

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2006 AT
1403 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor Ray Murray, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillor John Knapp; and Community Representatives Michael Hayes, Winnie Campbell; and Joan Wark; and Named Substitute Mary Proudfoot.

ATTENDING: Ewan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support, Educational and Social Services, Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, and Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, (Housing), Neighbourhood Services; Bill Samson, Technical Officer Roads (Operations), Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator (Working for Families), Development and Property Services; Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer, Neighbourhood Services; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Donald McIntosh, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Community Representative Susan Anderson.

CHAIR: Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow a public question and answer session.

It was noted there was no questions raised.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

3. The Committee received a presentation by Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, on the Council's Housing Allocation Policy Review.

There then followed, a full discussion during which Gerry Darroch and Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, responded to questions put by Members of the Committee. Gerry invited Members of the Committee to complete and return as soon as possible, the 'East Ayrshire Council Housing Services Allocation Policy Consultation Response' form which had been circulated at the meeting.

The Chair thanked Gerry and Wendy for their presentation.

**BUILDING STRONG SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITIES (BASSC)
NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPACTS**

4. The Committee received a presentation from Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, Neighbourhood Services on the BSSAC Neighbourhood Compact.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the presentation; and
- (ii) to request that the Housing Services Manager clarify if the BSSAC included Riccarton.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

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

6. 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 on 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, note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

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

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised of the 2006/2007 Roads and Footways maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) sought approval for 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.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES – SCHOOLS PPP SHORTLEES PROJECT

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of progress in the Building Learning Communities PPP Shortlees project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that an initial consultation meeting was held on 29 November 2005 and to request that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services liaise with the Shortlees Community Association to consult more widely on the Shortlees Project proposals; and;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

10. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, Strathclyde Police on crime figures and police activity in the Kilmarnock South area.

Sergeant Donald McIntosh 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 McIntosh at the meeting; and
- (ii) to note that Community Representatives were invited to identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

11. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 5 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, which provided information, on a bi-annual basis, on progress made on the six aims contained within the Community Safety Action Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

13. There was submitted and noted for information, minutes of meeting held on 7 September 2005 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2005/2006

14. There was submitted a report dated 16 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 for 2005/2006, together with assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the following applications:-
It was agreed as follows:-

14.1 Applications Approved:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock and District Choral Union (CG3158) - Noted that an award of £64 had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(b) Community Safety

- (i) Old High Kirk, Kilmarnock (CG3176) - £157

(c) Disability

- (i) Visual Impairment Ayrshire Group (CG 3149) - Noted that an award of £9 had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(d) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) The Avenue Project (CG 3194) - Noted that an award of £42 had been made under delegated authority powers following consultation with the Chair.

(e) Leisure Activities

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society (CG 3162) - Noted that an award of £158.34 had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(f) Older People

- (i) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG 3173) - Noted that an award of £129 had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.
- (ii) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum (CG 3179) - £390.83.

(g) Young People

- (i) Shortlees Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (CG 3188) - It was also noted that an award of £500 had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair. Agreed to approve a further award of £500 in line with the assessment recommendation.

14.2 Application Refused:-**(a) Disability**

- (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (CG 3175) – 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). It was agreed to refuse the application on the ground that it was not considered a priority as there was no membership from the Kilmarnock South Local Committee Area.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE:
PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2006**

15. There was submitted a report dated 7 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support that advised of the dates on which meetings of the local committee were scheduled to take place, for the period until December 2006, 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 2006 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Committee meetings be held at that the undernoted venues:
- Wednesday 25 January 2006 – Bellfield Community Centre;
 Wednesday 22 March 2006 – Shortlees Community Centre;
 Wednesday 17 May 2006 – Bellfield Community Centre;
 Wednesday 6 September 2006 – Shortlees Community Centre;
 Wednesday 1 November 2006 – Bellfield Community Centre.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

16. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which updated on the position in respect of the recruitment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to note the position with regards to vacancies for a Young Persons' Representative, a Sports Group Representative and a Community Association Representative to serve on the Local Committee as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report;

- (iii) that the community organisation representation on the local committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 be as follows:
- Community Council (Bellfield);
 - Contact PHAB (Disability);
 - Elderly Forum (South Kilmarnock);
 - Young People;
 - Sports Groups;
 - Community Association (Shortlees);
 - Local Churches;
 - Early Education and Childcare;
 - Community Residents' Association;
 - Pre-Five Representation; and
- (iv) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to initiate the process of submission of the nominations for the Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007, and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

17. 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 held on 12 November 2005.

It was agreed to note the success of the 2005 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was noted that there were no new items raised.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

19. The Administrative Officer advised the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 March 2006 at the Shortlees Community Centre.

The meeting terminated at 1615 hours.