

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT
1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Murray, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillor John Knapp, Community Representatives: John Timpany, Michael Hayes, Winnie Campbell, Alannah Colvin, Susan Anderson, Andrea Laird and Joan Wark; and Named Substitutes: Myra Dunsmuir, Hayley Mullen, David Coulter and May Proudfoot.

ATTENDING: Anneke Freel, Project Manager, East Ayrshire Outdoor Access Project; Carole Crichton, Community Worker, Community Learning and Development and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: PC Douglas Hamilton, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Named Substitutes: John Howard and Charles Hamilton.

CHAIR: Councillor Murray, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow a public question and answer session.

It was noted that there were no questions raised.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted and noted for information, minutes of meeting held on 17 May 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2005/2006

**PROGRESS REPORT IN RESPECT OF BELLFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(CG3050) (Page 1494, Para 7.1 (a), 03/07)**

4. The Administrative Officer advised that Bellfield Community Council had received a grant award of £746.75 to assist with the costs of the Kilmarnock South Youth Talent Contest held in September 2005 for children aged 8-18; following receipt of the progress report it was identified that £250 of the grant award was spent on cash prizes and that following discussion with the group and the Assessing Officer, it was clear that this was a misunderstanding by the group who were not aware that the grant would not have been awarded in respect of cash gifts as per the conditions of grant.

It was agreed to accept that £250 of the grant was used for cash prizes, not to require the group to return the award and that the Administration Manager advise the group that any future application would require to comply with the conditions of grant.

**PROGRESS REPORT IN RESPECT OF BONNYTON GOLDEN AGE (CG3325)
(Page 2213, Para 14.1 (e) (iv) 03/07)**

5. The Administrative Officer advised that the group had received a total cross boundary grant award of £610, (the Kilmarnock South award being £137.25) to assist with costs of an annual trip and that the group had submitted a progress report which showed an underspend of £160 and the group had requested that the underspend be used for a Christmas party.

It was agreed to authorise the use of £36, being the Kilmarnock South element of the underspend, towards a Christmas party and that the Administration Manager advise the group accordingly.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007

**RETURN OF GRANT MONIES – BELLFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(CG3121) (Page 1653, Para 5.1 (b) (i), 03/07)**

6. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that Bellfield Community Council had returned a total amount of £88.26 to the Council in respect of the community grant award made in 2005/2006 to assist with the cost of rent, catering and entertainment to provide a concert for senior citizens of Bellfield, Shortlees and Riccarton.

DELEGATED AWARDS

7. The Administrative Officer reported that the following awards had been approved under delegated authority:-
- (a) Disability
- (i) Archway PHAB Club (CG3392) – Noted that an award of £231.60 had been made under delegated authority on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report for financial year 2006/2007 and following consultation with the Chair.
- (b) Leisure Activities
- (i) Noon Bowlers (CG3379) (Page 2213, para 14.1 (d) (ii), 03/07) - Noted that an award of £125.90 had been made following confirmation that North Ayrshire Council could not support funding of £125.90.
- (ii) River Irvine Improvement Association (CG3373) - Noted that an award of £85.00 had been made under delegated authority on receipt of a satisfactory assessment report for the financial year 2006/2007 and following consultation with the Chair.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 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 2006/2007, together with an assessment report (copy enclosed), in respect of the following application:-

8.1 Application Approved:-

- (a) Community Council
- (i) Bellfield Community Council (CG3400) – £600.

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 which advised of the outcome of the review of the grants forms, guidance notes and assessment forms in light of a 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, would be effective from 1 September 2006; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) updated on the position in respect of the recruitment Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007; and (ii) suggested changes to the categories of member organisations determined by the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local community organisations as detailed within the report;
- (ii) that the category of Early Education and Childcare Representative be replaced by a Childcare Representative from the Out Of School Care Network to represent children 0-14 years of age;
- (iii) that a Representative be sought from the Pre-School Education Sector (formerly Pre-5 Representative);

- (iv) that enquiries be made with the Riccarton West Tenants' and Residents' Association to provide a representative and Named Substitute; and
- (v) to remit the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

UPDATE ON SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAMMES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE KILMARNOCK SOUTH AREA (Item 11, Page 2290, 03/07)

11. There was submitted a briefing note (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating on the Summer youth work programmes and future developments in the Kilmarnock South Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note contents of the briefing note; and
- (ii) that this item become a standing item on the Agenda and that an Officer from the Department of Educational and Social Services provide a verbal update at future meetings.

ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 – CORE PATH PLANNING

13. 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 STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

14. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Sub-Divisional Officer, East Ayrshire, on crime figures and police activity within the Kilmarnock South Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the forward planner of Local Committee Business:-

- (i) report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services providing an update on the current position in relation to the Shortlees PPP Project.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 1 November 2006 at 1400 hrs in Bellfield Community Centre.

The meeting terminated at 1526 hours.