

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2005
AT 1400 HRS IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE,
EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Iain Finlayson, Charles Lindsay, Cathy Spicer, Jim Corson, Jean Brown, Debbie Olson, and Linzie Haggarty; and Named Substitutes: Mary White, Alistair Thomson and May McMillan.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Dave Morris, Development Promotion Manager; Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager; Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, Housing Service; Dorothy McAvoy, Childcare Partnership and Development Officer; Anne Williams, Community Safety Officer; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur, Community Constable Mark Lees and PC Sean Porter, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John McGhee and Maureen McKay, Community Representative Jim Miller; and Substitute Community Representatives Barbara Wiseman, John McFadden and Kara Nisbet.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill (Vice-Chair)

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hrs to attend a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1415 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted and noted for information, the minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 25 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 6 aims contained within the improving Community Safety Action Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 21 September 2005.

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 October 2005 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on crime figures and police activity within the Northern Area.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

7. Community Constable Mark Lees and Inspector Ramsay McArthur, Strathclyde Police, reported on Local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that Community Police Officers had visited Sheltered Housing Units in Stewarton and Kilmaurs to give talks on Bogus Callers and security;
- (ii) a Festive Security Campaign “Make Sure You’re Secure” would be rolled out across local schools;
- (iii) a Youth Alcohol Initiative would be piloted in the Kilmarnock area;
- (iv) the Speed Watch Campaign outside schools had been stepped up;
- (v) all Community Police Offices would have been trained in, and would be administering, Restorative Justice by the end of the year;
- (vi) visits had been made to all licensed premises in East Ayrshire which were licensed to store and sell fireworks with a reminder of their responsibilities; and
- (vii) the successful Danger Detectives Campaign recently held at Kay Park, Kilmarnock.

PRESENTATION ON THE ALLOCATION POLICY CONSULTATION

8. The Committee received a presentation on the Allocation Policy Consultation from Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager. Members of the Committee then had an opportunity to ask questions on the Policy.

The Chair thanked Gerry for the most interesting and informative presentation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. The Chair at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICES

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 October 2005 (circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on Planning Enforcement Procedures and issues arising from any subsequent non-compliance.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE PROVISION IN EAST AYRSHIRE

11. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the provision of out of school care services across East Ayrshire including challenges facing the sector and service gaps.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a copy of the audit carried out in 2003/04 on all schools which did not have access to out-of-school services would be circulated to Members of the Committee for their information; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2005/2006

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 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 2005/06 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

- 12.1 **Applications approved** (for the purpose identified in the application)

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Loudon Musical Society (CG 3162) - £433.33; and
- (ii) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG 3158) - £266.00.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

DONATED PARK BENCHES

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on a proposal by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to accept responsibility for benches donated by the Public and the conditions applicable.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

MEETINGS OF NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2006

14. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 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 and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of the meetings should be held.

Having noted that Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Centre was not suitable in terms of disabled facilities and, as such, would no longer be used as a venue for meetings, 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 paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be:- John Fulton Hall, Fenwick (Thursday 12 January 2006); Kilmaurs Community Centre (Thursday 9 March 2006); John Fulton Hall, Fenwick (Thursday 4 May 2006); Kilmaurs Community Centre (Thursday 24 August 2006); and John Fulton Hall, Fenwick (Thursday 26 October 2006) subject to availability.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/ NAMED SUBSTITUTES 2005/06

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 10 June 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the resignation of Rhoda Gourlay, Substitute Representative for Fenwick Community Council and which asked the Committee to approve the nomination of Fiona Andrew as the replacement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the resignation of Rhoda Gourlay as the Substitute Representative for Fenwick Community Council; and
- (ii) to approve the nomination of Fiona Andrew as the replacement.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 16.1** There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 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 the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the forward planner of Local Committee Business:-

- (i) a report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on works required at Stewarton Academy Games Hall which had recently been closed with particular reference to the roof and security measures.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hrs.