

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2005 AT 1400 HRS
IN STEWARTON ANNICK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, STANDALANE,
STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Maureen McKay and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson, Charles Lindsay, Jim Miller, Catherine Spicer, Jim Corson, Jean Brown and Debbie Olson; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Rhoda Gourlay and Alistair Thomson.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Gerard Darroch, Housing Operations Manager; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer North, Roads, Transportation and Design; Stephen Sheach, Strategic Planning Officer, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Community Representative Fiona Andrew; and Named Substitutes May McMillan and Barbara Wiseman.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hrs to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hrs 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 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 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.

Councillor McKay joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

4. Arising from discussions on the above item, issues arose concerning new legislation relating to the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 and it was agreed to remit to the Administration Manager to investigate potential implications for voluntary groups and to also investigate the possibility of circulating information to such groups advising that any additional costs incurred as a result of this new legislation would be part of their operating costs and, as such, could be considered under the Community Grants Scheme.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted (circulated) for information and noted, the Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 28 October 2004.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

RECEIPTS FOR HOUSING REPAIRS ETC

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on proposals to introduce a system whereby receipts could be issued to tenants reporting repairs or any other housing issues.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that a receipt would be automatically issued to tenants who report repairs either at a Local Office or Housing Office;
- (ii) that a job reference number would be issued verbally to tenants reporting repairs by telephone;
- (iii) that Elected Members would automatically be issued with a receipt when reporting repairs on behalf of a constituent;
- (iv) that the Housing Service would introduce appropriate measures to publicise this Service; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted for information and noted, minutes of the Community Safety Forum meeting held on 1 December 2004 (circulated).

A copy of correspondence from Margaret Jamieson MSP and Nicol Stephen MSP, Minister for Transport in respect of an enquiry from Mr Charles Lindsay, regarding the M77 slip roads/emergency access was circulated at the meeting for information.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 December 2004 (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

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

9. Sergeant Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on Local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) since the last meeting only one act of vandalism (grafitti) had taken place at schools due to extra efforts made in relation to education, community support and diversion as well as additional police patrols;
- (ii) prevention of theft by shoplifting had also been targeted in the run up to Christmas which started with a Retail Crime Seminar for local retailers in November in conjunction with Safeway in Stewarton;
- (iii) following on from this they secured funding for additional patrols at peak times over December and as a result reduced this type of crime to zero over the period;
- (iv) proactivity in relation to disorder continues and was reflected in the increased detections up from 71 to 107;
- (v) there were, however, 2 serious assaults during the period. The first at a house in David Dale Avenue, Stewarton on 2 November and the second during a large disturbance at a licensed establishment in Stewarton on 26 December when a total of 3 people were arrested for 20 offences; and
- (vi) Sergeant Donald McIntosh was in the process of taking over from Sergeant Jim Richmond as Local Authority Police Liaison Officer and would in future provide the Safer Streets reports. The Community Police structure had also been amended and Inspector Ramsay McArthur had been appointed to oversee Community Policing in East Ayrshire.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

RETURN OF GRANT MONEY FROM KILMARNOCK FORUM ON DISABILITY AND SOUTHCRAIGS AND DEAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.1 Kilmarnock Forum and Disability

It was 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 £4600.00 awarded for general training, hall let, equipment and contribution to interpreters.

10.2 Southcraigs and Dean Community Council

It was noted that Southcraigs and Dean Community Council had disbanded on 29 November 2004 and that the £500.00 awarded to the Community Council, in principal, in May 2004 for the purchase of a notice board had been credited back to this Local Committee's budget.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/05

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2004 (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, together with an individual assessment report (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

11.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the applications), viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Stewarton Drama Group (CG2800) - £302.00; and

(b) Social Inclusion

- (i) Allies (working with the homeless) (CG2310) – noted that an award of £56.00 had been made to the group under delegated authority.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

12. 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

MEETINGS OF NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2005

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 November 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 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; and
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the committee which would take place during the period in question be:- John Fulton Hall, Fenwick (Thursday 10 March 2005); Kilmaurs Community Centre (Wednesday 4 May 2005); Dunlop Public Hall (Thursday 25 August 2005); and Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Centre (Thursday 27 October 2005).

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005-2006

14. There was submitted a report dated 17 November 2004 (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 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;
 - Dunlop and Lugton Community Council;
 - Fenwick Community Council;
 - Kilmaurs Community Council;
 - Moscow and Waterside Community Council;
 - Stewarton and District Community Council;
 - Community/Residents Association;
 - Disability Forum;
 - Elderly Forum;
 - Church Forum; and
 - Youth Forum; and
- (iii) to remit to 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 relative 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)

15. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2005/2006 Roads and Footway 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 Footway 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; 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.

**NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES – NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF
OLD GLASGOW ROAD, STEWARTON**

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested names for three streets at a new development off Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed;

- (i) that the names for the new streets for the new development off Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton be Holmhead Drive, Annickbank and Ostler Place;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 17.1** There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 December 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised, and where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the forward planner of Local Committee Business:-

- (i) a report by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services explaining the Planning Enforcement Notice procedures and the steps which could be taken by the Council for non-compliance of any Order; and
- (ii) a joint report by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the Council’s Policy for the provision of disabled parking within the Northern Area with specific clarification on the Disabled Persons Parking Badge Scheme (Blue Badge Scheme).

The meeting terminated at 1555 hrs.