

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2007 AT  
1400 HRS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, WEST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Frank Dawson, Pauline Campbell and Named Substitute Shirley Ferguson.

**ATTENDING:** Margaret MacBain, Acting Team Leader; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Advisor; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Jennifer Morison, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Derek Ireland, Sergeant Jim Stevenson and P.C. Angela Muirhead, Strathclyde Police, and Doug Whitton, Victim Support, East Ayrshire.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jim Raymond; Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Les Pittams, Steve Brown, Jessie Graham and Aniela Miller and Named Substitutes Lillian Meikle and T Reid Ross.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1401 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 8 November 2006.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007 (Items 8.1 (b)(i) and 8.1(e)(i), Page 2533,03/07)**

**Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council (CG3458)**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that an additional £961.23 had been awarded following the return of an unused portion of a previous grant award to Galston Community Council, in line with the Committee's decision at its previous meeting.

**Age Concern, Hurlford (CG3472)**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that following receipt of a satisfactory assessment, an award of £900.00 had been made by the Administrative Manager following the remit to him in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee.

**3.2 STREET NAMING (Items 13 and 14, Page 2535, 03/07)**

**Development off Burn Road, Darvel**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the Administration Manager in consultation with the Local Member had named the street "Lace Mill Wynd" following consultation with the Community Council.

**Development off Brewland St, Galston**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the Administration Manager in consultation with the Local Member had named the street "Manse Gardens" following consultation with the Community Council.

**PRESENTATION**

**VICTIM SUPPORT**

4. The Committee received a presentation from Doug Whitton, Area Co-ordinator, Victim Support East Ayrshire.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Doug Whitton on the points made during his presentation.

Thereafter, the Chair thanked Doug for his very interesting and informative presentation.

Community Representative Frank Dawson joined the meeting during this presentation.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCESS PANELS**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 December 2006 (circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on the work of the access panels from October 2005 – December 2006.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and Police activity within the Irvine Valley area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to include more information in the report to the next meeting in terms of the crimes of violence figures as detailed in section 2.1.3; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

7. There was submitted and noted the minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 14 December 2006 (circulated).

### **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

#### **ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2006 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives held on 11 November 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the 2006 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives held on 11 November 2006; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF YOUTH WORK SERVICES**

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Education and Social Services on the outcome of the review of Community Learning and Development Youth Work Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to include in next year's annual report information to tie-in the youth projects carried out by the Community Safety Section; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

#### **2007/2008 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 12, page 2060, 03/07)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2007/2008 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for the "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 2007/2008 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 Acting Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The Committee also noted the information provided at the meeting by the Area Engineer with regard to current issues affecting the A719 junction with the A77 and the A77 itself.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was agreed that representations be made by the Committee to South Lanarkshire Council over the very poor condition of the A71 up to the East Ayrshire boundary.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.