

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Helen Coffey, William Coffey and; Community Representatives; Beryl Graham, Margaret Docherty, Charles McGowan, Julie Quinn and Archie Pryce; and named substitutes Noreen Lennon and Robert McEwan.

ATTENDING: Brian Weadon, Area Roads Engineer North; Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Officer; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Derek Ireland; Sergeant Andy McInnes and PC Benn Lord, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Weir and Community Representative Sally Roy.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. Councillor McIntyre intimated that Community Representative Dorothy McGowan had passed away suddenly and the Committee observed a minute silence in memory of Dorothy who represented the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability on the Local Committee.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a 15 minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1406 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives present and in attendance.

MINUTES

4. There were submitted and noted for information, Minutes of meetings of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee held on 7 November and 6 December 2006 (both circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising

On a matter raised regarding payment agreed for the In-Betweens (CG3479), it was agreed that the Administrative Officer would check the decision and inform the Local Committee accordingly.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCESS PANELS

5. There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards dated 7 December 2006 (circulated) which informed of the work of the Access Panels from October 2005 to December 2006.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

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

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2007/2008 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for the “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) that the Area Roads Engineer North arrange for a Clerk of Works to contact Community Representative Beryl Graham to highlight footway defects in the Craufurdland Road and Western Road vicinity and to establish a Liaison Group to meet with Wimpey Homes to follow up road and footway defects arising from a housing development at Altonhill; and that the Clerk of Works would also follow up footpath defects at Western Place arising from a new housing development at Arran Avenue and Lamdash Gardens.

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF YOUTH WORK SERVICES

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report; and
- (ii) to request the Team Leader, Community Learning and Development to clarify the process of election of Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and to take steps to link with young people from the North West Youth Project.

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, which advised of crime figures and police activity within the Kilmarnock North area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by Local Officers;
- (ii) to request Inspector Ireland to convey the concerns from Community Representatives about how calls are prioritised by the Strathclyde Police Contact Centre in light of a caller being put on hold for 45 minutes before being able to report an incident; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of this report.

Community Representatives Noreen Lennon, Margaret Docherty and Charles McGowan left the meeting at this point.

CROWN OFFICE AND PROCURATOR FISCAL SERVICE (Item 4.1.3, Page 2400, 03/07)

9. There was submitted a letter dated 16 November 2006 (circulated) by Leslie Brown, District Procurator Fiscal, Kilmarnock which provided relevant drug cases recently concluded at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the information provided by the District Procurator Fiscal as detailed in the letter; and
- (ii) to request the Administrative Officer to write to the District Procurator Fiscal, Kilmarnock to ask him to reconsider his position in light of not providing information on the number of drugs cases on an East Ayrshire wide basis which had been presented to the District Procurator Fiscal and the number which had resulted in a successful prosecution at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 December 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the number of Community Grant assessments which had been done where the type of contact with groups had been by telephone or visit for 2005/2006.

It was agreed to request the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to consider that Assessing Officers undertake more assessments where the type of contact was made by visit rather than by telephone to ensure consistency of approach across the Council.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007 – RETURN OF GRANT MONIES – CONTACT PHAB CLUB (CG3219)

12. The Administration Officer reported and it was noted that the Contact PHAB Club had returned a total amount of £128. 83 of their grant money due to a project underspend and as the grant was originally cross-boundary between Kilmarnock South, Central, North and Northern Area Local Committees, the Kilmarnock North Local Committee had received the total sum of £12.88.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007

13. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2006/2007, together with an individual assessment report in respect of the undernoted application, viz:-

13.1 Young People

- (i) PEACE Childcare (CG3469) – refused on the basis that the group was considered to have access to sufficient financial support and that there were other sources of external funding available which would possibly fund this proposal.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

14. 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 request the Annual Seminar Working Group to consider holding or repeating the 2007 Seminar on a week day during normal business hours or during the evening;
- (ii) that the Administrative Officer would clarify that matters raised during the workshops had been followed up; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note 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 noted that there were no new issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.