

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2006 AT 1300 HOURS IN
JOHN FULTON HALL, MAIN ROAD, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Maureen McKay and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives; Ashley Bell; Iain Finlayson; Charles Lindsay; Cathy Spicer; Jean Brown; Linzi Haggerty; Robert Knapp and Debbie Olson; and Named Substitutes: Mary White; Alistair Thomson; May McMillan; John McFadden; Fiona Andrew and Kara Nisbet.

ATTENDING: Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator, Corporate Development and Communications; Sam Gardiner, Consultation and Engagement Worker, Corporate Development and Communications; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Roads Division; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Danny Stuart and Community Constable Mark Lees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim O'Neill; Community Representative Jim Miller; and Named Substitute Barbara Wiseman.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

CHAIRS REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair advised the Committee that it was Debbie Olson's last meeting as the Youth Forum representative and thanked her for all her good work on the Local Committee.
- 1.2 The Chair reported on the difficulties in securing suitable venues for Local Committee meetings in the Northern Area, Kilmaurs Community Centre being the only suitable one available. It was, therefore, agreed to alternate meetings between Kilmaurs Community Centre and Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock until other suitable venues could be secured.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1301 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1315 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

4. There were submitted and noted for information, the minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 9 March 2006 (circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising

4.1.1 Annual Seminar Working Group (Item 13, Page 2043, 03/07)

It was agreed to nominate Cathy Spicer and Mary White as the representative and named substitute to serve on the Annual Seminar Working Group until 31 March 2007.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 1 March 2006 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 April 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 note that community representatives were invited to identify any local problems which could be addressed by Strathclyde Police Officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

7. Community Constable Mark Lees, reported on local policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that specific problems with anti-social behaviour had been reported in the Stewarton and Dunlop areas, and that the anti-social behaviour team were investigating the problem;
- (ii) that funding from Strathclyde Police Community Wellbeing Fund had been invested into coaching for rugby and tennis and hopefully, in time for the summer, football and mountain bike coaching; and
- (iii) that the new sergeant covering the Northern Area is Sergeant Danny Stuart. Sergeant Stuart then addressed the Committee and advised that he was looking forward to the challenges the Northern Area would bring.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME ALLOCATION FOR 2006/2007

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised the Committee of the grant allocation for 2006/2007 and of the grant spend from the last two financial years,

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the committee for 2006/2007 was £17,283; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2006/2007

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 2006 (circulated) together with an updated report which was tabled at the meeting by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2006/2007 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

9.1 Applications approved (for the purpose identified in the application)

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 3366) - It was agreed to approve the application in principle subject to the Administrative Officer clarifying the monetary value to be awarded by the Northern Area.

(b) Community Councils

- (i) Fenwick Community Council (Hanging Baskets) (CG 3337) -£1,320.00.

(c) Disability

- (i) Kilmarnock Forum on Disability (CG 3320) -£1,105.00;
- (ii) Stewarton Rambler Chair Fund - £4,000.00.

(d) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Dunlop Babies and Toddlers (CG 3360) - It was agreed that determination of the application be delegated to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

(e) Environmental

- (i) Kilmaurs Farmers Association (CG 3367) - £780.24.

(f) Leisure

- (i) East Ayrshire Gardening Club (CG 3331) - £38.90.

(g) Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club (CG 3312) - £152.20. It was also agreed to convey to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support the Committee's concerns regarding the difference in the standard of assessment reports being submitted to the Local Committee and that these concerns be conveyed to the Grants Review Group with a request that all assessments are completed to the standard of the Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club application.
- (ii) Dean Thistle Under 14's (CG 3342) - £50.00

Councillor Stephanie Young left the meeting at this point.

(h) Young People

- (i) Stewarton Area Division of Girl Guiding (CG 3319) - £280.

9.2 Applications Deferred (for the reasons stated)(a) Community Councils

- (i) Fenwick Community Council (Christmas Lights) (CG 3359) - It was agreed to recommend that the group apply to Awards For All for the funding of Christmas lights but that if the full amount requested was not awarded then the group be invited to apply to the Local Committee for the shortfall.

- (b)
- West Park Gymnastics Club (CG 3347)
- It was agreed to recommend that the group apply to East Ayrshire Sports Council for the funding for coaching but that if the full amount requested was not awarded then the group be invited to apply to the Local Committee for the shortfall.

CORPORATE SUPPORT**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING RESIDENTS' SURVEY AND RESIDENTS' PANEL**

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey for the Northern 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 Community Planning Residents' Survey for the Northern Area;
- (ii) to note the progress in establishing a representative Residents' Panel;
- (iii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager provide the Administrative Officer with a further breakdown of information on leisure facilities, planned leisure facilities and fear of crime statistics to be circulated to Members of the Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES
2006/2007**

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 April 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of recruitment of community representatives and named substitutes to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted representation as detailed below:-

ORGANISATION	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	NAMED SUBSTITUTE
Disability Forum	Linzi Haggerty	Vacant
Stewarton and District Community Council	Iain Finlayson	Mary White
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Jean Brown	George Kerr
Kilmaurs Community Council	Robert Knapp	May McMillan
Youth Forum	Kara Nisbet	TBC

, and

- (ii) to note the current position relating to outstanding nominations for community representatives and named substitutes.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

CONSULTATION ON THE NEXT LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

12. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised that the consultation on the next local transport strategy was about to begin and which invited those present to complete the consultation questionnaire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that consultations on the next local transport strategy were about to begin; and
- (ii) to invite those present at the meeting to complete the questionnaire, returning it to the Roads and Transportation Officer present at the meeting.

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 on the publication of the annual Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development covering 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.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF DAVID DALE AVENUE, STEWARTON

14. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a name for the new development off David Dale Avenue, Stewarton.

Following a verbal update by the Administrative Officer it was agreed:-

- (i) that the new development off David Dale Avenue, Stewarton be named Montgomerie Drive; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

15. 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 1455 hours.