

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Gordon Cree, John Campbell, Douglas Reid and Iain Linton; Community Representatives: John McIvor, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson, Ian McVey and Beth Wilson; and Named Substitutes: Jean Churchhill and Mary Fraser.

ATTENDING: Helen Sinclair, Community Planning Officer; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Tom Cook and Linda Thomson; and Named Substitute Allison McCann.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

1. The Chair on behalf of the Local Committee, expressed sadness at the recent loss of Charles Calman, Community Representative and Councillor Danny Coffey and wished to convey his condolences to the family and friends of both.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for approximately 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.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted, for information, and noted the minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Committee held on 18 January 2006 (circulated).

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 Kilmarnock Central Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives were invited to identify any local problems to be addressed by Police Officers; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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 on the process for the forthcoming Community Planning four-yearly review.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development would make arrangements for Community Representatives to meet with a view to drafting a group response to the Community Planning 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 2005/2006

7. It was reported by the Administrative Officer and noted:
- (i) that unspent grant monies had been returned to the Local Committee by Gatehead Community Council (£153.50); Kilmarnock Forum on Disability (£71.70 and £10.62); and Contact PHAB Club (£54); and
 - (ii) that through the Scheme of Delegated Authority, a cross boundary contribution of £20 was made to Lainshaw Ladies for a Christmas Dinner for members.

There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2006 (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:-

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

7.1 Disability

Contact Phab Club(CG3219) - £118; and
Northwest Disabled Club (CG3218) - £155.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

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8. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on progress with the recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 the following, viz:-

Community Organisation	Community Representative	Substitute Representative
Piersland/Bentinck Community Council	Ian McVey	Vacant
Kilmarnock South and North West Elderly Forums	Maurice Ashbridge	Mary Fraser
Youth Groups	Beth Wilson	Vacant
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability	Linda Thomson	Vacant
Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association	John Donaldson	John Bordone

- (ii) to remit the Administration Manager to pursue all outstanding nominations;
- (iii) to receive a further update on this matter at the next meeting; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

9. The Administrative Officer requested nominations from the Community Representatives for a Representative and Named Substitute for the next Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed unanimously to appoint John McIvor as the Local Committee's Representative on the Annual Seminar Working Group.

MISCELLANEOUS

ARCHIBALD TAYLOR TRUST

10. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2006 (circulated) by the Head of Administrative and Legal Services which highlighted the availability of financial assistance from the Archibald Taylor Trust, which was administered by the Council's Administration Service. The Trust could assist certain categories of female, for the purpose of providing holidays during convalescence.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the availability of financial assistance for holidays during convalescence for up to three weeks in each case for females in need who were recommended for this by their GP, were over 45 years of age, had never married, and were born in and currently resident in Kilmarnock;
- (ii) that Community Representatives would highlight the availability of such assistance within their respective organisations with a view to identifying potential applicants;
- (iii) to consider and forward suggestions on additional means whereby the Trust could be promoted to the Administration Manager; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report

LOCAL ISSUES

11. NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to request a joint report from the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Strathclyde Police on tackling school exclusions and truancy.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.