

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT
1400 HRS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, WEST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

PRESENT: Councillors Stuart Finlayson, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Frank Dawson, Aniela Miller and Gerard Cassidy; and Named Substitute Lilian Meikle.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Dave Morris, Development Promotion Manager; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair; Community Representatives Les Pittams and Jessie Graham; and Named Substitute Joyce McCulloch.

CHAIR: Councillor Stuart Finlayson, Vice-Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of additional Community Grant applications from (i) Loudoun Musical Society; (ii) Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council; and (iii) Darvel and District Community council at Item 10 of the Agenda, as early decisions were required.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn at 1401 hrs to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1402 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

4. In terms of Standing Order 19 it was agreed to alter the order of business and consider the Housing Development Site at Newmilns as the next item on the Agenda.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DARVEL ROAD/
UNION STREET, NEWMILNS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2005 (circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards which provided the Local Committee with information as requested in respect of the unfinished roads at the Housing Development Site at Darvel Road, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the efforts through the Roads Division to advance a finished surface to roads at Mill Court, Newmilns; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 25 May 2005.

MATTERS ARISING

6.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006 (Item 8, Page 1525, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted the following updates in respect of the Community Grant Awards dealt with at the last meeting:-

Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 3077)

It was noted that an award of £930.00 had been agreed subject to receipt of a proper quote. The quote when received confirmed that the cost of the project was now £944.00 and not £1,230.80 as originally estimated on the application. Following this information the application had been reassessed with an award of £643.20 recommended and subsequently awarded to the group.

Darvel Improvement Group (CG 3087)

The award of £1,164.57 was made following receipt of the insurance certificate for the project.

Aquarius Gymnastic Display Team (CG 2992)

The award of £615.00 had been made following receipt of an amended constitution and evidence of the insurance certificate for the project.

Newmilns Pre-5 Group (CG 3010)

It was advised that the organisation's application for external funding had been refused, however, following advice given by the Council's External Funding Officer it was likely that the group would receive funding from the Childcare Partnership. Once this had been confirmed, as well as appropriate planning consent etc obtained the award of £1,000 would be released.

Moscow Community Hall (CG 3104)

An award in principle up to £659.00 had been made subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and it was advised that following the group obtaining separate sponsorship for an element of the application an award of £400.00 had been recommended by the assessor and subsequently awarded to the group following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 3105)

It was reported that an award of £3,576.00 had been made following receipt of a satisfactory assessment recommending this amount. All five of the Local Committee

Councillors had been consulted, as agreed at the last meeting before this award was made.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum meeting held on 1 June 2005 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated August 2005 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on Crime Figures and Police Activity within the Irvine Valley Area.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/2006

9. There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2005 by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 30 August 2005 in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations in 2005/2006 together with summary statements relative to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).
- (i) **Applications approved** (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-
- (a) Disability
- (i) Loudoun Church (CG 3120) - £1,000.00 towards the costs of providing the disabled toilet in the Church subject to the organisation securing all funding for the project.
- (b) Leisure/Sport
- (i) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 3113) - £300.00 - having noted the group's bank balance and annual financial statements the Committee were of the view that the group should contribute more to the project.
- (ii) Darvel Improvement Group (CG 3141) - £1,200.00
- (iii) Kilmarnock Gateway Writers (CG 3138) - £47.50.
- (c) Older People
- (i) Darvel Lunch Club and Transport Group (CG 3114) - £371.00
- (d) Young People
- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (CG 3140) - £275.23.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

10. (i) LOUDOUN MUSICAL SOCIETY (CG 3162)

The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application for the Group's annual show in the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock. The Group had detailed the costs of the project at £25,880.00 and were seeking a Community Grant of £2,500.00.

The application had not yet been assessed. The application was cross boundary with the membership list indicating that the Irvine Valley Element would be £925 if supported in full by the assessor.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award of up to £925 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

(ii) HURLFORD AND CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CG 3163)

The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application for the purchase of 12 new Christmas light panels to be erected in Crookedholm. The application also covered the erection/removal and electricity costs of the new lights as well as the existing lights in the Hurlford area.

The Group had detailed the costs of the project at £3,813.16 and were seeking a Community Grant of £2,200.00. The application had not yet been assessed. The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award up to £2,200.00 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

(iii) DARVEL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CG 3166)

The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application from Darvel and District Community Council in respect of the installation of the existing Christmas lights together with repairs and a safety check and electricity costs. The Group had listed the cost of the project as £1,350.00 and were seeking a Community Grant of £1,100.00. The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award of up to £1,100.00 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

10.1 MATTER ARISING

The Administration Manager reported that he had received a communication from the Principal Engineer, Lighting and General Services, that this Section had now reached the point that whilst still in a position to erect/dismantle and maintain the existing stock of Christmas lights for identified community groups within East Ayrshire, the Section would not, with current staff levels, be able to provide a cost effective service to communities in respect of any new Christmas light projects.

In respect of future Community Grant funding of Christmas lights within communities in the Irvine Valley area, it was agreed to receive prior to the end of this financial year a full report to include a position statement on the existing stock of lights, and the

revenue implications of maintaining same together with different options available for the installation etc of Christmas lights.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - PEACE

11. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the current position in respect of the voluntary organisation PEACE and which sought Committee approval to accept the utilisation by the Group of the Local Committee grant funding for financial years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept that the Community Grant Funding awarded to PEACE of £2,835.46 for 2003/2004 and £7,646.06 for 2004/2005 was used to assist with staffing costs to fund a programme of activities for Easter, Summer and October Play schemes;
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support write to the organisation and advise of the Committee's decision; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

12. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed members of the Irvine Valley Local Committee of the outcome of the ninth Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 30 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the success of this year's youth conference; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT OFF UNION STREET, NEWMILNS

13. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a street name for the new development off Union Street, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street within the new development off Union Street, Newmilns "Cochrane Place";
- (ii) to advise the Department of Development and Property Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

TRUSTS

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST BACKGROUND REPORT

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which summarised, for the information of members of the Committee, the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie Cleland Roxburgh Bequest contained in her trust disposition and settlement registered on 26 October 1981. This deed directed her Executors to pay over the residue of her estate “to the common good fund of the Burgh of Darvel to be used in such a manner as the Town Council of said Burgh may think fit”.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Minutes annexed to this Minute (Appendix 1); and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 15.1** There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on Local Issues raised, and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

It was agreed not to receive a future report on the New Ward Boundaries following the advice of the Administration Manager that extensive presentations as part of the consultation exercise had already been given to Local Communities.

The report was otherwise noted.

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

No new items were intimated.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hrs.

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2005 AT 1003 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson and Stuart Finlayson; and Darvel & District Community Council Representatives: George Dalziel and Les Pittams.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; and Robert McCormick, Accountancy Assistant;

APOLOGIES: Darvel and District Community Council Representative: Max Flemmich.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of the previous meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee held on 27 August 2004 (circulated).

BACKGROUND REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which summarised, for information, the purpose and administration of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest contained in her draft disposition and settlement registered on 26 October 1981. This deed directed her executors to pay over the residue of her estate "to the common good fund of the Burgh of Darvel to be used in such manner as the town Council of said Burgh would think fit".

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance on the current fund balances and the amount available for disbursement in the current year.

The sum available for disbursement to local groups, was one half of the interest received on funds invested during the previous year (£504.00) and any additional revenue the Trustees wished to utilise to further support their decisions.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

4. There was submitted and noted a summary of eight applications received for consideration as at 17 August 2005 (circulated).

In addition one late application had been received from Darvel Angling Club copies of which were circulated.

APPLICATIONS

5. There were submitted nine applications totalling £1,520.00 received for consideration by the Joint Advisory Committee (circulated).

It was agreed to recommend to the Irvine Valley Local Committee that awards be made as follows:-

Applications Approved:-

Darvel Horticultural Society - £90.00 contribution to running costs for annual horticultural show;

Darvel Lunch Club and Transport Group - £190.00 contribution to annual running costs;

Darvel Football Club - £150.00 for goal nets, footballs and medical equipment;

Mr Peter Orr (on behalf of Darvel Improvement Group) – £250.00 to purchase stone desk from Kingstone (Kilwinning) to display a plaque of six regiments based in Darvel during World War II, supplied by Darvel Improvement Group;

Darvel Childminders - £150.00 contribution towards bus hire for outing for children who use the service to be held during school holidays (July or October) subject to submission of organisations most recent financial accounts.

Loudoun Musical Society - £120.00 for transport for senior citizens to attend performance of "Summer Holiday" at the Palace Theatre during September 2005;

Darvel Friends of Guiding - £150.00 contribution towards repair costs of suspended ceiling in main hall;

Darvel's Skaters Group - £100.00 for a bus trip to Perth outdoor skate park;

Darvel Angling Club - £150.00 towards costs for organising juvenile fishing competition.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.