

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2005 AT 1400 HRS
IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Jim O'Neil and Maureen McKay; Community Representatives Ashley Bell, Ian Finlayson, Charles Lindsay, Jim Miller, Catherine Spicer, Jim Corson and Debbie Olson; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Barbara Wiseman, and Alistair Thomson.

ATTENDING: Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Rhoda MacDougal, Marketing and Implementation Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Billy McDowall, Team Leader, Education and Social Services; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Constable Mark Lees and Inspector Ramsay McArthur, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Stephanie Young; Community Representative Linzi Haggerty; and Named Substitute May McMillan.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 9, Safer Streets after Item 3, Police Report.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1411 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 10 March 2005 (circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising

4.1.1 Fenwick Community Council (Item 6.1, page 1323, 03/07)

In relation to public liability insurance for two Dunure benches,

Community Representative Ashley Bell questioned the Council's practice of the requirement of such groups to obtain publicity insurance. He further advised that, after research with other Local Authorities, he had found that it was not practice for such groups to obtain this insurance.

As a result of this, the Committee agreed to request a report on why East Ayrshire Council require Community Council's to obtain public liability insurance.

4.1.2 Kilmaurs Cabin – DDA Applications (Item 8, page 1324, 03/07)

Community Representative Jim Corson asked if there had been any update from the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services regarding arrangements for a technical assessment to bring Kilmaurs Cabin up to DDA standards.

It was agreed that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services be requested to advise what progress had been made regarding the committee's request to arrange for a technical assessment to be made on the Cabin to ascertain the financial implications involved to bring the Cabin up to DDA standards.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

5. Constable Mark Lees, and Inspector Ramsay McArthur, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that there had been an attempted house breaking at a farm outside Dunlop and at Cauldhame Rigg;
- (ii) that there had been a fire at Habbieauld Road, Kilmarnock;
- (iii) in respect of youth disorder, five youths had been questioned in connection with carrying offensive weapons;
- (iv) that changes were being implemented in East Ayrshire with effect from October 2005, which would result in all calls to Strathclyde Police being routed through a call centre, and which would enable staff at the same time to access Officer's diaries to confirm availability of staff and when callers could anticipate receiving a response to their query;
- (v) that the launch of an off-sales campaign was imminent whereby, each off-licence would be allocated a colour coded carrier bag to allow the Police the ability to identify premises which were selling alcohol for the consumption by under-age young people;
- (vi) that funding had been obtained for Radar Guns which would be operated by Community Police Officers within 30 mile per hour zones, and that the Initiative would be launched on 25 May 2005;
- (vii) that a recent Initiative had been introduced at Grange Academy which directed those pupils who had been unruly or who had been persistently misbehaving into work experience projects involving employers, this also linked in with the

Restorative Justice Service operated by SCRA, whereby youths received a warning for offending rather than a criminal record; and

- (viii) that a Fire Arms Initiative had been launched in East Ayrshire, following a dramatic rise in the number of incidents involving air guns since the recent case in Glasgow.

SAFER STREETS

6. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, on Crime Figures and Police Activities within the Northern Area.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME ALLOCATION FOR 2005/2006 (Item 8, page 1449, 03/07)

7. There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised (i) of the grant allocation for the 2005/2006 financial year; and (ii) of the grants spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Northern Area Local Committee for 2005/2006 was £16,780; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 April 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisation in 2005/2006, together with individual assessment report (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

It was agreed as follows:

8.1 Approved (for the purpose identified in the application)

(a) Community Council

- (i) Stewarton and District Community Council (CG3002) – Social Welfare Committee - £2,758 agreed in principle, and that the Department of Educational and Social Services investigate whether alternative sources of funding were available to the group for the purchase of equipment detailed in the assessment report.

(b) Early Education in Child Care

- (i) Dunlop Mothers and Toddlers Group (CG3053) - £500; and
- (ii) Wee Rascals Mothers and Toddlers Group (CG2898) - £33.

(c) Environmental

- (i) Stewarton Woodlands Action Trust (CG2892) - £600.

(e) Leisure Activities

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG3006) - £120, subject to receipt of two quotes for goods or services over the value of £100.

(f) Social Inclusion

- (i) Onthank Men's Club (CG2963) - £196.

(g) Sport

- (i) Dean Thistle Boys Club (CG2995) - £87.50; and
- (ii) Dean Thistle Under 12s and 13s (CG2996) - £278.

8.2 Applications Refused (for the reasons stated)

(a) Young People

- (i) Friends of Loanhead (CG2838) – It was agreed to refuse the application as the project was not considered to be value for money and the group were not contributing to the cost of the outing.

8.3 Applications Continued (for the reasons stated)

(a) Disability

- (i) Kilmarnock Forum on Disability (CG3015) – It was agreed to continue the application for further information on whether the group had considered alternative sources of funding for their project.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

9. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Named Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed to continue this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006 – UPDATE
(Item 7, Page 1324, 03/07)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which updated the Committee 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 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed to approve the new nomination of Debbie Olson, representing the Youth Forum, to serve as a Community Representative on Northern Area Local Committee, for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

11. There was submitted and noted, for information, Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 2 March 2005 (circulated).

THREE BIN SYSTEM OF KERB SIDE RECYCLING

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 April 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of progress on the implementation of the kerb side recycling service in the Northern Area.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 13.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 March 2005 (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.

13.2 New Local Issues

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

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

The meeting terminated at 1625 hours.