

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2004 AT 1400 HOURS
IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD,
CROSSHOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Gordon Cree, Iain Linton and John Campbell; Community Representatives Tom Cook, Charles Calman, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, Stephen Grant and John Donaldson; and Named Substitutes Alison McCann, Louise Sansun and Ian McVey.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Susan Morris, Policy Officer (Housing); Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads Transportation and Design); Margaret Phelps, Team Leader (Community Learning and Development); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Douglas Reid, Community Representative Linda Thomson and Named Substitutes Tom Morrison, Mary Fraser and Bryan Thompson.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider item 9 on the agenda before consideration of agenda item 5.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance. Councillor Cree also joined the meeting at this point.

**PRESENTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S LOCAL HOUSING
STRATEGY**

4. The Council received a presentation from Susan Morris, Policy Officer, Housing Service on East Ayrshire Council's Local Housing Strategy, including ongoing consultation on actions identified within the Strategy.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions and, thereafter, the Chair thanked Susan Morris for her presentation.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 11 May 2004 (circulated).

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 New Local Issue for Young People in the Grange Estate, Kilmarnock

The Community Representative for young people gave a short verbal report on youth issues in the Local Committee area, particularly within the Grange Estate, and indicated that he had taken the opportunity to walk around the area, finding no evidence of groups of youths hanging around the Grange Estate. He indicated, however, that he was aware of problems, particularly within the Annanhill Gardens area, relating to underage drinking. The Police confirmed that they were familiar with this issue and were addressing it.

The Youth Representative also referred to the possibility of developing a computer suite for young people within Bonnyton Community Centre. The Team Leader (Community Learning and Development) undertook to look into the points raised with a view to improving access to facilities for young people. Thereafter, the Chair thanked the Youth Representative for his verbal report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the 8th Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 7 April 2004.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

8. There was submitted a report dated 13 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that, at paragraph 3.1.3 of the report, the word "fell" should be amended to read "rose"; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

9. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 2 June 2004 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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10. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting 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:-

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

- (a) Older People
- (i) North Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £153.00;
 - (ii) South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £380.00;
 - (iii) St Vincent De Paul Society - £368.00; and
 - (iv) Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin – a further £235.00, £200.00 having previously been granted under delegated authority in connection with the group's summer outing.
- (b) Sport and Leisure
- (i) Kay Park Boys' Club – a further £105.50, £105.50 having previously been granted under delegated authority.
- (c) Disability
- (i) Archway FABB - £398.71.
- (d) Arts/Cultural
- (i) Loudoun Musical Society - £500.00

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS

11. There was submitted a report dated 16 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 Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a representative of the Roads and Transportation section was invited to attend a meeting of Piersland/Bentinck Community Council to discuss further the proposals for traffic management in the vicinity of Kilmarnock Academy, Loanhead Primary and St Columba's;
- (ii) to note that concern had been expressed about traffic management issues relating to Braeside Street, Kilmarnock and that the Roads section would investigate; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the Local Committee's general support for the proposals detailed within the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

12.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

12.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Community Representatives were invited to raise 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 1512 hours.