

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2006 AT 1405 HOURS
IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Billy Sullivan, Julie Quinn and Margaret Docherty; and Named Substitute: Karen Kerr.

ATTENDING: John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Peter Irons, Dorothy McGowan, Charles McGowan and Sally Roy; and Named Substitute Noreen Lennon.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hours to allow for a 15 minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1411 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There were submitted (circulated) for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2006.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, on crime figures and police activity within the area.

Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police provided further information in addition to the report, following which he responded to the questions asked by members of the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police at the meeting;
- (ii) to note that Community Representatives were invited to identify any local problems which may be addressed by Local Officers; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of progress for the forthcoming Community Planning 4-yearly Review.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request Community Representatives to provide comments on the Community Plan Aims and Aspirations to the Community Planning and Partnership Unit by 14 April 2006 and to note if further assistance was required to contact the Administrative Officer;
- (ii) that the Local Committee participate in Stage 2 of the review process;
- (iii) that the Executive Head of Social Work investigate Community Representatives Beryl Graham and Billy Sullivan's concerns about the Kilmarnock Citizens' Advice Bureau's timescales for dealing with anti-poverty case work and to report back the findings to a future meeting;
- (iv) that the Administration Officer forward to the Executive Head of Social Work and the Head of Schools, the suggestion from Community Representatives' that a scheme be established in secondary schools to enable young people to be more aware of the problems of getting into debt and how debt can be avoided; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ARCHIBALD TAYLOR TRUST

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2006 (circulated) by the Head of Administration and Legal Services which highlighted the availability of financial assistance from the Archibald Taylor Trust, which was administered by the Council's Administration Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the availability of financial assistance for the category of females as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to highlight the availability of assistance within their respective organisations with a view to identifying any potential applicants;
- (iii) that Community Representatives would advise the Administrative Officer of any additional means whereby the Trust could be promoted; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2005/2006, together with assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed:-

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

(a) Community Association

- (i) New Farm Loch Community Association (CG3172) – Noted that an award of £975 was awarded by the Kilmarnock North Local Committee on 31 January 2006 and agreed to continue consideration of funding of practice mats for information. The Administrative Officer reported on the range of groups, age ranges and cost per session being charged by groups as there was concern that the charging levels may be run on a commercial basis and confirmed that the practice mats would be bought for the use of any group using the Community Centre.

It was agreed an award of £465.

- (ii) Onthank Community Association (CG3235) - £3,525.10

(b) Disability

- (i) Contact PHAB Club (CG3219) - £59;
 (ii) Northwest Disabled Club (CG3218) - £207;
 (iii) St Marnock's Youth Club (CG3227) - £787;
 (iv) Park School (CG3305) - £676.42

(c) Sport

- (i) Stewarton Annick Under 17's Football Club (CG3242) - £100;
 (ii) Dean Thistle Colts (CG3270) – The Administrative Officer reported that the application was in respect of attendance at a football tournament between 14-18 April 2006 in Holland.

It was agreed, due to the timescales of the application that, determination be delegated to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report;

- (iii) Dean Thistle Under 14's (CG3342) – The Administrative Officer reported that the application was in respect of attendance at a football tournament between 28 April – 1 May 2006 in Blackpool.

It was agreed (i) due to the timescales of the application that, determination be delegated to the Administration Manager, subject to an upper limit of £1,000 and subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report; and (ii) to request the Administration Manager in consultation with the Head of Leisure Services to report back to a

future meeting on an advisory figure per capita for assessing football tournament applications.

(d) Social Inclusion

- (i) Onthank Men's Club (CG3268) - £480
- (ii) Onthank Men's Club (CG3272) - £968

(e) Young People

- (i) Knockinlaw Disco Dancers (CG3281) - £900
- (ii) Northwest Youth Project (CG3351) - The Administrative Officer reported that the application was in respect of providing a range of activities for young people during Easter 2006.

It was agreed that due to the timescales of the application, determination be delegated to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007 (Item 17, page 1951, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted representation as detailed below:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>NAMED SUBSTITUTES</u>
Northwest Kilmarnock Community Council	Beryl Graham	Noreen Lennon
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability	Dorothy McGowan	Robert McEwan
Northwest Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	TBC	TBC
Young Persons Representative (Northwest Youth Project)	TBC	TBC
Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Services Group	Charles McGowan	Patricia Toner
New Farm Loch Community Council	Billy Sullivan	Archie Pryce
The Avenue Project	Pauline Barbour	Karen Kerr
Northwest Youth Centre	Peter Irons	Vacant
Onthank Community Association	Margaret Docherty	Vacant

New Farm Loch Community Association	Julie Quinn	TBC
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- (ii) to note the position relating to the outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes and that a number of organisations would consider nominating at their AGM and advise the Administrative Officer in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of 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 for the next Seminar.

It was agreed that Community Representatives advise the Administrative Officer in due course of any nominations.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to request the Head of Housing to report back on the external painting programme for the housing stock within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area and to report back to a future meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1514 hours.