

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Maureen McKay and Jim O'Neill; Community Representatives Ashley Bell, Charles Lindsay, Kara Nisbet, Cathy Spicer and Jean Brown; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Alistair Thomson, May McMillan and Barbara Wiseman.

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrator Officer; Irene Brown, Social Worker and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Danny Stuart, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors John McGhee and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives; Iain Finlayson and Jim Miller; and Named Substitute John McFadden.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim O'Neill, Vice Chair

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair advised of the sad death of Community Representative Robert Knapp. Robert had been a long standing member of Kilmaurs Community Council and a Community Representative on the Local Committee since May of this year.

The Committee then stood to observe one minute's silence.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance. (Community Representative Kara Nisbet having joined the meeting during Item 2)

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 24 August 2006 (circulated).

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

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

5. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and Police activity within the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers: and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **POLICE REPORT**

6. Sergeant Danny Stuart, Strathclyde Police, reported on Local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that there were problems in Stewarton, Kilmaurs and Dunlop with Anti-Social Behaviour from U-16's. The police and other partner agencies were aware of the problems and were looking at ways to deal with them;
- (ii) 2 serious break-ins had taken place in Stewarton, one at the Charity Shop and the other at the Library. Sergeant Stuart advised that there had been a spate of break-ins in the Main Street and, as a result, an Action Plan had been devised to deal with the problems; and
- (iii) that the Police were also considering the introduction of night shift operatives to help deal with the number of break-ins.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

7. The Committee received a presentation on the promotion of Fostering Services locally from Irene Brown, Social Worker.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Irene on the points made during the presentation.

Thereafter, the Chair thanked Irene for the very interesting and informative presentation.

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATION 2006/07**

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 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 in 2006/07, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) and assessment reports for Stewarton Lifelong Learning Committee (CG3447) and St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) (CG3441) which had appeared on the agenda as copies to follow (circulated at the meeting) in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

**8.1. Applications Approved (for the purpose identified on the application), viz:-**

- (a) Arts and Cultural
  - (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG3436) - £315
- (b) Community Councils
  - (i) Stewarton and District Community Council (CG3434) – noted that an award of £273.13 had been made under delegated authority:
  - (ii) Stewarton Lifelong Learning Committee (CG3447) - £720
- (c) Disability
  - (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) (CG3441) - £504.95
- (d) Leisure
  - (i) Stewarton Yuletide Festival Committee (CG3460) - £2,000 in principle, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and that the application be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to progress.

**8.2. Applications Refused (for the reasons stated), viz:-**

- (a) Social Inclusion

Onthank Men's Club (CG3427) – Refused on the grounds that it was the Committee's view that the project was not the most appropriate use of Community Grant Funds.
- (b) Disability

East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (CG3459) – Refused on the grounds that the Committee had exhausted it's available budget.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

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

**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ITEM 16(ii), PAGE 2350, 03/07)**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the re-housing of families with known anti-social behaviour issues.

**CORPORATE SUPPORT****MEETINGS OF NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on 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 these meetings 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 5.1 of the report; and

- (ii) that the Committee meetings be held, subject to availability, at the undernoted venues:-  
Thursday 11 January 2007 – Kilmaurs Community Centre;  
Thursday 8 March 2007 – Dunlop Public Hall;
- (iii) to remit to the Administration Manager to have Dunlop Public Hall assessed as to its suitability in terms of disabled access and facilities; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES**

#### **NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT WATERSLAP, FENWICK,**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought a street name for a new housing development at Waterslap, Fenwick.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street at the new housing development at Waterslap, Fenwick be named Brookfield Grove; and
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

- 13.1.** There was submitted a report dated 3 October 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on Local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to this Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) following a letter received from the Procurator Fiscal seeking more information on the area of work the Local Committee would wish addressed, that a request be made for information on how the Community Justice Authority will transform the whole operation of the justice system, information on how the Procurator Fiscal decides which cases go to court and how victims of crime are kept informed with how the case was progressing; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

- 13.2.** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future agenda. Noted there were no issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1542 hours.