

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 1410 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Archie Pryce, Dorothy McGowan, Sally Roy, Julie Quinn, Pauline Barbour and Peter Irons.

**ATTENDING:** Jim Clark, Housing Improvement and Programme Manager; David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Derek Ireland and PC Benn Lord, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Helen Coffey and Willie Coffey; and Community Representatives: Charles McGowan and Margaret Docherty; and Named Substitute Noreen Lennon.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1411 hours to allow for a 15 minute public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

3. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee held on 12 September 2006.

**3.1 Matters Arising**

**3.1.1 Kilmarnock Citizens' Advice Bureau (Item 3, Page 2399, 03/07)**

It was reported and noted that the Committee would receive a report back to the 20 March 2007 meeting from the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

**3.1.2 Recruitment of Community Representatives (Item 4.1.1, Page 2400, 03/07)**

It was reported and noted that Archie Pryce would be the Community Representative from New Farm Loch Community Council and that there remained a Named Substitute still to be appointed for the Community Council.

**3.1.3 Safer Streets Strathclyde Police Report (Item 4.1.3, Page 2400, 03//07)**

The Administrative Officer reported that a response had been received from Mr Leslie Brown, Procurator Fiscal, Kilmarnock which had confirmed that the statistical information requested (to provide information on the number of drug cases on an

East Ayrshire wide basis) was not recorded in a format which would allow the Procurator Fiscal to retrieve it within the limited area referred to. However, the Procurator Fiscal would highlight any relevant drug cases which had recently been concluded in the courts and a response was expected in due course.

### **PRESENTATION ON PROMOTION OF FOSTER CARING LOCALLY**

4. The Committee received a presentation by Irene Brown, Social Worker, Children and Families relative to foster caring.

There then followed a full discussion during which Irene Brown responded to questions put by members and Community Representatives of the Committee.

It was agreed to thank Irene Brown for her presentation and to note the position.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

#### **SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 October 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and police activity within the Kilmarnock North Area.

Inspector Ireland provided further information arising from the report and in response to questions asked by members of the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives were asked to identify any local problems that may be addressed by local officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

6. There was submitted and noted for information, minutes of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 20 September 2006.

#### **EXTERNAL PAINTWORK AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES (Item 9, page 2080, 03/07)**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which informed of the extent of the proposed external paint work and maintenance programmes for the Kilmarnock North Area which was raised as an item of local interest at the Committee of 21 March 2006 for inclusion and report on a future Agenda.

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007 – RETURN OF GRANT MONIES – RICcarton CO-OPERATIVE WOMEN’S GUILD (CG2256) (Item 11.4, page 2235, 03/07)**

8. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that Riccarton Co-operative Women’s Guild returned a total amount of £90 of the grant money as they were unable to attend the Scottish Parliament visit. It was further noted that the grant was originally a cross-boundary between Kilmarnock South, Central and North, with the Kilmarnock North Local Committee receiving a total repayment of £13.50.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ASSESSMENT PROCESS (Item 8.2,  
page 2402, 03/07)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2006 by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which outlined the assessment process and the criteria used to assess applications for community grant funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report; and
- (ii) to receive a report back from the Administrative Officer on the number of Community Grant assessments which have been done where the type of contact with groups has been by telephone or by visit for 2005/06.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

10. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2006/2007, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It is agreed as follows:-

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

- (a) Arts and Cultural
  - (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG3436) – £90
- (b) Disability
  - (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) (CG3441) - £1,161.80 and that the Group be asked to explore external sources of funding in future years;
  - (ii) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North) (CG3459) – £900.00 and that the Group be asked to explore external sources of funding to cover their ongoing costs;
- (c) Early Education and Childcare
  - (i) New Farm Loch Parents and Under 5's Group (CG3440) - £1,003.25;
- (d) Older People
  - (i) Onthank Men's Club (CG3427) - £300;
- (e) Social Inclusion
  - (i) Onthank Evergreen Club - £400; and
- (f) Tenants/Residents Groups
  - (i) Kennedy Gardens Neighbourhood Watch/Residents Association (CG 3421) - £300.

**10.2. Special Meeting**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that a special meeting of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee would be arranged for the end of November/ beginning of December 2006 to deal with outstanding Community Grant applications.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 24 MAY 2007

11. There was submitted a report dated 5 October 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the dates for which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period until 24 May 2007 and which invited the Committee to determine the venues in which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates and venues fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 24 May 2007 as follows:-

<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Tuesday 30 January 2007	Onthank Community Education Centre
Tuesday 20 March 2007	New Farm Loch Community Centre

### NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was noted that there were no new issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.