

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2004 AT
1400 HOURS IN HURLFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CESSNOCK ROAD,
HURLFORD**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Les Pittams, Frank Dawson and Aniela Miller; and Named Substitutes Cathie Brown MBE, and Finlay Maclean.

ATTENDING: John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Billy McDowall, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; Anne Bennetti, Sign Language Interpreter; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police; Graham Piggott and Gerard Cassidy, East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board; and Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Association.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Raymond; Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Steve Brown, Jessie Graham and Jean Lusk; and Named Substitutes Lilian Meikle and Joyce McCulloch.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

PRESENTATION ON THE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE

3. The Committee received a presentation from Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator, and Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Association.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Laurie and Graham Piggott and Gerard Cassidy, Community Representatives serving on the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board as well as Ian Smith of the Coalfield Communities Association. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Laurie for the very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 31 March 2004.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT AYRSHIRE DIVISION

5. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, which advised Members on reported crime figures which related to the Irvine Valley area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in terms of the content of future reports which was being reviewed by the new Superintendent, that the Committee would wish to retain the factual element of the report, whilst welcoming the inclusion of better quality and more focused information relevant to the Local Committee area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There was submitted and noted minutes of the Community Safety Forum meeting of 3 March 2004 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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7. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 10 May 2004 in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2004/2005 together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).

It was then agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-
 - (a) Environmental and Heritage
 - (i) Darvel Improvement Group - £1,145.60
 - (ii) Galston Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - £1,500.00
 - (iii) Galston Community Council (Christmas Lights) - £2,500.00
 - (iv) Rotary Club of Loudoun - £3,500.00
 - (b) Leisure and Sport
 - (i) Loudoun and Galston Agricultural Association - £798.75
 - (ii) Bonnyton Thistle Football Club - £26.32
 - (iii) Dean Thistle Football Club - £93.88
 - (iv) East Ayrshire Gardening Club - £75.00

(c) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £440.00
- (ii) Peace (St Columba's/Loanhead) - £323.00

CORPORATE SUPPORT**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP**

8. The Administrative Officer invited nominations for a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed that Frank Dawson represent the Local Committee on the Working Group as its Community Representative.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/NAMED SUBSTITUTES – 2004/2005**

9. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2004 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the progress to date in respect of Community Representatives/Named Substitutes to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position in respect of the nominations already approved as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to approve the nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee by the relevant organisations for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (iii) to approve the further nomination reported by the Administrative Officer at the meeting of Gerry Cassidy as the Named Substitute for the Elderly Forum;
- (iv) to note the current position in relation to outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 10.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on local issues raised, and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.