-

Organisation	Community Representative	Named Substitute
Darvel & District Community Council	Les Pittams	George Dalziel
Newmilns & Greenholm Community Council	Steve Brown	Bobby Leggatte
Elderly Forum	James Tannock	Awaiting response
Disability Forum	Aniela Miller	Unable to nominate
Galston Community Council	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
Hurlford & Crookedholm Community Council	Jessie Graham	Joyce McCulloch
Moscow & Waterside Community Council	Awaiting response	Awaiting response

Crookedholm Association	Community	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
Youth Forum		Nicola Kerr	Awaiting response
Pre-5's		Awaiting response	Awaiting response

- (ii) that the Administration Manager continue to pursue nominations in respect of those other organisations who had not yet submitted a response; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

- 10.** The Administrative Officer invited nominations for a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed that Gerard Cassidy represent the Local Committee on the Working Group and to continue consideration of the nomination of a Substitute to a future meeting.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 11.** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

It was agreed that the invitation to the Procurator Fiscal, as agreed at Item 5, be considered as a future Local Issue.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours