

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Beryl Graham, Dorothy McGowan, Billy Sullivan, Charles McGowan, Margaret Docherty; and Substitute Representative Noreen Lennon.

ATTENDING: Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (North), Roads, Transportation and Design; Donald McIntosh, Police Liaison Officer; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Stephen Sheach, Strategic Planning Officer, Educational and Social Services; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, 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 public question and answer session.

Councillor John Weir joined the meeting at this point.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1414 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PRESENTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON'S 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 Person's Service Plan 2005-2008 which sought comments from the Local Committee regarding the proposed priorities.

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outline priorities contained within the East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Service Plan 2005-2008 and that any comments regarding

the proposed priorities for the Plan be submitted to the Strategic Planning Officer by 1 March 2005; and

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted (circulated) for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2004.

4.1 Closure of Post Office at Lindsay Drive, Kilmarnock

It was reported and noted that the Post Office had confirmed the closure of the Lindsay Drive Post Office with effect from 5 February 2005.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There was submitted for information 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 and noted a report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the nature and results of Policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

RETURN OF GRANT MONEY FROM KILMARNOCK FORUM ON DISABILITY AND BUMBLE BEES UNDER 5'S GROUP

7.1 Kilmarnock Forum on Disability

It was reported and noted that Kilmarnock Forum on Disability had returned a total amount of £460.00 to the Council, of which £92.00 had been credited to this Local Committee, which had remained unspent from the 2003-2004 grant award of £4,600 awarded for general training, hall let, equipment and contribution to interpreters.

7.2 Bumble Bees Under 5's Group

It was reported and noted that the Bumble Bees Under 5's Group had disbanded during 2004 and subsequently, the Group's storage room at Onthank Primary School had been broken into and a number of items had been stolen. The Chairperson of the Group had repaid the grant of £500.00 awarded by the Kilmarnock North Local Committee in 2001-2002 from the insurance settlement as it had been felt that another Group within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area could benefit from a similar grant.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/2005

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05.

It was agreed to note that the Administrative Officer would write to all Groups within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area to encourage them to apply for the remainder of funds available for 2004/05.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the outcome of the Local Committee Open Day 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

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support 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 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed within the report;
- (ii) that the community organisation representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 be as follows:-
 - Northwest Kilmarnock Community Council;
 - Kilmarnock Forum on Disability;
 - Northwest Kilmarnock Elderly Forum;
 - Young Persons' Representative;
 - Thorn Terrace Residents Better Neighbourhood Group;
 - New Farm Loch Community Council;
 - The Avenue Project;
 - Northwest Youth Centre;
 - Onthank Community Association; and

- an organisation still to be determined;
- (iii) to request the Administrative Officer to write to the Young Persons' Representative to confirm her intention or otherwise to continue as a Community Representative during the process for submission of new nominations, and, if appropriate, to contact the "Youthie" Project to nominate a Representative; and
- (iv) to remit the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support 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 2005 to 31 March 2006 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

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

11. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2005/2006 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance 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; 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.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH KILMARNOCK

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the range of provision and activities for young people in the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed that the following items be included on a future Agenda:-

- (i) to request the Head of Roads and Transportation to clarify the access times for disabled users parking in Kilmarnock Town Centre, and in particular to the current waiting restrictions in force for access to King Street, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to request a presentation on the Working for Families Fund and its target areas of Onthank, Longpark, Knockinlaw and Altonhill by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services;
- (iii) to request an update report on the Longpark Demolitions/Improvement Strategy by the Head of Housing; and
- (iv) to request a presentation on the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund Youth Outreach Project in relation to young people in Northwest Kilmarnock by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.