

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 1400
HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor Ray Murray and Provost Jane Darnbrough and Community Representatives John Timpany, Winnie Campbell, Susan Anderson and Mark Hemphill and Named Substitutes John Howard, Agnes Gallagher, David Coulter, May Proudfoot and Stuart Rankin.

ATTENDING: Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Margaret McBain, Acting Team Leader, Community Learning and Development, Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; John Cochrane, PPP Project Manager; Joanne Mahaffy and Janice Morrison, Social Workers; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Derek Ireland, East Ayrshire Community Police Officer and Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Knapp and Community Representatives; Michael Hayes and Joan Wark.

CHAIR: Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

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

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

It was noted that there were no questions raised.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

PROMOTION OF FOSTERING SERVICES LOCALLY

3. The Committee received a presentation by Joanne Mahaffy and Janice Morrison, Social Workers, Educational and Social Services on the promotion of fostering services locally.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions and thereafter, the Chair thanked Joanne Mahaffy and Janice Morrison for their informative presentation.

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/07
(Item 10, Page 2377, 03/07)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which updated on the position in respect of the recruitment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local community organisations detailed in the appendix to the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of nominations for the Community Representatives and Named Substituted for the categories of childcare and pre-school education within the Kilmarnock South Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of Meeting held on 6 September 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007

**RETURN OF GRANT MONIES - RICcarton CO-OPERATIVE WOMEN'S GUILD
(CG3356) (Item 14.1(g), Page 2214, 03/07)**

6. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that:
- (i) Riccarton Co-operative Women's Guild had previously received a cross boundary Community Grant award in 2006/07 to provide travel costs and a meal for the Club's yearly outing and to make a contribution towards the cost of sending delegates to visit the Scottish Parliament; and
 - (ii) due to the fact that the group were unable to visit the Scottish Parliament, a total amount of £90.00 had been returned to the Council with the Kilmarnock South Local Committee proportion being a refund of £63.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

7. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2006/07 together with assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the following applications, viz:-

7.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:

- (a) Art and Culture
 - (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG3436) - £75.00
- (b) Disability
 - (i) St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) (CG3441) - £408.20
- (c) Early Education and Childcare
 - (i) New Farm Parents and Under 5s Group (CG3440) - £94.05.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE:
PERIOD UNTIL 24 MAY 2007 (Item 15, Page 1926, 03/07)**

8. 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 on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place for the period until 24 May 2007, 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 24 May 2007 as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Committee meetings be held at the undernoted venue:

Wednesday 24 January 2007	-	Bellfield Community Centre
Wednesday 21 March 2007	-	Bellfield Community Centre
- (iii) that should any suitable accommodation become available in the Shortlees area, future meeting venues would be reviewed; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**UPDATE ON YOUTH WORK PROGRAMMES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE KILMARNOCK SOUTH AREA (Item 11, Page 2379, 03/07)**

9. The Committee heard Margaret McBain, Acting Team Leader, Community Learning and Development, who updated the Committee on the Youth Work Programme within the Kilmarnock South area.

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - SHORTLEES PPP PROJECT UPDATE

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated Committee in regard to the current status of the Shortlees Site PPP Project.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT (Item 14, Page 2378, 03/07)

11. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir which advised on crime figures and Police activity within the Kilmarnock South area.

Having received a verbal update report by Sergeant McInnes, it was agreed:

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

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

12. There was submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 20 September 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed that the undernoted was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future item to the Local Committee:

- (i) Presentation on the work of the Police Anti-Social Behaviour Liaison Officer.

Community Representative identified a number of areas of concern which were answered by members and officers present.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

14. The Administrative Officer advised that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 24 January 2007 at 1400 hours in Bellfield Community Centre.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hrs.