

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007 AT 1400 HRS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Pauline Barbour, Peter Irons, Julie Quinn and Archie Pryce.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Andy MacDonald, Performance and Development Manager, Educational and Social Services; David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Margaret Burgess, Area Manager, Kilmarnock Citizens' Advice Bureau; Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Sergeant Allan Jackson and PC Benn Lord, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Helen Coffey; and Community Representatives Beryl Graham, Charles McGowan, 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 1401 hours to allow for a 15 minute public question answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

3. There were submitted and noted for information, minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee held on 30 January 2007 (circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising**4.1.1 In-Betweens (CG 3479) (Item 4.1, Page 2666, 03/07)**

On a matter raised regarding payment agreed for the In-Betweens (CG 3479) the Administrative Officer reported and noted that the Minute accurately reflected the Local Committee's decision.

4.1.2 Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (Item 9, Page 2668, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted (i) that a letter had been received from Kilmarnock District Procurator Fiscal, Leslie Brown who had confirmed that, he was unable to provide information on the number of drug cases on an East Ayrshire wide basis which had been presented to the District Procurator Fiscal and the number which had resulted in a successful prosecution at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and (ii) that the Procurator Fiscal would continue to provide, periodically, significant cases involving possession and supply of drugs which came before the Sheriff Court.

4.1.3 Local Committee Grants Scheme (Item 11, Page 2668, 03/07)

It was reported and noted that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services had been requested to consider that Assessing Officers within Neighbourhood Services undertake more assessments where the type of contact was made by visit rather than by telephone to ensure consistency of approach across the Council.

4.1.4 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives (Item 14, Page 2669, 03/07)

It was reported and noted that the Annual Seminar Working Group had been requested to consider holding or repeating the 2007 Seminar on a weekday during normal business hours or during the evening.

CORPORATE SUPPORT**PRESENTATION BY THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER ON THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 3 MAY 2007**

5. 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.

NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF NAMED SUBSTITUTE

6. The Administrative Officer advised that the Community Council had put forward Gordon McGowne as their substitute representative for the Local Committee.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Gordon McGowne as the named substitute for New Farm Loch Community Council and that the Administrative Officer make appropriate arrangements.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the naming of streets for developments at Altonhill and New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the streets for the new development at Altonhill as Jura Gardens, Tobermory Drive and Dalmore Road;
- (ii) to name the streets for the new development at New Farm Loch as Macbeth Gardens and Macbeth Way; and
- (iii) to advise the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services accordingly.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime trends and Police activity within the Kilmarnock North Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by Local Officers;
- (ii) that in relation to concerns from Community Representatives about how calls were prioritised by the Strathclyde Police contact centre, PC Benn Lord had given an assurance that as part of a service level agreement, calls would be answered by an automated message within 3 seconds and that if the caller was held for longer than 30 seconds a call centre operator would contact the respondent direct and that these were monitored on a regular basis by Strathclyde Police;
- (iii) that in relation to a request for youth outreach support in the North West, David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development would liaise with Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager in respect of, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Involvement and the North West Youth Project and report back the outcome to a future meeting; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

KILMARNOCK CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (Item 3, Page 2399, 03/07)

10. The Committee received an update presentation by Andy MacDonald, Performance and Development Manager, Educational and Social Services and Margaret Burgess, Area Manager, Kilmarnock Citizens' Advice Bureau on financial inclusion issues raised at the Local Committee meeting on 12 September 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the update on the financial inclusion funding; and
- (ii) to request Andy MacDonald, Performance and Development Manager, Educational and Social Services to liaise with Margaret Burgess, Area Manager, Kilmarnock Citizens' Advice Bureau and appropriate officers to investigate the possibility of securing an outreach service for the North West Kilmarnock Area and report back to a future meeting.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007 – REQUEST TO REUSE GRANT MONIES – NEW FARM LOCH PLAYGROUP (CG 3374) (Item 11.1(c), Page 2234, 03/07)

11. The Administrative Officer reported that New Farm Loch Playgroup who had been awarded a grant of £1,784.13 on 23 May 2006 to purchase various items, were not able to purchase all of the items specified in their grant application due to lack of storage space at temporary accommodation at Silverwood Primary School and the

group had requested that approval be given for the unspent sum of £260.73 to be used accordingly to purchase alternative small items of equipment.

It was agreed to approve the above request.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/07

12. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations 2006/07, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

12.1 Applications Approved (2006/2007) (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Community Association

- (i) Knockinlaw Community Association (CG 3513) - £150.00;

(b) Leisure

- (i) Kilmarnock Concert Brass Band (CG 3546) - £472.21 subject to completion of Disclosure Scotland checks;

(c) Social Inclusion

- (i) Onthank Mens' Club (CG 3595) - £325.00;

- (i) Onthank Mens' Club (CG 3596) - £200.00;

(d) Young People

- (i) North West Youth Project (CG 3592) – Noted that the application was dealt with under delegated powers and that an award of £500.00 was made in consultation with the Chair and receipt of a satisfactory assessment report;

- (ii) New Farm Parent Teacher Association (CG 3545) - £472.20;

- (iii) New Farm Loch Youth Project (CG 5391) - £1,950.00;

12.2 Applications supported in principle for funding against 2007/08

(a) Leisure

- (i) Kilmarnock Concert Brass Band (CG 3546) – Agreed, in principle to support the project and that the balance of the group's application be considered against the Community Grants Budget for 2007/2008.

(b) Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Balmoral Boys Club (CG 3515) – Agreed, in principle to support the project and that the application be considered against the 2007/2008 Community Grants Budget;

(c) Older People

- (i) Bentick Elderly Social Club (CG 3632) – Agreed, in principle to support the project and that the application be considered against the 2007/2008 Community Grants Budget;

- (ii) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 3446) – Agreed in principle to support the project and that the application be considered against the 2007/2008 Community Grants Budget;

(d) Young People

- (i) New Farm Parent Teacher Association (CG 3545) – Agreed, in principle to support the project and that the balance of the group's application be considered against the 2007/2008 Community Grants Budget;

12.3 Applications Continued

- (a) Bellfield Youth Football Club (CG 3622) – Agreed to continue the project to a future meeting for clarification on the appropriateness of funding capital works; and
- (b) The Friendship Circle (CG 3580) – Agreed to defer this application as the group did not meet the funding criteria and to clarify whether or not they should change to an open membership group.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 13.** Local Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion in future agenda.

It was noted that there were no issues raised.

The meeting terminated 1514 hrs.