

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2007 AT
1400 HRS IN THE FITNESS ROOM, THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET,
NEWMILNS**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Steve Brown, Frank Dawson, and Aniela Miller.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer, Anne Bennett, Sign Language Interpreter; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Danny Stuart and P.C Angela Muirhead, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Raymond, Community Representatives Les Pittams and Jessie Graham and Named Substitutes T Reid Ross, Lillian Meikle and Shirley Ferguson.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

PRESENTATION BY THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER ON ELECTIONS 2007

3. The Committee received a presentation by Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on issues associated with the forthcoming Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections to be held on 3 May 2007.

Thereafter the Administration Manager responded to questions put, and issues raised, by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Administration Manager for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

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 31 January 2007.

4.1 Matters Arising

4.1.1 Youth Work Services (Item 9, Page 2677 , 03/07)

Kevin Wells the new Community Learning and Development Team Leader introduced himself to the Committee and gave a summary of forthcoming Youth Work projects planned for the Irvine Valley area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 March 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and Police activity within the Irvine Valley Area.

Following a point raised Sergeant Stuart agreed to seek advice on whether it was possible in terms of the report to differentiate different types of disorder offences

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 28 February 2007 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

7. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda. It was confirmed that no new items were raised.

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

8. The Chair highlighted that this was the last Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting of this Council. Her thanks were recorded for the support she had been given by the Officers, and she acknowledged the hard work put in over the years by Elected Members and Community Representatives.

The Chair then spoke of the retirement at the end of this Council of Councillor Harry Wilson, thanked him for his good work on the Committee and wished him well for his retirement.

Councillor Wilson thanked the Chair for her kind remarks and said that he had enjoyed greatly his time serving on the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.