

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1400 HRS
IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE,
KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Helen Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir and Community Representatives Beryl Graham, Charles McGowan and Margaret Docherty; and Named Substitute Noreen Lennon.

ATTENDING: Anneke Freel, Outdoor Access Project Manager; David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andrew McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Julie Quinn and Named Substitute Archie Pryce.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

KILMARNOCK CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (Item 5, Page 2077, 03/07)

3. The Committee received a joint presentation by Andy MacDonald, Performance and Development Manager, Educational and Social Services and Alastair McTaggart, Area Manager, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Scotland relative to financial inclusion issues.

There then followed a full discussion during which Andy MacDonald and Alastair McTaggart responded to questions put by Members and Community Representatives of the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to thank Andy and Alastair for their presentation; and
- (ii) to receive a report back to a future meeting on the implementation of the financial inclusion initiatives.

MINUTES

4. There were submitted and noted for information, Minutes of Meeting of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee held on 23 May 2006.

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

4.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives (Item 4.1.3, Page 2232, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that Community Representative Billy Sullivan had resigned from New Farm Loch Community Council and that he would be confirming with the Community Council their future representation on the Local Committee.

4.1.2 New Local Issues (Item 4.1.4, Page 2232, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer advised that the Head of Housing had confirmed that a report on the External Maintenance Programme for the housing stock within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area would be submitted to the next meeting on 7 November 2006.

4.1.3 Safer Streets Strathclyde Police Report (Item 5, Page 2232, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that a meeting had taken place with the Procurator Fiscal, Mr Brown, on 31 July 2006 who had advised that the statistical information was not available as there was no management information system in place to gather it, however, the Fiscal did agree, where possible, to provide examples of high level cases involving drug prosecutions. It was agreed to request that the Administration Manager write to the Procurator Fiscal to reconsider his position in light of providing information on the number of drug cases on an East Ayrshire-wide basis which had reached Court and had resulted in a successful prosecution.

4.1.4 Safer Streets Strathclyde Police Report (Item 5, page 2232, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that in relation to New Farm Loch youths causing disturbance, the Chair had convened a meeting with all relevant agencies to ensure that young people in New Farm Loch were encouraged to take up more suitable organised activities and it was confirmed that services were working in a co-ordinated way and that over the summer months there had been no reports of major disturbances with young people in the New Farm Loch area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and Police activity within the Kilmarnock North area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives were asked to identify any local problems that may be addressed by local Officers;
- (ii) to request that information on anti-social behaviour be included in future Committee reports and, where possible, to provide statistical breakdown for the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There was submitted for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum meeting held on 7 June 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Minutes; and
- (ii) to request Community Representatives to forward nominations for a representative on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum to the Administrative Officer at their earliest convenience.

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 - CORE PATH PLANNING

7. 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.

Councillor Helen Coffey left the meeting at this point.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2006/07

8. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2006/07, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

8.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Community Association

- (i) Onthank Community Association (CG3383) (Item 11.1(a)(i), Page 2234, 03/07) - Noted that an award of £892.86 was made under delegated powers by the Local Committee on 23 May 2006 on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and following consultation with the Chair;
- (ii) Knockinlaw Community Association (CG3391) - Agreed to remit the application to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, to make an award of £2,019.00 based on 23 members of the group attending the weekend trip to Blackpool.

(b) Disability

- (i) Archway PHAB Club (CG3392) - Noted that the application was dealt with under delegated powers and that an award of £115.80 was made on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and following consultation with the Chair.

(c) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) New Farm Loch Playgroup (CG3374) (Item 11.1(c)(i), Page 2234, 03/07) - Noted that an award of £1,784.13 was made under delegated powers following a remit to the Administration Manager by the Local

Committee on 23 May 2006 on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and following consultation with the Chair.

(d) Leisure

- (i) Kilmarnock Angling Club (CG3363) (Item 11.5, Page 2236, 03/07) - The Administrative Officer reported that the Local Committee, at its meeting on 23 May 2006, agreed to continue the application for further information and reported that the current level of funds held by the group was £10,808.00 and confirmed that this money was ring-fenced and would be used to stock fisheries and cover the day-to-day running costs of the Club. It was agreed to award £101.40 on the basis that the fly-tying kits be used for young people from the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area.

(e) Social Inclusion

- (i) New Farm Loch Lunch Club (CG3416) - £500.00;
 (ii) The In-Betweens (CG3415) - £255.00.

(f) Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club (CG3353) (Item 11.1(ii), Page 2235, 03/07) - Noted that an award of £708.00 was made under delegated powers following a remit to the Administration Manager by the Local Committee on 23 May 2006 on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and following consultation with the Chair;
- (ii) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club (CG3417) - Noted that an award of £66.58 was made under delegated powers on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and following consultation with the Chair.
- (iii) Bonnyton Thistle Football Club U19's (CG3411) - £120.00 on the condition that the Football Club retain the "kit" for future use of club players.

8.2 Assessment Process for Community Grants

It was agreed to request that the Administration Manager submit a report to a future meeting of the Local Committee outlining the assessment process and the criteria used to assess applications for community grant funding.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 July 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support 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, this would be effective from 1 September 2006; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 25 July 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of recent events relating to the engagement and consultation with young people in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of this year's conference and seminar;
- (ii) to request the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to examine ways of providing feedback to young people on the issues raised; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 11.** 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 issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1552 hrs.