

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2004 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 Isobel Loudon, Steven Brown, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham and Aniela Miller; and Named Substitutes Cathie Brown MBE and Joyce McCulloch.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Robert J Pollock, Cleansing Services Manager; Stanley Sarsfield, Museums Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); Morven Templeton, Strategy and Policy Manager; Billy McDowall, Team Leader (Community Learning and Development); Anne Bennetti, Sign Language Interpreter; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Isabella Macrae (Chair) and Community Representatives Lilian Meikle and Finlay Maclean.

CHAIR: Councillor Stuart Finlayson, Vice-Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hrs to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1425 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance with Isobel Loudon, Community Representative joining the meeting during the question and answer session.

PRESENTATION ON THE NEW THREE BIN SYSTEM

3. The Committee received a presentation on the new three bin system to be phased into the Irvine Valley during September/October 2004, from Morven Templeton, Strategy and Policy Manager, Department of Neighbourhood Services.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Morven on the points made during her presentation. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Morven for the very interesting and informative presentation.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1455 hrs. The meeting reconvened at 1500 hrs with the same Members, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 26 May 2004.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, which advised Members on reported crime figures relating to the Irvine Valley area.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted and noted Minutes of the Community Safety Forum meeting of 2 June 2004 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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8. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at September 2004 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05 together with summary statements relating 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).

It was then agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-
- (a) Disability
- (i) Archway Fabb Club - £271.13
- (b) Environmental & Heritage
- (i) Darvel Primary Centenary Committee - £500.00
- (ii) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council - £4,000.00 subject to receipt of appropriate insurance.
- (c) Leisure and Sport
- (i) Loudoun Musical Society - £1,200.00 subject to receipt of appropriate insurance.
- (ii) Darvel Improvement Group - £700.00
- (iii) Darvel and District Community Council - £300.00
- (d) Older People
- (i) Darvel Old Folk's Trip Committee - £300.00

(e) Young People

- (i) Hurlford Parent Teacher Association - £385.00
- (ii) Kay Park Boys' Club - £79.00

(ii) Application Refused(f) Miscellaneous

- (i) Crookedholm Community Association - On the grounds that the Team Leader (Community Learning and Development) had identified existing suitable tables which could be used by the Association.

It was further agreed that should this option prove not to be feasible, then the Group could re-apply.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AT SCHOOLS AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC CALMING WORK**

9. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on proposals for the implementation of mandatory 20mph speed limits in the vicinity of schools in the Irvine Valley area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the amendment to the plan proposed for St Sophia's Primary School, Galston as reported by the Principal Engineer (Traffic);
- (ii) that the following points be reported back to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services for consideration (a) a request to extend the proposed 20mph area at Hurlford Primary School to include the whole of Blair Road and Mauchline Road from the Blair Road junction to the Academy Street junction; (b) the extension of the 20mph zone at Loudoun Academy west of Galston roundabout; and (c) temporary signage being put in place at the existing Galston Primary School; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

QUALITY BUS CORRIDORS

10. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) which informed the Committee of progress in implementing quality bus corridor measures within the Local Committee area; and (ii) which sought the Committee members' comments on the preliminary design drawings which would be the subject of further detailed design.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work undertaken to date on the Irvine Valley Corridor;
- (ii) that in respect of the preliminary design drawings, which would be the subject of further detailed design, to note the views expressed at the meeting whilst agreeing that the Committee members would consult directly with the Principal Engineer, Traffic to provide further comment on the proposals; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 6 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed Members of the Committee of the outcome of the 8th Annual Youth Conference which had been held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 7 April 2004.

It was agreed:

- (i) to welcome the success of this year's Youth Conference;
- (ii) to note that the uniformed groups and the Church groups would also be targeted in respect of future years' participation; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

12.1 DEVELOPMENT OFF GREENBANK ROAD, DARVEL

There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested that the Committee consider street names for two streets within a new development off Greenbank Road, Darvel.

It was agreed:

- (i) to name the two new streets within the new development off Greenbank Road, Darvel (i) Laggan View; and (ii) Glen Water, in accordance with the streets highlighted in the map, copies of which were circulated at the meeting for members' information;
- (ii) to advise the Department of Development and Property Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

12.2 DEVELOPMENT OFF JAMIESON ROAD, DARVEL

There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested consideration of a street name for a new development off Jamieson Road, Darvel.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the new street within the new development off Jamieson Road, Darvel be named Clark Court;
- (ii) to advise the Department of Development and Property Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST BACKGROUND REPORT AND MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support which summarised the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest as contained in her Trust Disposition and Settlement registered on 26 October 1981, together with the Minutes of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest Joint Advisory Committee of 27 August 2004 (both circulated).

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Minutes and recommendations therein of the Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Appendix to these Minutes; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 14.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where appropriate, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hrs.

APPENDIX**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2004 AT 1000 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; Robert McCormick, Accountancy Assistant; and Gillian Hamilton, Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Raymond and 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 22 August 2003 (circulated).

MATTERS ARISING**2. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**

It was reported by the Administration Manager and noted that legal advice had been taken to determine whether there was scope for the utilisation of Trust funds for the purpose of erecting locally a commemorative plaque in recognition of Miss Roxburgh's Bequest to the community of Darvel.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that it was considered that such a proposal failed to meet the criteria for award, as it would not significantly contribute to the common good of Darvel. In addition, the cost would reduce further the limited funds available for disbursement to local groups;
- (ii) that the erection of a commemorative plaque would not be pursued at this time; and
- (iii) that Miss Roxburgh's Bequest would receive suitable recognition in conjunction with any eventual capital project financed by the Trust fund, in accordance with the purposes of the Bequest; and

BACKGROUND REPORT

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting 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

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance on the current fund balances and the amount available for disbursement in the current financial year.

It was further noted that £250.00, awarded during 2001 to Darvel Improvement Group, for a study of the feasibility of converting premises at Mairs Road, Darvel into a cultural centre, would be returned to the Trust fund as the project had attracted funding from an alternative source.

This sum was available for disbursement to local groups, in addition to one half of the interest received on funds invested during the previous year (£423.00) and any additional revenue the Trustees wished to utilise to further support their decisions.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

5. There was submitted and noted a summary of seven applications received for consideration as at 20 August 2004 (circulated).

In addition two late applications had been received from Darvel Angling Club and Darvel Skaters Group, copies of which were circulated.

APPLICATIONS

6. There were submitted nine applications totalling £1,805.00 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 Improvement Group - £300.00 to assist with the construction of a landscaped garden at the west entrance to Darvel, to provide a positive image of the town and its inhabitants;

Loudoun Musical Society - £120.00 for transport for senior citizens to attend “My Fair Lady” at the Palace Theatre during September 2004;

Flame Christian Fellowship - £150.00 towards the cost of a projector screen for educational presentations;

Darvel Friends of Guiding -£100.00 contribution towards the cost of security lights for the Guide Hall;

Darvel Horticultural Society - £100.00 contribution to running costs for annual horticultural show;

Darvel Lunch Club and Transport Group - £200.00 contribution to annual running costs;

Darvel Football Club - £180.00 for goal nets, footballs and training equipment;

Darvel Angling Club - £150.00 to provide access to pools at Waterlip for fishing for disabled anglers, subject to submission of the organisation's most recent financial accounts; and

Darvel's Skaters Group - £150.00 for a bus trip to Perth outdoor skate park.

MAIRS ROAD, DARVEL – FEASIBILITY STUDY

7. It was noted that the study of the feasibility of converting premises at Mairs Road, Darvel into a cultural centre had been carried out as part of a package facilitated by the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership. The study indicated that the long-term sustainability of the proposed capital project for conversion into a cultural centre was not viable and an alternative function would require to be identified for the premises. Accordingly the Bequest would continue to make annual donations in the usual way until an alternative capital project within Darvel was identified.

RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS AWARD

8. The landscaped garden to be constructed by Darvel Improvement Group at the west entrance to Darvel would include a wall plaque recognising all contributors to the project, including Miss Roxburgh.

The meeting terminated at 1035 hours.