

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2004 AT 1402 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre and John Weir; Community Representatives Beryl Graham, Janet Smith, Hugh Stirling, Tom Stewart and Margaret Docherty.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; John Pilkington, Best Value Officer, Homes and Technical Services; Joe Donnelly, Principal Trading Standards Officer; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Colin McKee, Senior Planner, Planning and Building Control; Margaret McBain, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Alasdair Laurenson, Planner, Planning and Building Control; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Daniel Coffey and Willie Coffey; and Community Representatives Dorothy McGowan and Substitute Community Representative Noreen Lennon.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours to allow a fifteen minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2003 (circulated).

3.1 Matters Arising

3.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2003/2004 (Item 3.1.1, Page 404, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that an Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North had taken place on Wednesday 28 January 2004 and nominations to fill the outstanding vacancies were confirmed by the Secretary of the Federation. It was agreed to endorse the nominations of Community Representatives as Tom Stewart, representing the Northwest Youth Project and Margaret Docherty, representing Onthank Community Association.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports (circulated). There was also tabled an assessment report in respect of New Farm Loch Community Association.

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

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Gateway Writers - £50.00;

(b) Community Association

- (i) New Farm Loch Community Association - £1,800.00 and that the Group be advised to submit their grant applications early in future;

(c) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £2,340.00 - subject to a further check being made on the cross-boundary calculation for Kilmarnock North;

(d) Social Inclusion

- (i) Onthank Men's Club - £774.00 subject to a further check being made on the cross-boundary calculation for Kilmarnock North;

(e) Young People

- (i) PEACE, Onthank - £1,100.00;
- (ii) St Matthew's PTA - Noted that the Local Committee at the Special Meeting on 16 December 2003 had approved £130.00, and since then the application had been reassessed by the Department of Educational and Social Services - agreed to award a further £45.20; and

(f) Sport

- (i) Balmoral Football Club - £395.00.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM MINUTE

5. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum held on 3 December 2003 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

6. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of Policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers;
- (ii) that the Administrative Officer circulate the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund evaluation to Members of the Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FIREWORKS ACT 2003

7. There was submitted a report dated 23 December 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the implementation of the Fireworks Act 2003, the scope of the current emergency regulations and the likely scope of proposed regulations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to express appreciation for Bill Tynan, MP Fireworks Act; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which (i) advised of the introduction of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; (ii) advised 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) that Community Representatives advise the Council's Records Management Officer, by 10 February 2004 of any suggestions for types of information to be included in the draft Publication Scheme as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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

It was agreed:-

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2004/2005 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the 2004/2005 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2004/2005 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways as detailed within the report; and
- (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.

NORTHWEST KILMARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS GROUP

(Item 8, Page 2221, 99/02)

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated on the work done by the Northwest Kilmarnock Environmental Improvements Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report and the work done by the Northwest Kilmarnock Environmental Improvements Group; and
- (ii) to support the implementation of new projects by the Group as detailed within the report.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

SAFER STREETS REPORT- HOUSE BREAK-IN FIGURES

(Item 8, Page 406, 03/07)

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which informed on the actions taken by the Department of Homes and Technical Services to address the current level of house break-ins in Kilmarnock North.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Officers be asked to review the consultation carried out in the Kilmarnock North Area on the Community Warden Scheme and to look into appropriate measures for publicising the launch of the scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

13.1 LOCAL ISSUES

The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was noted that there was no issues raised and Community Representatives were invited to advise the Administrative Officer accordingly should they wish to submit any items for future meetings.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.