

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Dorothy McGowan, Sally Roy, Julie Quinn, Pauline Barbour and Margaret Docherty; and Named Substitutes: Noreen Lennon and Archie Pryce.

ATTENDING: Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Andrew Davidson, Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager; Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager (Housing); Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay MacArthur (Community Policing) and Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey and Community Representatives Billy Sullivan, Charles McGowan and Peter Irons.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre for Items 1-6 and Councillor Daniel Coffey for Items 7-12.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a 15 minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1412 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted (circulated) for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2005.

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

3.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives (Item 3.1.1, Page 1676, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer advised, and it was noted, that the Northwest Youth Project had nominated Peter Irons to replace Robin Ballantyne as their Community Representative and that a request for Named Substitutes had been recently made to the Northwest Youth Project, Onthank Community Association and Northwest Elderly Forum.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

4. The Committee received a joint presentation by Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, and Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, on the Council's Housing Allocation Policy Review.

There then followed, a full discussion during which Gerry Darroch and Wendy Johnstone responded to questions put by Members of the Committee. Gerry invited Members of the Committee to complete and return to him the 'East Ayrshire Council Housing Service Allocation Policy Consultation Response' form by 30 December 2005 which had been circulated at the meeting.

The Chair thanked Gerry and Wendy for their presentation.

BUILDING STRONG SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITIES (BSSAC) NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPACTS

5. The Committee received a presentation by Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, on the BSSAC Neighbourhood Compacts. Thereafter, he requested that Members of the Committee forward any comments to him by 30 December 2005.

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, which advised of the crime figures and Police activity within the area.

Inspector MacArthur provided further information in addition to the report, following which he responded to the questions asked by Members of the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Inspector MacArthur at the meeting; and
- (ii) to note that Community Representatives were invited to identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting at this point and Councillor Daniel Coffey took the Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

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, Strathclyde Police, on progress made on the six aims contained within the Improving Community Safety Action Plan.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ACCESS FOR DISABLED DRIVERS TO THE PEDESTRIANISED AREA OF KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised (a) of the terms of the Traffic Regulation Order which restricted access to the pedestrianised streets in Kilmarnock Town Centre; and (b) of the outcome of the review of access arrangements to the pedestrianised area by disabled badge holders.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the Traffic Regulation Order;
- (ii) to note the improved provision of parking for disabled badge holders immediately adjacent to the shopping precinct and the possibility of a Shopmobility Scheme for Kilmarnock;
- (iii) to note, for the reasons set out in the report, that the access restrictions for the pedestrianised area would remain unchanged at this time; and
- (iv) to request that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager provide an update report on progress of a Shopmobility Scheme for Kilmarnock Town Centre to be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee on 31 January 2006.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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10. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2005/2006, together with assessment reports in respect of applications received.

The Administrative Officer reported receipt of two Community Grant applications from the Northwest Youth Project and Knockinlaw Community Association and requested that determination of the applications be delegated to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and relevant documentation.

It was agreed:-

- 10.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Community Association

- (i) New Farm Loch Community Association (CG 3172) - Having heard the Administrative Officer update the Committee on the application, it was agreed that due to the timescales of the application that determination of part of the application for a Christmas dinner at a cost of £1,800 be delegated to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and relevant documentation. It was noted that the remaining elements of the application would be dealt with by the Local Committee at its meeting on 31 January 2006;

- (ii) Knockinlaw Community Association (CG 3187) - The Administrative Officer reported that the application was to fund a Christmas party for the 'Adult Club' affiliated to the Community Association at a cost of £410.00. It was agreed that the application be delegated to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and relevant documentation;
- (b) Disability
 - (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North) (CG 3175) - £600.00 and to request that the Group explore the possibility of securing external funding to cover the future running costs of the Access Panel;
- (c) Health Issues
 - (i) Northwest Health Forum (CG 3164) - £500.00;
- (d) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 3158) - £101.00;
 - (ii) 29th Ayrshire Scouts (CG 3167) - £987.20;
- (e) Social Inclusion
 - (i) Evergreen Club (CG 3159) - £350.00;
 - (ii) The In-Betweens (CG 3178) - £252.00;
- (f) Sport
 - (i) Bellfield Royals (CG 3106) - £108.86; and
- (g) Young People
 - (i) Northwest Youth Project (CG 3186) - The Administrative Officer reported that the application was to fund a Christmas meal for senior and junior groups, to purchase various items of equipment and to hire a disco at a total cost of £1,275. It was agreed that the application be delegated to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and relevant documentation.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 15 DECEMBER 2006

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place, during the period until 15 December 2006 and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of the meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Local Committee for the period until 15 December 2006 as detailed in Paragraph 4.1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Committee meetings be held at the undernoted venues:-

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>VENUE</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 31 January 2006 | New Farm Loch Community Centre |
| Tuesday 21 March 2006 | Onthank Community Education Centre |
| Tuesday 23 May 2006 | New Farm Loch Community Centre |
| Tuesday 12 September 2006 | Onthank Community Education Centre |
| Tuesday 7 November 2006 | New Farm Loch Community Centre |

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 12.** The Administrative Officer invited Members of the Committee to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards for a report on proposals the Council has to enforce local developers to make a financial contribution to provide new facilities under the planning application system; and
- (ii) to request the Head of Housing for an update on the Longpark Housing Development Strategy.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.