

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2004 AT
1405 HRS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE,
GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives: Frank Donnelly, Steve Brown, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham, Isobel Loudon, Aniela Miller and Gordon Thomson; and Named Substitutes: Ann Scott, Joyce McCulloch and Michelle McMillan.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Brian Moultrie, Community Education Worker; Alastair Wyper, Chief Engineer, Operations (Roads); George Scott, Licensing Officer; John MacKenzie, Records Management Officer; Anne Bennetti, Sign Language Interpreter; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Bill Howie and Named Substitute Les Pittams.

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 1408 hrs to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 12 November 2003.

MATTER ARISING**3.1 RESIGNATION OF PRE-5 REPRESENTATIVE (Item 4.1, Page 413, 03/07)**

The Committee noted the resignation of Janice Speirs, who had served as the Pre-5 Community Representative on the Local Committee for several years, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Janice thanking her for her valued input and attendance.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 - DRAFT PUBLICATION SCHEME

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which (i) advised the Local Committee of the introduction of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; (ii) advised the Local Committee on the Council's responsibility for producing a Publication Scheme under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; and (iii) invited suggestions for information to be included in the Council's Publication Scheme.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that any comments/suggestions regarding the types of information to be included in the Council's Draft Publication Scheme should be forwarded to the Records Management Officer by 10 February 2004; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Raymond joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised Members on reported crime figures which related to the Irvine Valley Area.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

6. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1445 hours. The meeting reconvened at 1455 hours with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance.

OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC REALM CCTV SYSTEM WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 December 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Committee on the operation of the Public Realm Closed Circuit Television System within East Ayrshire.

Community Representative Gordon Thomson and Named Substitute Michelle McMillan left the meeting at this point.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM MINUTE

8. There were submitted and noted Minutes of the Community Safety Forum of 3 December 2003 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/05

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to retain the current community organisation representation on the Local Committee;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations to serve during the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Party which advised the Local Committee of the outcome of the Local Committee Open Day which was held on 22 November 2003 and which identified issues for consideration which had arisen at the Open Day.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the 2003 Local Committee Open Day;
- (ii) that the issues identified in paragraph 4 of the report be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to progress in consultation with the appropriate Departments; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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11. There was submitted a report dated January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 19 January 2004 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2003/2004 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.

It was then agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Disability

- (i) Enable (St Marnock Youth Club) - £1,040;

(b) Environmental and Heritage

- (i) Galston Community Council - £268.46

- (ii) Darvel and District Community Council - The Administration Manager reported the details of the application for the installation of Christmas lights and the assessment by the Department of Community Services which recommended refusal of the application on the grounds that the application was lodged after the installation of the lights, with the Guide to Grants stating that grants were not normally awarded in respect of projects that have already started before an application is made.

The Committee having heard from the Local Member, Councillor McDill, agreed that in this instance, a departure from the Guideline in question could be made, as they accepted that the Group had been lead to believe they should make application to this meeting rather than before commencement of the project and having considered the nature of the project and application, an award of £500.00 was agreed.

(c) Leisure and Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £75;

- (ii) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £123. Further agreed that the Administration Manager arrange for advice to be forwarded to the Club with regard to fund-raising.

Community Representative Isobel Loudon left the meeting at this point.

(d) Young People

- (i) St Matthew's PTA - £142.10.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PROGRESS REPORT ON IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed Members of the Committee of the progress made in the production of a Community Learning Plan for the Irvine Valley Area.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2004/2005 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

13. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 2004/2005 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought the Local Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance or footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2004/2005 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways;
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner;
- (iv) that Alastair Wyper investigate the complaint with regard to the surface of West Church Street, Newmilns; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

14.1 ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR CONTRACTS

There was submitted a report dated January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the Department of Homes and Technical Services' progress in piloting the Acceptable Behaviour Contracts Scheme in the Irvine Valley Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Committee had, at its meeting on 12 November 2003, agreed to receive regular update reports on this 12 month pilot scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

14.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed that the Administration Manager investigate the feasibility of the Director of Development Services arranging for a presentation to the Committee on the role of the planning and roads service in housing developments.

The meeting terminated at 1608 hrs.