

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2005 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Gordon Cree, John Campbell, Douglas Reid and Ian Linton; Community Representatives Tom Cook, John McIvor, Charles Calman, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson and Peter Heywood; and Named Substitutes Jean Churchill and Mary Fraser.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Marlene Harkis, Service Manager-Older People; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Community Police Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Sergeant Andy McInnes.

APOLOGIES: Alison McCann, Named Substitute

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and attending.

MINUTES

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3. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Local Committee held on 10 May 2005 (circulated).

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION STRATEGY

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the current status of the consultation process on the Kilmarnock Town Centre Regeneration Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives were concerned about the timing and scope of the consultation process and the short notice received by invitees to meetings and hoped for a 2nd period of consultation;

- (ii) that Community Representative John Donaldson be advised of invitees to the consultation meeting held in Council Headquarters on 20 June 2005;
- (iii) that Community Representative Charles Calman be advised about consultation with Community Councils;
- (iv) to request that reference to the pedestrian underpass as a gateway to the Burns Shopping Mall be included in the summary of issues and discussion points raised at the consultation meetings appended to the report; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Annual General Meeting held on 1 June 2005 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire on crime figures and police activity within the Kilmarnock Central area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community police were aware of the problem of youths being moved on from one area to another and were continuing to address this;
- (ii) to note that officers were also working closely with the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, within a number of targeted geographical areas to tackle the problem of anti social behaviour. Failure to achieve an acceptable level of behaviour had serious consequences for offenders, who could be evicted following notice;
- (iii) to note that following promotion of the previous post-holder to the position of Acting Sergeant for a period of 3-6 months, Community Policing within Grange/Howard would be served meantime on a temporary basis by Constable Euan Mitchell; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

7. The Committee noted return of monies totalling £423.40, which remained unspent from grants made during 2004/05 to the undernoted organisations, viz:-
 - (i) Friends of Loanhead - £24.82 returned from Grant for commemorative plaque, which cost less than the sum awarded;
 - (ii) South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum – total of £118.00 returned from cross boundary grant for visit to Scottish Parliament, of which £48.38 due to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee;
 - (iii) Contact PHAB Club – total £700.00 returned from cross boundary grant for residential trip to Blackpool, of which £189.00 due to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee;

- (iv) Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin - £79.00 returned from grant for summer outing and Christmas dinner 2004; and
- (v) Springhill Place Pensioners Club - £82.20 returned from grant for summer outing and Christmas dinner 2004. It was noted that the group was now disbanded.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – PEACE

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised on the current position in respect of the voluntary organisation PEACE and sought approval to accept the utilisation by the group of the Local Committee grant funding for financial years 2003/04 and 2004/05.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept that the community grant funding awarded to PEACE of £2835.46 for 2003/04 and £7646.06 for 2004/05 was used to assist with staffing costs to run a programme of activities for Easter, Summer and October playschemes;
- (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.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2005/06

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2005 (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:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application) viz:-

(a) Older People

New Farm Loch Lunch Club - £33.00

Crosshouse Senior Citizens Club - £405.00

St Joseph's Conference - £549.00

(b) Sport & Leisure

Bonnyton Thistle - £750.00

Bellfield Royals - £208.32

Bonnyton Social Committee – having noted that the group had received a payment of £500 through the Scheme of Delegated Authority, agreed to award £1500.00 outstanding balance of application

Kilmarnock Gateway Writers -£120.00

(c) Young People

Gatehead Youth Club - £310.00

(d) Disability

Contact PHAB Club - £1080.00; and

(ii) **Application Refused** (for the reason specified) viz:-(a) Sports and Leisure

Annanhill Ladies Golf Club – on the grounds that the application did not meet the grant funding criteria as it was not a community based project.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

10. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the 9th 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;
- (ii) to note with regard to attendance that geographical areas not well-represented at the conference would be targeted next year; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR YOUTH DIVERSION ACTIVITIES

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the availability of Community Facilities for Youth Diversion Activities in the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that trained volunteers ran the facilities detailed in the report, supported by the Council, offering traditional youth activities. These were well attended, with membership growth in some areas. There was ongoing consultation to ensure fitness of provision for young people;
- (ii) to note an enquiry about the possibility of a paid worker for Gatehead Youth Club;
- (iii) to note the fact that provision of youth diversion activities was helpful in reducing the number of young people on the streets, encouraging positive citizenship, thereby assisting community policing;
- (iv) to note that the Galleon Centre offered an addition/alternative to the facilities detailed in the report; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF SHELTERED HOUSING SERVICES

12. There was submitted a report dated August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided information on the best

value review of sheltered housing services currently being undertaken by a member of the working group within the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation process currently underway in respect of the best value review of sheltered housing services and that the possibility of extending the consultation to potential service users as well as existing, and the wider community, was under consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

MEALS AT HOME SERVICE

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 12 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on development of the Community Meals Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the availability of the Community Alarms Service to vulnerable people living at home; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

14.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) arising from discussion, to note that community representatives wished for greater participation in decision-making, and that there would be an opportunity for full discussion on this issue at the Community Representatives Annual Seminar to be held in November 2005; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

14.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was noted that there were no new local issues identified at this time.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES – NEW DEVELOPMENT AT CRAIG HOUSE, CROSSHOUSE

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider a name for the new development at Craig House, Crosshouse.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street at the new development at Craig House, Crosshouse be named Pollock-Morris Drive;

- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1537 hours.