

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Gordon Cree, John Campbell, Douglas Reid and Iain Linton; Community Representatives: Tom Cook, John McIvor, Charles Calman, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson; and Named Substitutes: Jean Churchhill, Ian McVey, Mary Fraser and Beth Wilson.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGY:** Alison McCann, Named Substitute.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for approximately 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1431 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee held on 30 August 2005 (circulated).

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**

4. 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.

**SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Strathclyde Police Officers were aware of the problems of youths gathering and littering at St Andrew's Church Yard and that this was being addressed;
- (ii) to note that Community Policing Officer, Fergus Grant, had been appointed on a permanent basis with responsibility for the Grange Estate;
- (iii) to note that Community Policing Officer, Paul Clark, had been replaced by Colleen Hope; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

6. There was submitted, for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 21 September 2005 (circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Gatehead Community Council had not yet received the information requested at Paragraphs 5.1 (i) and (ii) of the Minutes, on proposals to introduce a new footway between Gatehead and Crosshouse; and the likely timescale for works to lower kerbs in Gatehead;
- (ii) whilst acknowledging that the Community Safety Forum was a separate body, that the Administration Manager would pursue the above on behalf of the Community Council; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the Minutes of the meeting of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

### **BURNS MONUMENT - PUBLIC CONSULTATION OUTCOME (ITEM 23, PAGE 1684, 03/07)**

7. There was submitted, for information and noting, a report dated 10 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, which was considered by the Community Services Committee on 14 September 2005, and advised on the outcome of the public consultation exercise regarding the future of the Burns Monument in Kay Park, Kilmarnock, carried out between 25 July and 6 August 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Community Services Committee to undertake structural work to strengthen the remaining section of the Monument and create a new Monument of reduced height, which would protect the Burns Statue. Improved lighting and an appropriate security fence would protect the monument.

Further, to include additional facilities around the memorial to support new services and functions, provide a base for staff and improve security at the site, to take the form of a courtyard development, and provide accommodation for a new venue for registration and local history services;

- (ii) to note that the rebuilding project would include:-

- ? provision for disabled parking;
  - ? digital records system, which would be of interest to the wider community;
  - ? improved surroundings. With this in mind, discussions had taken place with the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding a bid for funding to upgrade the Kay Park; and
  - ? a Marriage Suite and availability of facilities for community meetings;
- (iii) to note that discussions had taken place within the Council's Planning Department regarding restoration of the Town Centre old footbridge;
- (iv) to note that artefacts relocated meantime to the Baird Institute for security reasons would be returned to the Monument as appropriate; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the report on the consultation outcome.

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

### **RETURN OF GRANT MONEY**

8. It was reported by the Administrative Officer and noted, that Gatehead Senior Citizen's Club had returned £188.00 which remained unspent from their grant made during 2004/05.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006**

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position on current applications, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed:-

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

(a) Older People

- (i) Gatehead Senior Citizen's Club - £296.49;
- (ii) Bentinck Elderly Social Club - Due to the timing of the event, agreed in principle to make a cross-boundary contribution, subject to satisfactory assessment, to be actioned by the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair.

(b) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union - £202.00; and
- (ii) Loudoun Musical Society - £608.33.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2006

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised on the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during 2006, and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) having noted the dates fixed for meetings, as detailed in Paragraph 5.1 of the report, and considered venues for the meetings to take place during the period in question, it was agreed as follows, viz:-

Wednesday 18 January 2006	-	Grange Academy S & R Wing;
Wednesday 15 March 2006	-	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, Kilmarnock;
Tuesday 9 May 2006	-	Crosshouse Community Centre;
Tuesday 29 August 2006	-	Bonnyton Community Centre, subject to the Administration Manager checking suitability of the venue for disabled access; and
Tuesday 24 October 2006	-	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, Kilmarnock

all subject to availability;

- (ii) that, where possible, disabled parking be reserved as part of the booking of venues process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of report.

### NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

#### NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - NEW DEVELOPMENT AT MOORFIELD, KILMARNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested consideration of names for a new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the streets at the new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock, be named as follows:- Street A: Old Rome Drive, Street B: Guthrie Terrace and Street C: Lochlea;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**PROPERTIES AT 2A, 2B AND 2C STEVENSON STREET, KILMARNOCK**

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed on an outstanding issue with regard to inappropriate addressing of properties by a developer, prior to the establishment of East Ayrshire Council in 1996, and advised on action to date and available options for resolving the issue.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in terms of the consultation process, the necessary statutory notification procedures detailed in the report be carried out for the renaming of the flatted development at 2A, 2B and 2C Stevenson Street as Stevenson Court;
- (ii) to note that the occupants of the affected properties would also be consulted;
- (iii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support submit a further report on the matter following the statutory notification procedures to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

**LOCAL ISSUES****13.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided updated information on the local issues raised, and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

**13.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

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

The meeting terminated at 1526 hours.