

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2005 AT
1400 HRS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD,
CROOKEDHOLM**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond and Stuart Finlayson; Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham, and Aniela Miller; and Named Substitute Gerard Cassidy.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Operations); Donald McIntosh, Police Liaison Officer; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads); Hugh Carswell, Support Services Manager; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police; Andrew Dewey and Isabella Smith, Sign Language Interaction.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robert McDill; Community Representatives Steve Brown and Les Pittams and Named Substitutes George Dalziel and Lillian Meikle.

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 1401 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**PRESENTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS
SERVICE PLAN 2005 - 2008**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the development of the East Ayrshire Children and Young Persons Service Plan 2005-2008 and which sought comments from the Local Committee regarding proposed priorities.

The Committee also received a presentation from Hugh Carswell, Support Services Manager on the subject.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the members of the Committee should contact Hugh Carswell direct with any comments that they had on the East Ayrshire's Children and Young Persons Service Plan 2005-2008 by 28 February 2005; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The Chair then thanked Hugh Carswell for his presentation and for the opportunity that Members of the Committee had had to ask questions.

Community Representative Jessie Graham joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 10 November 2004.

MATTER ARISING

4.1 LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/2005 (Item 7(i) (d) (i), Page 1108, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported on the award of £700 made to Age Concern, Hurlford following receipt of a satisfactory report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 1 December 2004 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised Members of reported crime figures relating to the Irvine Valley Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appointment of the new Local Authority Police Liaison Officer Sergeant Donald McIntosh who was introduced to the meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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7. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 10 January 2005 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05 together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee.

It was noted that there were no grants for consideration by the Committee on this occasion.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

2005/2006 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 9, Page 1154, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2005/2006 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for "Inescapable" Schemes

approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought approval of the "Highly Desirable" Schemes for structural maintenance of Footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2005/2006 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;
- (ii) 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; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

M77 SLIP ROADS/EMERGENCY ACCESS (Item 9, Page 1109, 03/07)

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised the Committee on implications for emergency access to the M77 if the South facing slip roads at the Kingswell Junction were not constructed. It was noted that this report had been requested by the Local Committee at its meeting on 10 November 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Local Committee wished to make representation to the Scottish Executive on its concerns over a perceived inadequacy in the access arrangements for emergency vehicles to the M77 should these slip roads not be constructed, and to request that the Head of Roads and Transportation include these representations in the letter he was sending to the Scottish Executive following similar concerns raised by the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2004 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group on the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives which had been held on 20 November 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Annual Seminar would now form part of the training cycle for the Community Representatives;
- (ii) to note the success of the 2004 annual seminar for the Community Representatives; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

MEETINGS OF THE IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2005

11. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 31 December 2005 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be:- Hogg Hall, Galston (Wednesday 23 March 2005); Hurlford Community Centre (Wednesday 25 May 2005); Darvel Town Hall (Wednesday 14 September 2005); and Morton Hall, Newmilns (Wednesday 9 November 2005); and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006

12. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support 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 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) that the community organisation representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 be as follows:
 - Darvel and District Community Council;
 - Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council;
 - Galston Community Council;
 - Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council;
 - Moscow and Waterside Community Council;
 - Crookedholm Community Association;
 - Disability Forum;
 - Elderly Forum;
 - Youth Forum; and
 - Pre-5s;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support 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 2005 to 31 March 2006 and to make such arrangements that might be necessary to facilitate this process; and

- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 13.** There was submitted and noted a report dated January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where appropriate, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 14.** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future agenda. No new items were intimated.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.