

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Ray Murray, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillor John Knapp and Community Representatives: John Timpany, Winnie Campbell, Joan Wark and Mark Hemphill and Named Substitutes: David Coulter and May Proudfoot.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Neil McKenna, External Funding and Sustainability Worker; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Educational & Social Services and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Allan Jackson and PC Evelyn Brown, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Susan Anderson and Named Substitute John Howard.

CHAIR: Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Educational & Social Services, Neil McKenna, External Funding and Sustainability Worker and Sergeant Allan Jackson, Strathclyde Police.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow a public question and answer session.

It was noted that there were no questions raised.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1406 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

PRESENTATION BY THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATION MANAGER ON ELECTIONS 2007

4. The Committee received a presentation by Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager on issues associated with the forthcoming Local Government Elections to be held on the 3 May 2007.

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

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

Winnie Campbell, Community Representative joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**PRESENTATION BY EXTERNAL FUNDING AND SUSTAINABILITY WORKER
ON EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

5. The Committee received a presentation by Neil McKenna, External Funding and Sustainability Worker on issues associated with funding opportunities and sustainable development.

Thereafter the External Funding and Sustainability Worker responded to questions put, and issues raised, by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the External Funding and Sustainability Worker for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 24 January 2007 (circulated).

6.1 Matters Arising

6.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives (Item 4.1.1, Page 2643, 03/07)

It was noted that a letter had been received from Michael Hayes, Community Representative for Disability Issues, which advised that as of immediate effect, he had resigned from his position.

It was agreed that a letter be issued to Michael Hayes thanking him for his contribution to the Local Committee during his term as Committee Representative.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2007 (circulated) and an updated report dated 21 March 2007 (tabled) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised the Local Committee of the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations for 2006/2007, together with assessment reports (circulated and tabled) in respect of the following applications:-

7.1 Applications Approved:-

(a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Bonnyton Toddlers (CG3629) – £114.52

(b) Older People

- (i) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG3446) - £552.92

- (ii) St Michael Friendship Club (CG3630) - £641.68 subject to receiving a signed copy of the risk management assurance and appropriate quotes.
- (iii) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG3632) - £265.65
- (c) Sport
 - (i) Shortlees Youth Netball Club (CG3569) - £250 subject to confirmation of registration with CRBS (Central Registration Body Scotland);
 - (ii) Bellfield Youth Football Club (CG3622) - £4729.32 The Administrative Officer advised that the amount recommended on the assessment form should have been £4555.36 for Kilmarnock South and £173.96 for outwith the area.
 - (iii) Crosshouse Boys Club (CG3597) - £308. The Administrative Officer advised that the amount recommended the on the assessment form should have been £308 and not £293.08.
- (d) Tenants/ Residents Group
 - (i) Riccarton West Tenant and Residents Group (CG3634) - £1015.52
- (e) Women's Issues
 - (i) Shortlees Ladies Fellowship Group (CG3628) – It was agreed that it be remitted to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report, to award grant funding of up to £426 to assist with the costs of a summer outing to Largs and a contribution towards Christmas dinner.

7.2 Application Deferred:-

- (i) The Friendship Circle (CG3580) – Deferred to enable the group to consider whether to open their membership to the wider community.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

UPDATE ON YOUTH WORK PROGRAMMES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR KILMARNOCK SOUTH AREA (Item 12, Page 2644, 03/07)

8. The Committee heard Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development who updated the Committee on the Youth Work Programme within the Kilmarnock South area.

Mark Hemphill, Community Representative left the meeting at this point.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir which advised on the crime figures and Police activity within the Kilmarnock South area.

Having received a verbal update report by Sergeant Jackson and PC Brown, it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Community Representatives identify any problems which may be addressed by local officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 10.** There was submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 28 February 2007 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 11.** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was noted that there were no new items raised.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 12.** The Chair:-

- (i) advised that due to the forthcoming Local Government Elections and the review of the Council's decision-making structure no date had been set for a future meeting; and
- (ii) thanked all Members, Community Representatives and Named Substitute Community Representatives and Officers for their support, experience and insight which had been extremely beneficial to the Committee over the previous years and gave a special thanks to the Provost who would not be standing at the forthcoming Elections.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.