

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Gordon Cree, John Campbell and Iain Linton; Community Representatives: Tom Cook, John McIvor, Ian McVey, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, Linda Thomson and Margaret Keachie; and Named Substitutes: Jean Churchill and Mary Fraser.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Derek Ireland; Police Constable Fergus Grant; and Police Constable Peter Brown, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Douglas Reid; Community Representative John Donaldson and Named Substitutes Alison McCann and Ellen Forsyth.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours for approximately 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1401 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 were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Committee held on 17 January 2007 (circulated).

- 4.1 **Matter Arising: Community Grant Application CG3459 East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (Item 14.1(b)(ii), Page 2623, 03/07)** - It was agreed that no further award be made in respect of the Community Grant application from East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District).

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on crime trends and police activity within the Kilmarnock Central Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that youth diversionary activities would be extended to Crosshouse when funding became available;
- (ii) to note that speed bumps in Gatehead had been welcomed as a means of reducing traffic speed; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 28 February 2007 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

RETURN OF GRANT MONIES - GATEHEAD YOUTH CLUB (CG 3147) AND GATEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CG 3398)

7. It was reported by the Administrative Officer and noted that Gatehead Youth Club and Gatehead Community Council had returned £310 and £87.05 respectively to the Council in respect of a Community Grant awarded for a Christmas trip which did not take place, and an unspent balance of award for the Senior Citizens outing.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/07

8. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2006/07, together with individual reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed:-

- 8.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:
- (a) Older People
 - (i) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 3446) - £529.39.
 - (ii) Gatehead Senior Citizens Club (CG 3599) - £230.40.
 - (iii) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG 3632) - £110.35.

- (b) Sport and Leisure
 - (i) Kilmarnock Balmoral Boy's Club Under 16's (CG 3515) - £185.29 and in recognition of the recent break-in experienced by the group, an additional £564.71 (total £750).
 - (ii) Bellfield Youth Football Club - £1,220.34.
 - (iii) Crosshouse Boy's Club - £1,665.90.
- (d) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Kilmarnock Concert Brass - £494 subject to completion of Disclosure Scotland registration.

8.2 Also approved in principle, subject to satisfactory assessment:-

- (a) Older People
 - (i) Onthank Men's Club (CG 3595) - up to £145 subject to satisfactory assessment.
 - (ii) Onthank Men's Club (CG 3596) - up to £96 subject to satisfactory assessment.
- (b) Sport and Leisure
 - (i) Shortlees Youth Netball Club - up to £200 subject to satisfactory assessment.
- (c) Arts & Cultural
 - (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 3633) - up to £774.66 subject to satisfactory assessment.
- (d) Young People
 - (i) Bonnyton Toddlers - up to £810.35 subject to satisfactory assessment.

8.2 Application Deferred

- (a) Older People
 - (i) Friendship Circle - deferred to enable the group to consider whether to open their membership to the wider community.
- (b) Sport and Leisure
 - (ii) Annanhill Golf Club - deferred pending receipt of assessment.

8.3 Application Refused

- (a) Miscellaneous
 - (i) Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches - Councillor Reeves, seconded by Councillor Cree moved that the application be refused as it was in breach of condition 17 of the Conditions of Grant which stated that the Council did not normally fund projects or activities that were designed primarily to promote religion itself; or where people were required to take part in religious services in order to benefit.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment that the group be awarded £2,500 in recognition of the unique nature of the project.

There being an equality of votes, two for the motion and two for the amendment, on a division by a show of hands, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which became the decision of the meeting

NEW DEVELOPMENT AT MOORFIELD, KILMARNOCK

9. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought street names for a new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the streets at the new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock be named:-
Street A - Maxwelltown Wynd; and
Street B - Argyll Way;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

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

There were no items identified at this time to become the subject of future reports to the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.