

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN SALVATION ARMY HALL, WITCHKNOWE ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Murray, Provost Darnbrough and Councillor Knapp; Community Representatives Mrs Joan Wark, Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mrs Winnie Campbell, Mr Jim Bryan and May Proudfoot and Named Substitute Community Representative Stephen Fagan.

ATTENDING: Bryan Weadon, Area Engineer (North) (Roads); Carole Crichton, Community Education Worker; John MacKenzie, Records Management Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Mrs Joan Wark and Jean Collins, Community Representatives.

CHAIR: Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 5 November 2003 (circulated).

ADDITIONAL ITEM

4. The Chair agreed that one further item on Community Representatives be considered under item 5 on the Agenda by reason that an early decision was required.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - UPDATE (ITEM 5, PAGE 3180, 99/03)

5. It was reported that a letter had been received from the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability nominating Mr Steven Fegan to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee as named Substitute Community Representative for the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Mr Steven Fegan to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee as the named Substitute Community Representative for the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability for the period to 31 March 2004; and
- (ii) to welcome Steven as a new member on the Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2003/2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the Financial Position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2003/2004, together with assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the following applications:-

6.1 Applications Approved:-

- (a) Art and Culture
 - (i) Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £100.00
- (b) Community Council
 - (i) Bellfield Community Council - £169.93; also noted that Bellfield Community Council did not cover the Shortlees and Riccarton areas as stated in grant assessment form.
- (c) Disability
 - (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £520.00
- (d) Early Education and Childcare
 - (i) Riccarton Pre-5 - noted an award of £395.00 had been made under delegated authority for the financial year 2003/2004.
- (e) Sport
 - (i) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £63.00

CORPORATE RESOURCES

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

7. 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 and of the Council's responsibility for producing the Publication Scheme under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; and (ii) invited suggestions for the information to be included in the Council's Publication Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that any suggestions regarding the types of information Community Representatives think should be included in the draft Publication Scheme, following consultation with their respective groups, should be forwarded to John MacKenzie, Records Management Officer by the 10 February 2004; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ORDER OR BUSINESS

8. The Chair, at her discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order business and consider item 10 on the Agenda at this point.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2004/2005 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that 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; 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT “U” DIVISION

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 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.

Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Community Police Officer further advised the Committee of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Evaluation report for the period 1 October - 30 December 2003, as follows:-

| | |
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| Offensive Weapon Searches | 491 |
| Positive searches | 9 |
| Drug searches | 66 |
| Positive drug searches | 12 |
| Vehicle crime detected | 20 |
| Reset Detected | 2 |
| Housebreaking Detected | 19 |
| Thefts Detected | 21 |
| Warrant Enquiries | 91 |
| Arrested on Warrant | 18 |

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| Visits to Licensed Premises | 76 |
| Reported for Breach of the Peace | 29 |
| Reported for Street Drinking | 47 |
| Reported for Drunk and Incapable | 4 |
| Vehicle Stops | 105 |
| Traffic Offences | 53 |
| Juvenile Contact Cards | 65 |

It was agreed

- (i) that any local issues identified by members of the Local Committee should be reported to the Community Police Officer;
- (ii) to note the BNSF evaluation figures for the period 1 October to 31 December 2003;
- (iii) to request that BNSF evaluation figures be reported to Committee on a regular basis in future as part of the Safer Streets report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2004

12. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which (i) advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period until the 31 December 2004; and (ii) invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 31 December 2004 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be as follows:-

| DATE | VENUE |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 24 March 2004 | Shortlees Community Centre |
| Wednesday 19 May 2004 | Bellfield Community Centre |
| Wednesday 8 September 2004 | Salvation Army Hall (Witchknowe Road) |
| Wednesday 3 November 2004 | Shortlees Community Centre |

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005

13. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to

consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the Recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) that the present Community Organisation Representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005, be as follows:-
 - Community Council (Bellfield)
 - Disability Forum (East Ayrshire (North) Forum)
 - Elderly Forum (South Kilmarnock)
 - Young People
 - Sports Groups
 - Community Association (Shortlees)
 - Local Churches
 - Early Education and Childcare
 - Community Residents' Association
 - Pre-Five Representative; and
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of 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 that might be necessary to facilitate the process.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

14. There was submitted report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Party which advised of 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 Local Committee Open Day; and
- (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 appropriate Departments.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PROGRESS REPORT ON KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN (ITEM 11, PAGE 123, 03/07)

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 December 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress made in relation to the production of the Community Learning Plan for the Kilmarnock South area.

RENT SETTING POLICY

16. The Chair advised the Committee that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

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

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.