

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2005 AT
1400 HRS IN THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Steve Brown, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham, Aniela Miller, Gerard Cassidy, and Chelsea Rankin; and Named Substitutes Cathie Brown MBE and Nicola Kerr.

ATTENDING: Bill Petherick, Assistant Community Safety Co-ordinator; Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager; Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; Mary Gladwell, Senior Youth Worker; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsey McArthur and Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police and Dot Davidson, Sign Language Interaction.

APOLOGIES: Joyce McCulloch and Lilian Meikle, Named Substitutes.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

CHAIRS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Chelsea Rankin and Nicola Kerr, Youth Representative and nominated Named Substitute to their first meeting as well as Dot Davidson, Sign Language Interaction.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

2. The Chair agreed to the consideration of additional Community Grant applications from (i) Newmilns and Greenholm Friendship Club; and (ii) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council at Item 11 of the Agenda, as early decisions were required.

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

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting was reconvened at 1413 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 14 September 2005.

MATTERS ARISING

5.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006 (Item 9, Page 1691 and Item 10, Page 1692, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted the following updates in respect of the Community Grant Awards dealt with at the last meeting:-

Loudoun Church (CG 3120)

It was noted that an award of £1000.00 had now been made following confirmation from the Church that all funding was in place for the project.

Loudoun Musical Society (CG 3162)

The award of £925.00 was made following receipt of a satisfactory assessment.

Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council (CG 3163)

The award of £2200.00 had been made following receipt of satisfactory assessment.

Darvel and District Community Council (CG 3166)

The award of £1100.00 had been made following receipt of satisfactory assessment.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

PRESENTATION BY GERRY DARROCH, HOUSING SERVICES MANAGER ON THE ALLOCATION POLICY CONSULTATION

6. The Committee received a presentation on the Allocation Policy Consultation from Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Gerry Darroch on the points made during his presentation. Thereafter the Chair thanked Gerry for his presentation.

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 October 2005 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on Crime Figures and Police Activity within the Irvine Valley Area.

The Committee also noted the various issues reported at the meeting by Inspector Ramsey McArthur.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

8. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 5 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on progress made on the six aims contained within the improving Community Safety Action Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

9. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 21 September 2005 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2005 by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 24 October 2005 in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2005/2006 together with summary statements relative to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).

(i) **Applications approved** (for the purposes specified in the application), viz: -

(a) Disability

(i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (CG 3175) - £600.00 to cover the group's estimated running and transport costs over the next 3 months. It was also agreed meanwhile to request that the Assessing Department re-consider the methodology used to apportion the recommended grant awards as the Committee considered the Group to be providing a service throughout the North area of East Ayrshire and the grant therefore should be divided equally between the 5 Local Committee areas in the North of the Area. Following this review the Committee agreed to consider a potential further award to the Group, if required.

The Head of Community Support was also requested at this time to investigate with the Group possible alternative transport arrangements in an effort to reduce costs.

(b) Leisure/Sport

(i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 3153) - £76.00.

(c) Older People

(i) Age Concern, Hurlford (CG 3170) - £1,000.00

(d) Young People

(i) 21st Ayrshire Cubs Scout Group (CG 3177) - £86.00 subject to the Administration Manager being satisfied that the Group were complying with a procedural point raised at the meeting with regard to their financial arrangements.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. (i) **NEWMILNS AND GREENHOLM FRIENDSHIP CLUB (CG 3183)**

The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application for the Group's Christmas Party costs as well as the cost of the coach for their proposed outing in May. The Group had detailed the cost of the project at £660.00 and were seeking a Community Grant of £500.00.

The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award of up to £500 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

(ii) NEWMILNS AND GREENHOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CG 3184)

The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application for the installation and electricity cost of the Christmas Light decorations to be erected in Newmilns. The second part of the application was in respect of the purchase of plants for a winter tubs project.

The Group had detailed the costs of the project at £1,374.00 and were seeking a Community Grant of £1,274.00. The application had not yet been assessed.

Councillor Finlayson, seconded by Councillor Macrae moved that the group be awarded up to £1,236 towards the installation and electricity costs of the Christmas Lights, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment that the Group be awarded up to £1,274 towards the Christmas Lights and Winter Tubs projects, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 3 votes to 2.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

12. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place, and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 31 December 2006 as detailed in (ii) below;
- (ii) that the venues for meetings of the Committee during the period in question be as follows, namely: -

DATE	VENUE
Wednesday 1 February 2006	Crookedholm Community Centre
Wednesday 29 March 2006	Hogg Hall, Galston Parish Church
Wednesday 24 May 2006	Hurlford Community Centre
Wednesday 13 September 2006	Darvel Town Hall
Wednesday 8 November 2006	Morton Hall, Newmilns

- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/
NAMED SUBSTITUTES 2005/2006**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the resignation of Natalie McAvoy, Substitute Youth Representative and asked the Committee to approve the nomination of Nicola Kerr as her replacement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the resignation of Natalie McAvoy as Substitute Youth Representative;
- (ii) to approve the nomination of Nicola Kerr as her replacement; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 14.1** There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on Local Issues raised, and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

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

No new items were intimated.

The meeting terminated at 1615 hrs.