

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2004 AT 1400 HRS
IN THE JOHN FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Jim O'Neill, Maureen McKay and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Ashley Bell, Iain Finlayson, Charles Lindsay, Jim Miller, Cathy Spicer, Jim Corson, Jean Brown, Debbie Olson and Fiona Andrew; and Named Substitutes Mary White, May McMillan, Barbara Wiseman, Alistair Thomson and Ross Barrowman.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Susan Morris, Policy Officer, Housing Service; Billy McDowall, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Roads, Transportation and Design; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hrs to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

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

3. The Committee received a presentation from Susan Morris, Policy Officer, Housing Service.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Susan. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Susan for the very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

Community Representative Debbie Olson and Named Substitute Ross Barrowman joined the meeting during discussion of the above item and the Chair welcomed them to their first meeting.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 6 May 2004.

4.2 MATTER ARISING

4.2.1 New Local Issues

In connection with the item "New Local Issues - Protecting the Environment" (Item 15.2(ii), Page 753, 03/07) it was noted that this item had been withdrawn.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 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) that Sergeant Haynes report back to Superintendent Weir the Committee's concerns that the reporting of crime trend increases on a Strathclyde-wide basis in respect of crimes of vandalism and disorder did not reflect the significant increases being reported to the Local Committee in the Safer Streets report and requested further information to clarify the position; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

6. Sgt Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) the joint initiative between the Department of Educational and Social Services and the Police to combat vandalism to schools during the summer had been very successful. Vandalism to schools during this period reduced to five and the cost of repairs was well down on last year's figures;
- (ii) Quality of Life issues remain high on the agenda with additional patrols being directed towards disorder issues at Morton Park, Main Street and the railway station in Kilmaurs; Dunlop Primary School, the village hall and cricket ground in Dunlop; and Stewarton town centre, Lainshaw area, Lamberton Road, Cunningham Watt Park, Bridgend and Lint Brae area in Stewarton;
- (iii) during July Community Learning and Development had Youth Outreach workers in the Stewarton area; and
- (iv) there had been a number of good detections in relation to dishonesty crimes this month which resulted from quality investigations enhanced by both finger print and DNA identifications and two local males were now in prison as a result.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

STEWARTON ANNICK FOOTBALL CLUB - RETURN OF GRANT AWARD (Item 5, Page 3151, 99/03)

7. It was noted that £4,200 had been returned to the Northern Area Local Committee grants budget for 2004/05 from Stewarton Annick Football Club.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2004/05

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

There was also submitted an assessment report (circulated at the meeting) in respect of Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre and an additional grant, reported verbally by the Administrative Officer, from Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee.

It was agreed as follows:-

8.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the applications), Viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society - £521.73;

(b) Community Councils

- (i) Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee - to allow residents to participate in Lifelong Learning Opportunities not currently available in Stewarton - £540 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment and to remit to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, to arrange payment;

(c) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre - £1,724.35;

(d) Environmental

- (i) Stewarton Woodlands Trust - Noted that an award of £408 had been made to the group under delegated authority;

(e) Leisure

- (i) East Ayrshire Gardening Club - Noted that an award of £25 had been made to the group under delegated authority;

(f) Sport

- (i) Dean Thistle Football Club - Noted that an award of £23.47 had been made to the group under delegated authority;
- (ii) Kay Park Boys' Club Under 17s - Noted that an award of £79 had been made to the group under delegated authority. Agreed to make a further award of £79; and

(g) Young People

- (i) PEACE (Onthank) - £1,113.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

9. The Chair invited nominations for a substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed that Mary White represent the Local Committee as its Substitute representative to 31 March 2005.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC CALMING WORKS

10. There was submitted a report dated 9 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 Northern Area and traffic calming.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals for mandatory 20mph speed limits and traffic calming as outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services minimise signage connected with the 20mph speed limits and traffic calming, where possible, particularly on entrances to villages; and
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services arrange to provide displays/information on the proposals in Local Offices, Libraries and other appropriate Council offices.

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 on the outcome of the 8th Annual Youth Conference 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 evaluation report from the conference would be circulated to all members; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Community Representative Debbie Olson and Named Substitute Ross Barrowman left the meeting at this point.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT OFF MAIN ROAD, WATERSIDE

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 11 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a name for a new development off Main Road, Waterside.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the name for the new street for the new development off Main Road, Waterside be Mill Wynd;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 14.1** There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Administration Manager to clarify what options are available for the Local Committee to object to the proposals in regard to the provision of two slip roads at Kingswell Interchange on the M77 route, with particular emphasis on road safety concerns in the light of potential difficulties for emergency vehicles trying to exit the road; and
- (ii) to incorporate into the Forward Planner of Local Committee business a presentation on proposals for the Kilmarnock to Glasgow rail line given that management responsibility for rail routes had changed.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hrs.