

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN  
SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ray Murray, Provost Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives John Timpany, Jean Collins, Winnie Campbell, Joan Wark and Named Substitute May Proudfoot.

**ATTENDING:** Gerry Darroch, Operations Manager (Housing Services); Alan Murray, Team Leader (Community Learning and Development); Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Andrew McInnes.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John Knapp and Community Representative Jan Miller.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

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

**ADDITIONAL ITEM**

3. The Chair agreed that one further application for community grant funding which had been received from Allies (Working for the Homeless) be considered under item 4.5.1 on the Agenda by reason that an urgent decision was required.

**PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY WARDENS PROJECT**

4. The Committee received a presentation from Gerry Darroch, Operations Manager on Community wardens – Building Strong, Safe and Attractive Communities.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions and, thereafter, the Chair thanked Gerry Darroch for his presentation.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 8 September 2004 (circulated).

**KILMARNOCK FORUM ON DISABILITY – PART RETURN OF GRANT AWARD  
(Item 5, page 121, 03/07)**

6. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that (i) £92 had been returned to the Kilmarnock South Local Committee grants budget for 2004/2005 from Kilmarnock Forum on Disability; and(ii) total monies of £182.44 had been returned to the Local Committee Grants Budget 2004/2005, viz:

Bellfield Community Council £90.44

Kilmarnock Forum on Disability £92.00

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/2005**

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2004 (circulated) and an updated report dated 3 November 2004 (circulated) 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 2004/2005, together with assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the following applications:-

#### **Application Withdrawn**

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Newmilns and Galston Band – The Administration Officer reported and it was noted that this application had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

#### **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £200.00.

(b) Disability

- (i) Kilmarnock Forum on Disability - £1,012.80.  
(ii) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) - £400.00.

(c) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Riccarton Pre 5's - £621.42.

(d) Older People

- (i) Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £162.80.

(e) Social Inclusion

- (i) Allies (Working with the Homeless) - £56.00.

### **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005 – UPDATE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which updated on the progress in respect of the recruitment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

The Administrative Officer further advised that verbal notification had been received from East Ayrshire (North) Disability Forum intimating that Jim Bryan Substitute Representative had resigned.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the resignations of Steven Fegan, Community Representative and Jim Bryan, Substitute Community Representative for East Ayrshire (North) Disability Forum;
- (ii) to note the position to date in the recruitment process as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (iii) to receive a further report should any nominations or resignations be received.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

9. There was submitted and noted, the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 22 September 2004 (circulated).

### **SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION**

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised on the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives for the preceding period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that any local issues identified by members of the Committee should be reported to the Community Police Officer; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

11. Community Representatives were invited to raise items of local interest for inclusion on a future agenda. No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of future reports to the Local Committee.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

12. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE AT WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

Councillor Murray advised that as a result of the Special Meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 22 October 2004 Elected Members and Community Representatives from the Kilmarnock South Local Committee had met with representatives of the post office and put forward the Committee's concerns and outlined their opposition to the closure of Whatriggs Road branch.

It was agreed that the Minute of the Special Meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 22 October 2004, together with the note of the meeting held on 2 November 2004 with representatives from the post office be circulated to all members of the Local Committee.

### **NEXT MEETING**

13. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The Administrative Officer advised that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 26 January 2005 at 1400 hours and that the venue had yet to be confirmed.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.