

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree and Iain Linton; Community Representatives: Tom Cook, John McIvor, Ian McVey, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson and Margaret Keachie; and Named Substitute Ellen Forsyth.

ATTENDING: John Connolly, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Advisor; Paul Gray, Family Placement Supervisor; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew McInnes and Inspector Derek Ireland, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Campbell; Community Representative Linda Thomson; and Named Substitutes Jean Churchhill and Mary Fraser.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for approximately fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1420 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted, for information, and noted the minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Committee held on 24 October 2006 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note an amendment to Appendix 2 of the report, under the heading Promoting Community Learning, paragraph 1, as reported by the Administrative Officer, that the general opinion was that some of the young people who attended the Outreach Project were referred from other Agencies and participated through a set programme; and
- (ii) to note the success of the 2006 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

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 which advised on the work of the Access Panels from October 2005 to December 2006.

CHAIR'S REMARK

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

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PROMOTION OF FOSTERING SERVICES LOCALLY

7. The Committee received a presentation on the Promotion of Fostering Services Locally from Paul Gray, Family Placement Supervisor

Thereafter, members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Paul Gray on the points made during his presentation.

The Committee thanked Paul Gray for the interesting and informative presentation.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

2007/2008 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (item 12, page 2606, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised on the 2007/2008 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and 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;
- (iv) following a request from a Community Representative, that the footpath at 2-26 Fairie View, including 2-4 Moorfield Place be inspected and re-categorised as 'inescapable' next year, if required, and that Community Representative John McIvor be invited to the site visit;
- (v) to note that an estimate had been provided for resurfacing works at the road forming the entrance to/exit from Tesco's car park, which had not been adopted;
- (vi) to note that, in the Committee's view, a programme was required for all such unadopted sites; and
- (vii) 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 and noted a report dated 11 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the outcome of a review of Community Learning and Development Youth Work Services.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime trends and police activity within the Kilmarnock Central area.

It was agreed:

- (i) to identify any local problems to be addressed by Local Officers;
- (ii) to note concerns about the increase in numbers of rough sleepers, which matter was receiving attention by Strathclyde Police Officers; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

11. There was submitted, for information, and noted Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 14 December 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

RETURN OF GRANT MONIES - CONTACT PHAB CLUB (CG3219)

12. It was reported by the Administrative Officer and noted that Contact Phab Club had returned a total sum of £128.83 to the Council in respect of the Community Grant

awarded for a day trip for members, of which £25.77 had been repaid to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee.

BENTINCK ELDERLY SOCIAL CLUB (CG3464)

13. It was reported by the Administrative Officer and noted that a total award of £400 had been made to Bentinck Elderly Social Club to assist with the cost of a Christmas dinner for members, of which £230.32 had been awarded by Kilmarnock Central Local Committee through the Scheme of Delegated Authority.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/07

14. There was submitted a report dated 3 January 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position on current applications, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed:-

14.1. Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Young People

- (i) 2nd Crosshouse Brownie Pack (CG3445) - £400, subject to the group providing proof of disclosure checks as appropriate.

(b) Disability

- (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (CG 3459) - £900 interim award, subject to further review following consideration by Kilmarnock North and South Local Committees; and

(c) Miscellaneous

- (i) Grange Howard Community Council (CG 3461) - £494, having noted the reduction in distribution costs reported by the Administrative Officer.

14.2. Application Refused

(d) Young People

- (i) Peace (Childcare) (CG3469) – on the grounds that the most appropriate source of funding for the group was Awards for All, and the group had been advised accordingly and would be assisted with an application to this organisation.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

There were no items identified at this time to become the subject of future reports to the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1513 hours.