

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2006 AT 1300 HOURS IN THE JOHN FULTON HALL, 91 MAIN STREET, FENWICK

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee and, Jim O'Neill; Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Jim Corson, Jean Brown, Jim Miller, Charles Lindsay, Cathy Spicer, Debbie Olson, Linzi Haggerty and Named Substitutes: Mary White, Fiona Andrew, Barbara Wiseman, Alistair Thomson and Kara Nisbet.

ATTENDING: Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer, Roads; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Jim Stevenson and Community Constable Mark Lees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay and Stephanie Young; and Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson and Named Substitutes: May McMillan and John McFadden.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1301 hours to allow a fifteen minute maximum public question answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1312 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There was submitted and noted for information, the minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 27 October 2005 (circulated).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on crime figures and police activity within the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the content of this report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

6. Community Constable Mark Lees, Strathclyde Police reported on Local Policing.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to formally record the Local Committee's appreciation of the good community policing work undertaken by Sergeant Iain Haynes who no longer had responsibility for the Northern Area;
- (ii) to note that Councillor O'Neill had raised with Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub- Divisional Officer that a dedicated Sergeant for the Northern Area be appointed; and
- (iii) to note that youth disorder at Lint Brae and Lint Pass, Stewarton had occurred on 31 December 2005 and Community Constable Mark Lees had prepared an action plan and the situation would be monitored.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 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; 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 NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN (Item 6, Page 1796, 03/07)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Head of Community Support that the plan be entitled: "Community Development and Learning Plan"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

UPDATE AT WORKS AT STEWARTON ACADEMY GAMES HALL

9. The Committee heard an update from the Head of Resource Support, Education and Social Services that the internal works including upgraded lighting in the Stewarton Academy Games Hall had recently been completed and that essential external work to prevent further infestation of wild pigeons in the roof void would shortly be undertaken.

Members of the Committee then had an opportunity to ask questions on current progress, thereafter, it was agreed to note the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

10. There was submitted for information, minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 1 December 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representative Charles Lindsay would raise at the next East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum his safety concerns about a fence erected at the John Dickie Homes Development, Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the minutes.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2005/2006

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2005/2006 together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

The Administrative Officer reported that there was a current balance of £8,921.56 and it was noted that local community groups would be contacted and encouraged to apply for funding.

It was agreed as follows:-

11.1 Applications approved (for the purpose identified in the application)(a) Community Association

- (i) Dunlop Primary School Parent's Association (CG3180) - Noted that an award of £200 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

(b) Disability

- (i) Visual Impairment Ayrshire (CG3149) - Noted that an award of £89 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.
- (ii) East Ayrshire Access Panel (CG3175) - 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 CG 3175 - East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District).

It was agreed to award £600, for this year only and to request the Administration Manager to consider, as part of the review of the Council Grants Funding, that organisations which provide services which can be accessed by individuals who are not members should be referred to a Service Committee.

(c) Young People

- (i) 21st Ayrshire Cub-Scout Group (CG3177) - Noted than an award of £21 was made under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

- 12 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.

**STREET NAMING: PROPOSED STREET NAME FOR DEVELOPMENT OFF
BRAEHEAD TERRACE, KILMAURS**

- 13 There was submitted a report dated 20 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested that the Committee determine a new street name for the development off Braehead Terrace, Kilmaurs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the development off Braehead Terrace, Kilmaurs be named Malcolm's Court; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the outcome.

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

14. 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 contents of the report.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

15. 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 plan of Local Committee Business:-

- (i) that a representative from Scottish Power be invited to attend a future meeting to respond to the concerns relating to interruptions to electricity power supplies in the Local Committee area, especially the impact on vulnerable residents; and
- (ii) that a report be submitted by the Head of Housing, Neighbourhood Services on the eligibility criteria and operation of the Garden Care Scheme.

Various other issues which were raised at this point which were not strictly new local issues are detailed at the question and answer session.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

16. There was submitted a report dated 10 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 to 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the community organisations representation on this committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 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;
 - Youth Forum; and

- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to initiate the process of submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for 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.

The meeting terminated at 1425 hours.