

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, WEST MAIN STREET, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors Stuart Finlayson, Harry Wilson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives: Frank Dawson, Aniela Miller, Gerard Cassidy and Pauline Campbell; and Named Substitutes: Bobby Leggate and Shirley Ferguson.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Anneke Freel, Project Manager; Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner; Anne Bennett, Sign Language Interpreter; Joan Waygood, Family Placement Supervisor; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Isabella Macrae and Jim Raymond; and Community Representatives: Steve Brown, Jessie Graham and Isobel Loudon; and Named Substitute: Lilian Meikle.

CHAIR: Councillor Stuart Finlayson, Vice-Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Bobby Leggate, Named Substitute, Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council to his first meeting of the Local Committee and wished Gerry Cassidy, Community Representative, Elderly Forum, all the best for the future, as he was moving away from the Local Committee area.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

2. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional Community Grant application from Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 3438) at Item 11 of the Agenda, as an early decision was required.

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

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting was reconvened at 1401 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 24 May 2006.

5.1 Matter Arising

5.1.1 Future Community Grant Funding of Applications for Christmas Light Projects (Item 9, Page 2243)

Following the report from the Administrative Officer, it was agreed that this matter be continued to the next meeting to allow further time for consultation with the Community Councils' on the proposals.

PRESENTATION

PROMOTION OF FOSTERING SERVICES LOCALLY

6. The Committee received a presentation on the Promotion of Fostering Services Locally from Joan Waygood, Family Placement Supervisor.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of Joan Waygood on the points made during her presentation.

Thereafter, the Chair thanked Joan for her very interesting and informative presentation.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 7 June 2006 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated August 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime trends and Police activity within the Irvine Valley area.

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 - CORE PATH PLANNING

9. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on outdoor access as it related to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and the statutory obligation to produce a core path plan.

Noted report and that Ayrshire Access toolkits would be distributed to the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership as well as the five local Community Councils.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007

10. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 31 August 2006 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2006/2007 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 (all circulated).

10.1 Applications Approved (for the purposes specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Environmental and Heritage

- (i) Galston Community Council (CG 3419) - £1,927.00;
- (ii) Darvel and District Community Council (CG 3435) - The Administrative Officer reported the details of this application for the Community Council's project for display of Christmas lights for 2006.

The Group had detailed the cost of the project at £1,401.00 and a Community Grant of £1,150.00 was sought. The application was in the process of being assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award up to £1,150.00 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 of the Local Committee.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

NEWMILNS AND GREENHOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CG 3438)

11. The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application in respect of (a) the installation, repairs and maintenance costs of the Community Council's existing Christmas Lights; and (b) the purchase, installation and running costs for 6 Christmas Light Panels.

The application had yet to be assessed.

The Committee then agreed an award in principle of up to £2,937.00 in respect of the installation etc costs of the existing lights, and in respect of the purchase and installation etc costs of 3 new Christmas Light Panels, 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.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

12. The meeting adjourned at 1520 hours to allow a comfort break for the Interpreter and reconvened at 1525 hours with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

13. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 5.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider the Engagement and Consultation with Young People report as the next item on the Agenda.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

14. There was submitted a report dated 25 July 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of recent events which related to engagement and consultation with young people in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of this year's Conference and Seminar; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

REVIEW OF GRANT FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE LOCAL AUDIT REPORT ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND

15. There was submitted a report dated 12 July 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised on the outcome of the review of the grants forms, guidance notes and assessment forms in light of the study by the Council's External Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers of the Council's performance in relation to the funding of external bodies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the changes made to the forms and guidance notes in light of the study by the Council's External Auditors and for operational reasons effective from 1 September 2006;
- (ii) that as part of any future review, that consideration be given to the inclusion of a clause which required production of a certificate of insurance, as part of any Community Grant application; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST BACKGROUND REPORT

16. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2006 (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; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT OFF SILVERWOOD ROAD/MEADOWSIDE, CROOKEDHOLM

- 17.1 There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a street name for the new development off Silverwood Road/Meadowside, Crookedholm.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street within the new development off Silverwood Road/Meadowside, Crookedholm "Bishops View";
- (ii) to advise the Department of Development and Property Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

17.2 DEVELOPMENT AT CROOKEDHOLM (Item 7.2, Page 2243, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that following the decision at the last meeting, to remit the naming of the street to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Local Member and the local Community Council, the street had been named "Wellington Gardens".

Councillor McDill left the meeting at this point.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 18. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda. It was confirmed that no new items were raised.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.

ANNEXATION

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2006 AT 1000 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors Robert McDill, Harry Wilson, and Stuart Finlayson; and Darvel and District Community Council Representative: Les Pittams.

ATTENDING: Colin Hastings, Senior Accountant and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert McDill, Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of the previous meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee held on 24 August 2005 (circulated).

BACKGROUND REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 August 2006 (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 Trust disposition and settlement registered on 26 October 1981 which 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 may think fit".

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance which advised on the current level of Fund balances and the amount available for disbursement this year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the sum available for disbursement to local groups was one half of the interest received on funds invested during the previous year (£425 and any additional revenue the Trustees wished to utilise to further support their decisions; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

4. There was submitted and noted a summary dated 8 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support of applications received for consideration by the Joint Advisory Committee.

APPLICATIONS

5. There were submitted 6 applications totalling £970 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 Lunch Club and Transport Group - £190 contribution to annual running costs;

2nd Darvel Brownies - £120 for two free-standing netball posts to encourage sports participation.

Darvel Football Club - £200 for sports equipment including goal nets and training footballs.

Darvel Friends of Guiding - £200 for repairs to floor and repainting of Guide Hall toilet.

Loudoun Musical Society - £120 for return transport for senior citizens to attend performance at the Palace Theatre, subject to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, obtaining satisfactory clarification regarding the group's accounts entry under "other expenses" for "charity".

Application Refused

Darvel Horticultural Society for the reason that the group's accounts indicated a sufficiency of funds available to meet the costs of running the Annual Flower Show.

The meeting terminated at 1024 hours.