

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2006 AT
1400 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE,
GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Les Pittams, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham, Aniela Miller, and Gerard Cassidy.

ATTENDING: Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads); Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator (Working for Families); Douglas Gardiner (Recycling Officer); Anne Bennett, Sign Language Interpreter; Billy McDowall, Team Leader; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Raymond; Community Representative Steve Brown and Named Substitutes Joyce McCulloch and Lillian Meikle.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee Meeting held on 9 November 2005.

MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1. **Community Grants to Local Organisations 2005/2006 (Items 11 (i) and (ii), page 1813, 03/07).**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted the following updates in respect of the community grant awards dealt with at the last meeting:-

Newmilns and Greenholm Friendship Club (CG3183)

It was noted that an award of £250 had been made following receipt of satisfactory assessment.

Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG3184)

It was noted that an award of £1,236 had been made following receipt of satisfactory assessment.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 January 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on Crime Figures and Police Activity within the Irvine Valley Area.

4.1 Adjournment/Reconvention of meeting to view the Strathclyde Police Mobile Unit

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1415 hours to view the Strathclyde Police Mobile Unit.

The meeting reconvened at 1425 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask the Police Representatives questions on the operation of the mobile unit.

The Committee also noted the various issues reported at the meeting by Inspector Ramsay McArthur.

**PRESENTATION BY DOUGLAS GARDINER, RECYCLING OFFICER
ON THE 3 BIN SYSTEM**

5. The Committee received a presentation updating the meeting on the 3 bin system following its operation in the Irvine Valley for over a year.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Douglas Gardiner on the points made. Thereafter the Chair thanked Douglas for the interesting and informative presentation.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 1 December 2005 (circulated).

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

7. The meeting adjourned at 1515 hours to allow a comfort break for the Interpreter and reconvened at 1520 hours with the same members and officers present and in attendance.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**2006/2007 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND
FOOTWAYS (Item 8, Page 1869, 03/07)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2006/2007 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes 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 2006/2007 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;
- (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.

The Committee also noted the forthcoming retirement of Matt Glover, Senior Roads Engineer and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Matt thanking him for his service to the Committee over the years.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PROGRESS REPORT ON IRVINE VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN (Item 6, Page 1796, 03/07)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed members of the Irvine Valley Local Committee of the progress made in relation to the Irvine Valley Area Community Learning Plan and which updated members on the future arrangements for Community Learning and Development Plans.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006

10. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 16 January 2006 in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2005/2006 together with summary statements which related to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).
- (i) ***Applications approved*** (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-
 - (a) *Disability*
 - (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (CG3175) (Item 10, page 1813, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2005 by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, and assessment report by the Department of Educational and Social Services (both circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the previous meeting which had resulted in the new recommendation by the Assessing Department that the grant be split evenly between the five Local Committees in the North of the Area;
 - (ii) to note that Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock Central and Northern Area Local Committees had now agreed awards totalling £2,400 (£600 per Local Committee) to the group, and that Kilmarnock South Local Committee had refused the application on the basis that it was not a priority for funding given that there were no members of the group in the Kilmarnock South Area;
 - (iii) that following this methodology used to apportion the grant, and having noted the decisions of the other Local Committees on the matter, not to approve any further award to the group; and
 - (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.
- (b) *Environmental and Heritage*
- (i) Galston Community Council (CG3189) - £363.08
 - (ii) Old High Kirk, Kilmarnock (CG3176) - £84.00
- (ii) ***Application Continued***
- (a) *Miscellaneous*
- (i) Lara Neighbourhood Watch (CG3188) – Continued in order (i) that clarification be sought on whether the group was a Neighbourhood Watch or a Tenants' Group as the Committee were aware that separate funding and support was available to Tenants' Groups; and (ii) that further information be obtained with regard to the possibility of other funding avenues for the Neighbourhood Watch signs as well as guidance on the number of signs proposed for the area which seemed excessive.

DECENTRALISATION

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

11. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 2005 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives which had been held on 12 November 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the 2005 Annual Seminar for the Community Representatives; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SHOPMOBILITY UPDATE (Item 14, page 1819, 03/07)

12. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the Council's intention to establish a Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the proposals to establish a Shopmobility Scheme within Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 16 January 2006 (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 2006 – 31 March 2007.

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 2006 – 31 March 2007 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
 - Pre 5'S
- (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 2006 – 31 March 2007 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report

LOCAL ISSUES

- 14.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 January 2006 (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

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

It was agreed to receive a report/presentation at a future meeting on the Promotion of Fostering Services locally.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hours