

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL, 48 MAIN STREET, DUNLOP**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John McGhee and Stephanie Young; and Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson, Jimmy Miller, Jean Brown and Kara Nisbet; and Named Substitutes: Mary White, Fiona Andrew and Alison Young.

**ATTENDING:** Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Susan Fulton, Disability Awareness Officer, Planning, Development and Building Standards; Bill Samson, Senior Engineer (Operations), Roads and Transportation; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Adam Beattie, Technical Officer, Roads and Transportation; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Danny Stuart, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jim O'Neill and Maureen McKay; and Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Cathy Spicer, Charles Lindsay and Linzie Haggerty; and Substitute Representatives: May McMillan, Barbara Wiseman, Alistair Thomson and John McFadden.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed Alison Young, Substitute Representative for the Youth Forum to her first meeting.

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

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 26 October 2006 (circulated).

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and Police activity within the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

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

### **POLICE REPORT**

6. Sergeant Danny Stuart, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) petty vandalism continued in the area. Local children were suspected but, to date, not enough evidence was available to charge them;
- (ii) other vandalism included broken windows at Stewarton Academy. PC Moir had detected 4-5 local boys who were responsible and had been reported to the Children's Panel;
- (iii) that increased use would be made of the Multi Use Games Area in Strandhead Park in the evenings once new floodlights had been installed;
- (iv) a new warrants initiative had recently been introduced to deal with urgent warrants;
- (v) a new initiative had also been introduced in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council's Licensing Department to try to detect what shops under age drinkers were purchasing alcohol from;
- (vi) Police were also going to be introducing an Action Plan to tackle the problem of speeding in known areas of concern. Members of the Committee were asked to let Sergeant Stuart know of any areas they would like included; and
- (vii) a male had appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court in connection with the attempted murder in Stewarton in the early hours of 26 December 2006.

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

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

### **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

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

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

It was agreed to note the success of the 2006 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

## **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 on the outcome of a review of Community Learning and Development Youth Work Services.

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCESS PANELS**

10. 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 to December 2006.

### **2007/08 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (item 12, page 2606, 03/07)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services on 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 2007/08 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 Acting Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

### **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES ON A77-A719**

12. Adam Beattie, Technical Officer, Roads and Transportation, was in attendance at the meeting to answer questions on the road layout at the A77-A719.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the area would be monitored;
- (ii) to remit to the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation to investigate if signage could be erected on the road to indicate “Single Line Traffic” or equivalent; and
- (iii) to remit to the Acting Head of Roads and Transportation to provide the Local Committee with details of the Safety Audit carried out on the road.

**LOCAL ISSUES**

13. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, timescales for reporting back to this Local Committee.

It was agreed to pursue with the Procurator Fiscal the possibility of providing a presentation to this Committee sometime in the future.

**NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

14. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda. Noted there were no issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.