

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Ray Murray and John Knapp and Community Representatives: Winnie Campbell, Alannah Colvin, Susan Anderson and Joan Wark and Named Substitutes: Myra Dunsmuir, John Howard and May Proudfoot.

ATTENDING: Margaret MacBain, Acting Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (North); Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Adviser; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Derek Ireland, East Ayrshire Community Police Officer, Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police, Adrian Wherry, Police Anti-Social Behaviour Liaison Officer and Craig Wallace, Community Police Officer, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Provost Jane Darnbrough and Community Representative Mark Hemphill.

CHAIR: Councillor Ray Murray, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow a public question and answer session.

It was noted that there were no questions raised.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

POLICE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LIAISON OFFICER

3. The Committee received a presentation by Adrian Wherry, Strathclyde Police, on the work of the Police Anti-Social Behaviour Liaison Officer.

There followed a discussion during which Adrian Wherry responded to questions put by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked Adrian for his informative presentation.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted and noted for information, Minutes of meeting held on 1 November 2006 (circulated).

4.1 Matters Arising

4.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives (Item 4, Page 2377, 03/07)

It was noted that Stuart Rankin Named Substitute Representative (Community residents association) had left the area.

4.1.2 Venues for Future Meetings (Item 8, Page 2506, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer advised that Shortlees Community Centre was now a suitable venue for future meetings of the Local Committee and it was agreed that the next meeting be held in Shortlees Community Centre.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

(Item 17, Page 1927, 03/07)

5. There was submitted and noted 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCESS PANELS

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

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

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised of the 2007/2008 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for the 'inescapable' schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) 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 contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007

RETURN OF GRANT MONIES - CONTACT PHAB CLUB (CG 3219)

8. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that Contact PHAB Club had returned a total amount of £128.83 to the Council in respect of a cross boundary Community Grant award made in 2005/2006 to take club members on a day out to Stirling. The Group returned the amount being an underspend and the Kilmarnock South Local Committee received a total refund in the sum of £73.43.

DELEGATED AWARDS

9. The Administrative Officer reported that the following award had been approved under delegated authority:-
- (a) Older People
- (i) Bentinck Elderly Social Club (CG 3464) - noted that an award of £145.44 had been made under delegated authority for the financial year 2006/2007.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

10. There was submitted a report dated 4 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 for 2006/2007 together with an assessment report (circulated) in respect of the following application, viz:-
- 10.1 **Application Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-
- (a) Disability
- (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) (CG 3459) - £900.00.

Having noted the healthy budget still remaining for the current financial year, it was agreed that the Administrative Officer would publicise the availability of the Community Grant Scheme within the Kilmarnock South Area.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF YOUTH WORK SERVICES

11. There was submitted and noted 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.

UPDATE ON YOUTH WORK PROGRAMMES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR KILMARNOCK SOUTH AREA

12. The Committee heard Margaret MacBain, Acting Team Leader, Community Learning and Development who updated the Committee on the Youth Work Programme within the Kilmarnock South area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir which advised on the crime figures and Police activity within the Kilmarnock South area.

Having received a verbal update report by Sergeant McInnes, supplemented by other Police Officers in attendance, it was agreed:-

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

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

No new items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee, however, Community Representatives identified a number of issues which were recorded under the public question and answer session.

FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

16. The Administrative Officer advised that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 March 2007 at 1400 hours in Shortlees Community Centre.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.