

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Gordon Cree, John Campbell and Iain Linton; Community Representatives Tom Cook, Charles Calman, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, Stephen Grant, John Donaldson and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Jean Churchill and Alison McCann.

ATTENDING: Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Stephen Sheach, Strategic Planning Officer, Educational and Social Services; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer, Roads; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; and Gillian Hamilton Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Community Policing Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Community Policing Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police

APOLOGIES: Councillor Douglas Reid; Community Representative Linda Thomson and Named Substitute Ian McVey.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIRS' REMARKS

1. The Chair at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to alter the order of business and consider items 9 and 8 on the agenda before consideration of agenda item 1.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS
SERVICE PLAN 2005-2008**

2. 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 which sought comments from the Local Committee regarding the proposed priorities.

The Committee also received a presentation from Stephen Sheach, Strategic Planning Officer, Educational and Social Services on the Service Plan.

Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of the Strategic Planning Officer. Thereafter the Chair thanked him for his presentation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outline priorities to be contained within the East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Service Plan 2005-2008; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

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

3. There was submitted a report dated 17 December 2004 (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 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 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; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

4. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1420 hours for approximately 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

5. The meeting reconvened at 1433 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Local Committee held on 27 October 2004 (circulated).

MATTERS ARISING

SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES ON THE MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADS WITHIN KILMARNOCK

7. It was reported verbally by the Area Engineer, Roads that traffic calming had been provided at Dundonald Road, in the vicinity of Gargieston Primary School, comprising build-out to reduce the crossing width, deter speeding, formalise parking and improve visibility at the School access and other junctions. It was originally proposed to provide speed cushions, which have been found to be one of the most effective ways of reducing traffic speeds. However, these had been opposed by local residents.

A 20 mph speed limit would be introduced on Dundonald Road adjacent to the School, along with 20 mph limits at most other schools in East Ayrshire. The implementation programme had yet to be finalised but the limit would come into force during the coming financial year.

The statutory procedure had also been completed for the extension of the 30 mph limit on Dundonald Road where it passed beneath the A71. The extension of the 30 mph speed limit would be carried out as part of the programme for the introduction of 20 mph limits elsewhere.

Quality Bus Corridor measures were being implemented on Irvine Road as part of the programme to improve the bus infrastructure and pedestrian facilities in the Kilmarnock Western Corridor. It was originally proposed to provide central refuges on Irvine Road as part of this package to help pedestrians cross the road and to deter speeding. However, these had been strongly opposed by the Community Council. Since then, the transport assessment prepared for the PPP Schools Proposals had recommended the introduction of traffic signals at the junction off Beech Avenue/Irvine Road and a pelican crossing on Irvine Road near to Grange Terrace. These measures would make it easier for pedestrians to cross Irvine Road, and deter speeding.

An Order would be promoted for the provision of a part-time 20 mph limit on Irvine Road, adjacent to the schools, when the PPP Schools proposals were finalised.

Last year, East Ayrshire Council put forward initial proposals for a signing and lining scheme on Bonnyton Road, which included a mini roundabout, to address local concerns about speeding on the road. The proposals were rejected by the Community Council. Further consideration would be given to a traffic calming gateway feature at the entrance to the 30 mph limit to help drivers adjust their speed to an appropriate level on Bonnyton Road. If a suitable scheme was identified, it would be considered for a future road safety programme, subject to the availability of funding and the competing demand for road safety measures elsewhere in the Council area.

Central refuges were introduced on London Road some years ago to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road, and deter speeding. Traffic signals, incorporating a pedestrian phase, were introduced at the junction of London Road/Green Street to improve the traffic flow, provide easier access to the bus station for buses and make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross the road. No other road safety measures were programmed. The Head of Roads would be pleased to investigate any further issues raised by the Local Committee.

The new on-street waiting restrictions would come into force in Kilmarnock Town Centre on 24 January 2005. The on-street parking charges were programmed to come into force later in March 2005. The Council provided extensive off-street parking around the town centre, including the multi-storey car park where motorists could park all day for 50p on the upper floors.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Policing Officer would ask the Traffic Section to monitor the entrances to Gatehead from Kilmarnock and Troon directions for speed and mobile phone offending, as requested by the Community Representatives; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the verbal report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

MINUTES OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

8. There were submitted the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 1 December 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the issue of M77 slip road/emergency access would be progressed by the Community Safety Forum;
- (ii) that information on the Road Runner initiative would be forwarded to Community Representative Esther Caldwell; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on behalf of Superintendent Liz Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures during the preceding period.

Community Police Inspector Ramsay McArthur was introduced to the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Jim Richmond had been replaced by Sergeant Donald McIntosh as Police Liaison Officer;
- (ii) to note recent action taken by Strathclyde Police to address the problem of children/young people causing disruption in the town centre; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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10. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position on current applications, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note an amendment to the value of application submitted within the Arts and Cultural section to £43, which brought the total value of applications submitted to £5509.97 and reduced the projected budgetary shortfall for this meeting to £3465.81; and
- (ii) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified as in the application) viz:-

(a) Disability**Declaration of Interest**

Community Representative Thomas Cook declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to East Ayrshire Access Panel and did not participate in the discussion or decision.

- (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel - £400.00
- (ii) Kilmarnock Henderson Parish Church - £250.00 towards the cost of constructing a disabled access at the front entrance to the building and that the applicant be advised of possible alternative sources of funding.

Councillor Linton Left the meeting at this point.

(b) Arts & Cultural

- (i) Stewarton Drama Group - £43.00

(c) Miscellaneous

- (i) Gibson Street Neighbourhood Watch - £66.97

CORPORATE SUPPORT**ANNUAL SEMINAR OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

11. 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 held on 20 November 2004.

It was agreed:-

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

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE 2005**

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2004 (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 during 2005 and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed that meetings of the Local Committee would be held as follows:

LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING	VENUE
Tuesday 15 March 2005	Crosshouse Community Centre
Tuesday 10 May 2005	Grange Academy S & R Wing

Tuesday 30 August 2005	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock
Tuesday 25 October 2005	Crosshouse Community Centre

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006

13. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2004 (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 in the period from 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:
 - Grange Howard Community Council
 - Gatehead Community Council
 - Bonnyton & Woodstock Community Council
 - Crosshouse Community Council
 - Piersland Bentinck Community Council
 - Disability Forum
 - Elderly Forum
 - Church Forum
 - Youth Forum and
 - Business Community; and
- (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 as might be necessary to facilitate this process;
- (iv) arising from discussion, and as requested by Mr Ashbridge, Community Safety Representative, to include an item on the next Agenda for consideration of this Committee's future representation on the Community Safety Forum.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES – NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF HILL STREET, KILMARNOCK

14. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a name for a street at a new development off Hill Street, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street at the new development off Hill Street, Kilmarnock be named Mount Pleasant Way;

- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

15.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 December 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission proposals on the list of Local Committee Issues detailed within the Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

15.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

Having noted that the recently appointed Town Centre Manager had subsequently left, the Committee requested a full report on East Ayrshire's commitment to developing the town centre and proposals to secure its long-term survival.

The undernoted item was also identified as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

Older People's Services – following recent reviews by East Ayrshire Council with reference to older people's services, it was agreed that a report be submitted to the Local Committee on the outcome of these reviews.

The meeting terminated at 1526 hours.