

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2006 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD,  
CROSSHOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Iain Linton and John Campbell; Community Representatives: Tom Cook, John McIvor, Esther Caldwell, Maurice Ashbridge, Linda Thompson, John Donaldson and Margaret Keachie; and Named Substitutes: Jean Churchhill, Mary Fraser and Ellen Forsyth.

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Anneke Freel, Outdoor Access Project Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Margaret MacBain, Acting Team Leader and David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, both Community Learning and Development; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Ian McVey and Named Substitute Allison McCann.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19 agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES  
2006/2007 - UPDATE**

2. It was agreed to approve the following nominations received since the previous meeting, viz:-

<b>Community Organisation</b>	<b>Community Representative</b>	<b>Substitute Community Representative</b>
Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches	Margaret Keachie	Ellen Forsyth

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

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

4. The meeting reconvened at 1420 hours with the same Councillors, 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 of the previous meeting of the Local Committee held on 9 May 2006 (circulated).

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 July 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the outcome of recent events relating 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.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

7. There were submitted for information and noted minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 7 June 2006 (circulated).

#### **LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 – CORE PATH PLANNING**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised on outdoor access as it related to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the statutory obligation to produce a core path plan and on the availability of an Ayrshire Access Toolkit.

#### **SAFER STREET – STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT**

9. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 2006 (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 representatives were invited to identify any local problems which could be addressed by Strathclyde Police officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

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

10. 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 grant 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; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007**

11. It was reported by the Administration Officer and noted that the following awards were made through the Scheme of Delegated Authority:-

Noon Bowlers – Cross-boundary contribution of £125.90 for two new indoor bowling carpets.

Riccarton Co-operative Women's Guild – Cross-boundary contribution of £90 for an annual outing for members and visit to Scottish Parliament.

Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club – Cross-boundary contribution of £459 for football strips for the under 15 and under 19 teams, training equipment, match balls and 11-a-side goalposts.

Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club – Cross-boundary contribution of £43.09 for gardening equipment to maintain the Club's football pitch.

Archway PHAB Club – Cross-boundary contribution of £96.50 for a summer trip for members.

Gatehead Community Council – £500 for a summer outing for 40 senior citizens from Gatehead.

Crosshouse Out of School Club - £500 for outings for 45 children attending the Club during the summer holidays.

There was submitted a report dated 11 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position of current applications, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee as well as individual reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed as follows:-

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

#### 12.1 Older People

Gatehead Community Council - £230 outstanding balance of application.

Buchanan Centre - £1,077.70 subject to receiving a copy of the appropriate Employers Liability and Public Liability insurance documents, copies of planning consent and Building Warrant(s) as appropriate and a copy of "The Book of Words" as the Assessing Officer had advised that although the building was owned by the Church of Scotland, there was no formal leasing arrangement, other than a reference made to leasing within "The Book of Words".

**12.2 Sport and Leisure**

Bonnyton Thistle Football Club - £510.

River Irvine Improvement Association - £105.

**12.3 Young People**

Crosshouse Out of School Club - £1,000 towards outstanding balance of application, and the Administration Manager to obtain background information on the Group's current level of activity and future funding arrangements.

**Application Continued viz:-**

**12.4 Older People**

Bonnyton Music and Movement – Continued pending the group's receipt of assistance with constitution and financial auditing, which matter would be expedited by the Assessing Officer for early consideration by the Committee.

**LOCAL ISSUES**

**13. NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was noted that there were no new items identified at this time to become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1526 hours.