

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2006 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, EASTPARK DRIVE, KILMAURS**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Jim O'Neill, and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Jim Corson, Iain Finlayson, Cathy Spicer, Charles Lindsay and Debbie Olson; and Named Substitutes: Barbara Wiseman, Fiona Andrew, George Kerr, Mary White and Alastair Thomson.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Elaine Caldwell, Community Planning and Health Improvement Specialist; Jim Clark, Housing Improvement Programme Manager; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Jim Stevenson, and Community Constable Mark Lees; Leslie Burns, Director, Customer and Performance and Angela Reddington, Customer Services Officer, Scottish Power; Robin Fletcher, Rail Development Manager, Strathclyde Passenger Transport and Bruce Kirkpatrick, Office of Margaret Jamieson MSP .

APOLOGIES: Councillor Maureen McKay; and Community Representatives Linzi Haggerty and Jean Brown; and Named Substitute Kara Nisbet.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair, in terms of Standing Order 19 and at his discretion, agreed to take an additional presentation on the Kilmarnock to Glasgow Rail Link as item 8.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1412 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

4. There was submitted and noted for information, the minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 12 January 2006 (Circulated).

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

4.1.1 Shopmobility (Item 14, Page 1819, 03/07)

In recognising the imminent commencement of the Kilmarnock Shopmobility Scheme, it was agreed to request the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to submit a report on the latest position on compliance of the

Disability Discrimination Act 1995 in respect of Council owned property in the Northern area and to advise of progress in relation to the responsibilities of local shop owners and other public bodies (e.g. in relation to Kilmaurs Station car park).

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer East Ayrshire on crime figures and police activity within the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers;
- (ii) to request that an update on the appointment of a dedicated Sergeant for the Northern Area be reported to the next meeting; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

6. Community Constable Mark Lees, Strathclyde Police reported on local policing. It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that vandalism had occurred at Kilmaurs Tennis Courts on 4/5 March 2006 and the Community Constable had prepared an action plan and would resolve the situation; and
- (ii) to note that youths would be discouraged from playing football outwith school hours at Kilmaurs Primary School and the situation would be monitored.

POWER SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS - FENWICK (Item 15, Page 1884, 03/07)

7. The Chair advised that this matter had been raised at the Local Committee's meeting on 12 January 2006 as it was understood that there had been a number of power cuts in 2005 affecting Fenwick.

The Chair then introduced Leslie Burns, Director, Customer and Performance Manager and Angela Reddington, Customer Services Officer who made a presentation on proposals to improve the service to customers in the Fenwick area.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions on the presentation, thereafter, it was agreed to note the presentation.

KILMARNOCK TO GLASGOW RAIL LINKS (Item 1, Page 1764, 03/07)

8. The Chair advised that this matter had been raised at the Local Committee's meeting on 27 October 2005 under the 15 Minute Question and Answer Session where it was agreed to invite a representative from Strathclyde Passenger Transport to give a presentation to update on the proposals to improve the service on the Kilmarnock to Glasgow rail line.

The Chair then introduced Robin Fletcher, Rail Development Manager, Strathclyde Passenger Transport who gave a presentation on the proposed technical improvements to the Kilmarnock to Glasgow rail line.

Members of the Committee then had an opportunity to ask questions on the presentation, thereafter, it was agreed:-

- (i) to advise Strathclyde Passenger Transport of the Committee's disappointment that the technical feasibility study of the Lugton Dynamic Rail Link had not been completed and the concern that this would add further delay to the rail improvements which had first been proposed in 1997;
- (ii) to request that Community Representatives forward any concerns that they had on the rail link to the Administrative Officer who would pass them on to Strathclyde Passenger Transport;
- (iii) that the power-point slides used in the presentation be circulated to Community Representatives;
- (iv) to request a progress report from Strathclyde Passenger Transport on the Kilmarnock to Glasgow rail link in 6 months time;
- (v) that the Chair write on behalf of the Local Committee to Strathclyde Passenger Transport expressing the Committee's concern at paragraph (i) and to copy the letter to the Chair of the Development Services Committee for information; and
- (vi) otherwise, note the presentation.

COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

9. 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) that Community Representatives 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, note the content of the report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE SCHEME (Item 15, Page 1884, 03/07)

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 February 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which informed of the eligibility criteria of the Garden Maintenance Scheme.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2005/2006

11. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2005/2006 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

The Administrative Officer reported that the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability (CG 3015) had returned an unspent grant award of £10.62.

It was agreed as follows:-

11.1 **Applications approved** (for the purpose identified in the application)

(a) Community Association

- (i) Stewarton Lifelong Learning Committee (CG 3229) - £150
- (ii) Stewarton and District Community Resource Committee (CG 3271) - £1,879.75

(b) Disability

- (i) Contact PHAB Club (CG 3219) -£76.70.
- (ii) Northwest Disabled Club (CG 3218) -£49.20.
- (iii) St. Marnock's Youth Club (CG 3227) -£1,286.00.

(c) Environment

- (i) Old High Kirk, Kilmarnock (CG 3176) -£126.
- (ii) Kilmaurs Horticultural Annual Flower Show (CG 3267).

The Administrative Officer reported that the application was currently being assessed and the grant was for funding the running costs of the annual flower show in August 2006 at a cost of £1,000.

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

(d) Older People

- (i) The Fulton Club (CG 3241) -£450

(e) Sport

- (i) Stewarton Annick Under 17's Football Club (CG 3242) - £800.
- (ii) Dean Thistle Colts (CG 3270). The Administrative Officer reported that the grant was to attend an international football tournament between 14-18 April in Holland and the application was currently being assessed by Neighbourhood Services.

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

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007 (Item 16, Page 1884, 03/07)

12. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 6 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

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

ORGANISATION	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	NAMED SUBSTITUTE
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Jim Miller	Barbara Wiseman
Fenwick Community Council	Ashley Bell	Fiona Andrew
Kilmaurs Community Council	TBC	TBC
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	TBC	TBC
Stewarton District Community Council	TBC	TBC
Church Forum	Cathy Spicer	John McFadden (temporary)
Community Residents' Association	Charles Lindsay	Alistair Thomson
Disability Forum	TBC	TBC

- (ii) to note the current 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) to note the nomination for the Church Forum of John McFadden to serve as a temporary representative pending a further nomination from the organisation.

ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

13. 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.

NAMING OF STREET BY LOCAL COMMITTEE - CROFTHHEAD, KILMAURS

14. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider and determine a new street name for a new housing development off Crofthead Road, Kilmaurs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new housing development off Crofthead Road, Kilmaurs be named Marshall Gardens; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the outcome.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

15. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda. Noted there were no issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hrs.