

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2006 AT 1430 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Billy Sullivan, Dorothy McGowan, Julie Quinn and Peter Irons.

ATTENDING: Brian Weadon, Area Roads Engineer, North; Dave Morris, Development Promotion Manager; Felix Wright, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Housing; Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator, (Working for Families); Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Deborah Brady, Development Officer, Housing; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Donald McIntosh, Strathclyde Police; and Linda Anderson, Head of Development Services, Cunninghame Housing Association.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Charles McGowan, Pauline Barbour and Margaret Docherty; and Named Substitute Noreen Lennon.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AND TO VIEW THE STRATHCLYDE POLICE MOBILE OFFICE

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours to allow for a 15 minute public question and answer session and to view the Strathclyde Police Mobile Office.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1416 Hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. The Chair at his discretion, and in term of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

LONGPARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which informed of the current position regarding the ongoing development proposals at Longpark, Kilmarnock.

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, on crime figures and police activity within the area.

Sergeant Donald McIntosh, Strathclyde Police provided further information in addition to the report, following which he responded to the questions asked by Members of the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Sergeant Donald McIntosh, Strathclyde Police at the meeting;
- (ii) to note that Community Representatives were invited to identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers; and
- (iii) to request that the Administration Manager write on behalf of the Local Committee, to the Procurator Fiscals Office at Kilmarnock to request information on the number of cases involving the possession of drugs or possession with intent to supply, that have proceeded to trial for the Kilmarnock North Local Committee Area; and
- (iv) to request that the Administration Manager write on behalf of the Local Committee to COSLA and the Home Office, to seek support that police officers be given increased powers to tackle the problem of illegal supply of drugs from local households which was of concern to the Local Committee. It was noted that this matter was raised by Councillor W Coffey who had reported a recent response from the Scottish Executive on a suggestion which was raised at a recent Council meeting to grant enhanced powers to the Police in relation to combating the supply of drugs from housing.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There was submitted (circulated) for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2005.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

STREET NAMING: PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO ARRAN AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested consideration and determination of a new street name for a proposed new housing development adjacent to Arran Avenue, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street as Lamlash Gardens; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the outcome.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the progress made relating to the Kilmarnock North Area Community Learning Plan and which updated on the future arrangements for Community Learning and Development Plans.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the new Local Community Learning and Development Plan for the Kilmarnock North and Northern Area reflects the individual needs of both communities; and
- (ii) to note the Community Representatives' concerns that more extensive consultation with community groups should have been arranged regarding the proposals to amalgamate the Community Learning Plans and to request that any future consultation meetings for Kilmarnock North Representatives be held within the Local Committee Area.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which: (i) advised of the 2006/2007 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) 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; 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.

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

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and 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 content of the report.

DEVELOPERS' FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of proposals the Council had to reinforce local arrangements for developers' financial contributions to new facilities under the planning application system.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

12. There was submitted for information and noted the minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 1 December 2005.

DEAN PARK PATH IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on future developments proposed for Dean Park, Kilmarnock.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

THE IN-BETWEEN'S (CG3178)

14. The Administrative Officer reported and it was agreed to approve the request from the In-Between's Club that the grant of £252 awarded on 8 November 2005 for a winter event be used for a summer trip.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2005/2006, together with assessment reports in respect of the applications received.

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted, that in view of the current available balance of £12,234.20, local organisations and community groups would be contacted and encouraged to apply for community grant funding from the 2005/2006 budget.

It was agreed:-

15.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Community Association

- (i) New Farm Loch Community Association (CG3172) – Noted that an award of £1,000 was made under delegated powers by the local Committee on 8 November 2005, following consultation with the Chair for a Christmas event only. There was submitted an updated assessment report (circulated) by the Department of Educational and

Social Services in respect of the remaining elements of the application. Agreed to award £ 975 and to continue consideration of funding practice mats for further information.

- (ii) Knockinlaw Community Association (CG3187) – Noted that an award of £410 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(b) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) New Farm Loch Parents and Under 5's (CG3193) – Noted that an award of £500 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair. Agreed an additional award of £44.
- (ii) The Avenue Project (CG3194) – Noted that an award of £428 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(c) Disability

- (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (CG3175) (North District) – There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided a note of the information which would be submitted to the Irvine Valley, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock South and Northern Area Local Committees as part of the consideration of community grant reference CG3175 – East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District). Noted an award of £600 had been made by the Local Committee at its meeting on 8 November 2005 and otherwise, noted the report.
- (ii) Visual Impairment Ayrshire Group (CG3149) - Noted that an award of £6 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(d) Older People

- (i) Kilmarnock North Elderly Forum (CG3201) - £784.

(e) Young People

- (i) 21st Ayrshire Cub Scout Group (CG3177) – Noted an award of £43 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.
- (ii) North West Youth Project (CG3186) – Noted that an award of £1275 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

15.2 Application Refused

(a) Environment

- (i) Old High Kirk, Kilmarnock (CG3176) – Agreed to refuse, as in the Committee's view, the application was not a priority for funding.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

16. There was submitted and noted 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 held on 12 November 2005.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

17. There was submitted a report dated 11 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 of 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed at Appendix 1 in the report.
- (ii) that the community representation be as follows:
 - North West Kilmarnock Community Council;
 - Kilmarnock Forum on Disability;
 - North West Kilmarnock Elderly Forum;
 - Young Persons' Representative (from the North West Youth Project);
 - Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Services Group;
 - New Farm Loch Community Council;
 - The Avenue Project;
 - North West Youth Centre;
 - Onthank Community Association; and
 - New Farm Loch Community Association; and
- (iii) 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 Substituted by the relevant organisations, for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

18. Administrative Officer invited members of the Committee to raise any items of interest for inclusion for a future agenda. Noted that there were no new local issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1612 hours