

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 MAY 2004 AT 1400 HRS
IN STEWARTON ANNICK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, STANDALANE,
STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee and Jim O'Neill; and Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Charles Lindsay, Jim Miller, Cathy Spicer, Jim Corson, Jean Brown and Fiona Andrew; and Named Substitute Alistair Thomson.

ATTENDING: Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Senior Engineer, Department of Roads and Transportation; Brian Moultrie, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Alan Mack and Mark Lees, Strathclyde Police; Andrena Stamper, Scottish Water and Graham Piggott, East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen Mackay and Stephanie Young and Community Representatives Iain Finlayson and Debbie Olson.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

3. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that detailed hereafter on the Agenda.

PRESENTATION ON THE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE

4. The Committee received a presentation from Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Laurie and Graham Piggott, Community Representative serving on the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Laurie for the very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 11 March 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

6. Alan Mack, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) 122 hours of additional patrols had been dedicated to the Northern Area;
- (ii) there had been 47 stop searches, around half the number of the previous period;
- (iii) the report of the serious assault on Stewarton Main Street, with one male detected;
- (iv) the housebreaking at a farm near Stewarton, with one male detected and a full recovery of the stolen property;
- (v) that a juvenile had been apprehended with regard to the damage to the bakery premises at Ravenscraig Road, Stewarton;
- (vi) the report of the vandalism to Kilmaurs Primary and Stewarton Academy;
- (vii) that Lainshaw Primary and Kilmaurs Primary were to receive upgrades to their CCTV cameras; and
- (viii) additional foot patrols to the area were to be deployed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the nature and results of Policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

Following the areas of discussion arising from this report, it was agreed that Superintendent Liz Weir and a member of the Police Board be invited to attend the Local Committee.

SCOTTISH WATER PRESENTATION

8. The Committee received a presentation from Andrena Stamper on Scottish Water's proposals for the Northern area.

Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Andrena. Thereafter, the Chair thanked her for the very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/04 – JOHN KNOX TODDLERS

9. There was submitted a report dated 26 March 2004 (circulated) by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of a request by John Knox Toddlers to utilise part of the grant previously awarded for toys, joiner, music box, coach fees and soft play fees, on an educational trip.

It was agreed, having considered the application on its merits and due to the similar nature of the summer event, to approve the use of the balance of £223.19 from the grant awarded to John Knox Toddlers in May 2003 towards the cost of an educational trip to take place in June of this year.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

10. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

10.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the applications), Viz:-

(a) Community Associations

- (i) Fenwick Community Association - £1,200;

(b) Community Councils

- (i) Southcraigs and Dean Community Council - up to a maximum of £500 for a noticeboard for the area subject to (a) any necessary planning permission being obtained and (b) the group obtaining appropriate third party liability insurance;

(c) Disability

- (i) Contact Phab Club - £684.92

(d) Environmental

- (i) River Irvine Improvement Association - £82.42

(e) Sport

- (i) Northwest Amateur Boxing Club - £252;

(f) Young People

- (i) Peace (Dunlop) - £1667;
 (ii) Peace (St Columba's/Loanhead) - £242;
 (iii) Peace (Gargieston) - £227;

In respect of the three applications submitted by PEACE it was also agreed that the Group be advised of the Committee's concerns that they were being asked year on year to fund the Group's programme of activities; and

- (iv) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £440.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

11. 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 Cathy Spicer represent the Local Committee on the Working Group as its Community Representative and that the matter of the nomination of a Substitute be continued to the next meeting.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/05

12. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised on the outcome of the recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the Local Committee organisations for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 as follows:-

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Jim Miller	Barbara Wiseman
Fenwick Community Council	Ashley Bell	Rhoda Gourlay
Kilmaurs Community Council	Jim Corson	May McMillan
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Jean Brown	George Kerr
Stewarton and District Community Council	Iain Finlayson	Mary White
Youth Forum	Debbie Olson	Ross Barrowman

- (ii) to note the current positioning relating to the outstanding nomination for Community Representative and Named Substitute in respect of Elderly Forum organisations.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

SERVICE 500 IRVINE VALLEY RING 'N' RIDE

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 23 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development Services on the progress of the 500 Service since its inception in March 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to pass on to SPT the points the Committee had highlighted about the need for wider advertising of the service, and the feasibility of a semi-fixed timetable; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 14.** There was submitted for information and noted, Minutes of meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 3 March 2004 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

- 15.1** There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 April 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to receive a presentation on the introduction of the three bin system in the Spring of 2005; and
- (ii) to receive at the next appropriate meeting a presentation on "Protecting the Environment".

The meeting terminated at 1640 hours.