

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2006 AT
1400 HOURS IN HURLFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CESSNOCK ROAD,
HURLFORD**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Steve Brown, Frank Dawson, Gerard Cassidy and Pauline Campbell; and Named Substitutes T Reid Ross, Lillian Meikle and Shirley Ferguson.

ATTENDING: Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Elaine Caldwell, Community Planning & Health Improvement Specialist; Billy McDowall, Team Leader; Andrew Davidson, Engineer (Roads); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence, Inspectors Willie Blair and James Richmond, and Michelle Delaney, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Raymond; Community Representatives Aniela Miller, Isobel Loudon and Jessie Graham; and Named Substitute Bobby Leggate.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Pauline Campbell and Shirley Ferguson, Community Representative and Named Substitute, Crookedholm Community Association; and Named Substitute - T Reid Ross, Darvel and District Community Council to their first meeting of the Local Committee.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee Meeting held on 29 March 2006.

MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Community Grants to local organisations 2006/2007 (Item 8.1 page 2105, 03/07)

Dean Thistle Under 14's (CG3342)

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that following receipt of a satisfactory assessment an award of £150 had been made by the Administration Manager, in consultation with the 5 Irvine Valley Local Committee Members.

4.2 Safer Streets - Strathclyde Police Report (Item 5(i), Page 2104)

Double Yellow Lines - Galston Cross

Councillor Stuart Finlayson provided an update following an on-site meeting with Roads, the local Community Council and Strathclyde Police.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated May 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on Crime Figures and Police Activity within the Irvine Valley Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the minor amendments to the report as advised by Chief Inspector Lawrence; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The Committee also received information from Inspector Blair and Michelle Delaney regarding the management and operation of the Police's Control Room, with members of the Committee asking questions thereon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. In terms of Standing Order 19 it was agreed to alter the order of business and consider the Naming of Streets as the next item on the Agenda.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT OFF JAMIESON ROAD, DARVEL

- 7.1 There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a street name for the new development off Jamieson Road, Darvel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street within the new development off Jamieson Road, Darvel "Station Gate";
- (ii) to advise the Department of Development and Property Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT AT CROOKEDHOLM

- 7.2** The Administrative Officer reported that a street name had been requested for a new development at Crookedholm.

The Local Member, Councillor Macrae, and the local Community Council - Hurlford and Crookedholm had been consulted, however the Community Council would not meet to consider the request until after the Local Committee meeting. It was also reported that the developer, Laurel Homes had asked that the Local Committee consider the name "Wellington Gardens".

As the next Local Committee meeting would not be held until September, it was agreed to remit the naming of the street to the Administration Manager in consultation with the local Member, Councillor Macrae and the local Community Council.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 8.** There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 1 March 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

FUTURE COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING OF APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT PROJECTS (Item 10.1, page 1692, 03/07)

- 9.** There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented options with regard to the Committee's future planning in respect of the funding of Christmas lights projects in the Irvine Valley.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting in September in order that the local Community Councils might be consulted on the options as discussed at the meeting and as contained within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ALLOCATION FOR 2006/2007

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised (i) of the grant allocation for the year 2006/2007, and (ii) of the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the year 2006/2007 was £25,291.00; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 9 May 2006 in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2006/2007 together with summary statements relative to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee as well as the individual assessment reports (all circulated).

(i) **Applications approved** (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Disability

- (i) Kilmarnock Forum on Disability (CG3320) - £1,105.00
- (ii) Archway PHAB Club (CG3350) - £209.98

(b) Environmental and Heritage

- (i) Darvel Improvement Group (CG3348) - £799.25
- (ii) Galston Community Council (CG3362) - £2,655.63
- (iii) Newmilns & Greenholm Community Council (CG3382) – The Administrative Officer reported the details of this application for the Community Council's proposed hanging baskets and tubs project.

The group had detailed the cost of the project at £1,261 of which the full amount was sought. The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award of up to £721 to cover the cost of baskets and tubs, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee.

(c) Leisure and Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club (CG3312) - £190.25
- (ii) Darvel Improvement Group (CG3323) - £5,250.00
- (iii) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG3331) - £97.25
- (iv) Loudoun & Galston Agricultural Association (CG3364) - £963.25
- (v) Loudoun Musical Society (CG3366) - £506.75
- (vi) Kilmaurs Farmers Society (CG3367) - £111.72
- (vii) Newmilns Gala Committee (CG3378) - £2,000.00
- (viii) Moscow Community Hall Committee (CG3381) - £607.00

(d) Older People

- (i) Darvel Old Folk's Trip Committee (CG3334) - £1,000.00
- (ii) Newmilns Ladies Social Club (CG3335) - £350.00

Councillor Robert McDill and Named Substitute Lillian Meikle left the meeting at this point.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

CONSULTATION ON THE NEXT LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised that consultation on the next Local Transport Strategy was about to begin, and which invited completion of the consultation questionnaire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that consultations on the next Local Transport Strategy were about to begin;
- (ii) to note that those Members and Community Representatives present at the meeting had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire contained in Appendix A to the report and return it to the Roads & Transportation Division Officer present at the meeting should they so wish; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting during discussion of this item.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2005 – COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the publication of the Annual Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development which covered 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development for 2005; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING RESIDENTS' SURVEY AND RESIDENTS' PANEL

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 2 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented a summary of the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey for the Irvine Valley area and which provided a progress report in respect of the proposed Residents' Panel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey for the Irvine Valley area;
- (ii) to note the progress in establishing a representative Residents' Panel; and

(iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

15. It was agreed to appoint the following as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007, viz:-

Organisation	Community Representative	Named Substitute
Moscow & Waterside Community Council	Isobel Loudon	Lillian Meikle
Pre-5's	Irene Thompson	Kerryann Templeton
Elderly Forum	Gerry Cassidy	
Crookedholm Community Association	Pauline Campbell	Shirley Ferguson
Galston Community Council	Frank Dawson	Finlay McLean
Darvel & District Community Council		T Reid Ross

LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed that Victim Support be invited to give a short presentation at a future meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1605 hours