

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2006 IN KILMAURS
COMMUNITY CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Jim O'Neill and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson, Charles Lindsay, Robert Knapp, Kara Nisbet, Jim Miller, Cathy Spicer, Jean Brown and Linzie Haggerty; and Named Substitutes: Mary White, Alistair Thomson, May McMillan, Barbara Wiseman and Fiona Andrew.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Anneke Freel, Project Manager, East Ayrshire Outdoor Access Unit; Iain Edenborough, Senior Surveyor; Lorna Hunter, Surveyor; Janice Harrison, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; David Wotherspoon, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Jim Richmond and Sergeant Danny Stuart, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Ashley Bell and Named Substitute John McFadden.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 4 May 2006 (circulated).

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

SAFER STREETS - STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. 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 Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

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

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

6. Sergeant Danny Stuart, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that juveniles had been charged for both the wilful fire-raising at Rigg Street, Stewarton, and the damage to the war memorial and grave at Dunlop Cemetery;
- (ii) high profile policing on road safety issues had taken place in the Northern Area;
- (iii) that appropriate steps had been taken regarding youths gathering in Stewarton;
- (iv) that Officers were gathering intelligence on house breakings in rural areas;
- (v) that new legislation was in place regarding individuals riding mini moto's on public roads. Individuals would be warned once and if caught again the vehicle would be seized and destroyed; and
- (vi) that Officers would monitor the bus stop in Fenwick in terms of vandalism (graffiti).

The Chair introduced and welcomed Inspector Jim Richmond to the meeting. Inspector Richmond was temporarily covering for Inspector Ramsay MacArthur who had recently retired.

It was agreed that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, write to Inspector MacArthur who had been at the forefront of developing Community Policing in this area and to thank him for his time and commitment to Local Committees.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

RETURN OF GRANT MONIES FROM STEWARTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CG 2975)

7. It was agreed to note that Stewarton and District Community Council had returned £82.25 to the Council from a grant made by the Local Committee in March 2005 and that this money had been included in the Local Committee's budget.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position, together with a verbal update by the Administrative Officer who advised that the balance remaining if all grants were approved was £3,525.13, in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2006/07, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) for Fenwick Community Council (x2) which had appeared on the Agenda as copies to follow and an assessment report for Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre which the Committee had agreed to accept as an additional item as an early decision was required (circulated at the meeting) in respect of applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

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

(a) Community Association

- (i) Fenwick Community Association (CG 3407) - £500.00;
- (ii) Waterside Community Association (CG 3408) - £1,600.00;

(iii) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor McGhee declared a non financial interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or decision. Councillor O'Neill, Vice-Chair, took the Chair for item (iv) only.

Consideration of Item

- (iv) Kilmaurs Gala Committee (CG 3394) - £250.00 and noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated authority;

(b) Community Councils

- (i) Stewarton Lifelong Learning Committee (CG 3380) - Noted that an award of £120.00 had been made under delegated authority; and
- (ii) Fenwick Community Council (CG 3425) - £495.00;

(c) Leisure

- (i) River Irvine Improvement Association (CG 3373) - Noted that an award of £50.00 had been made under delegated authority;

(d) Young People

- (i) Dunlop Scout Group (CG 3336) - £1,500.00 and noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated authority;
- (ii) Dunlop Primary School Parents Association (CG 3385) - £500.00 and noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated authority; and
- (iii) Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre (CG 3424) - £1,643.13.

8.2 Applications Refused (for the reasons stated), viz:-

(a) Community Councils

- (i) Fenwick Community Council (CG 3426) - Refused on the grounds that the Northern Area Local Committee had already contributed to the

project and that the group had sufficient funds to pay for the additional costs; and

(b) Older People

- (i) Buchanan Centre (CG 3156) - Refused on the grounds that it was the Committee's view that the project was not appropriate use of Community Grant funds.

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 grants forms, guidance notes and assessment forms in light of the study by the Council's External Auditors, Pricewaterhouse Coopers 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT AND COUNCIL PROPERTIES

10. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the current position in relation to publicly used properties in the Northern Area Local Committee area in respect of Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) matters.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Administration Manager write to Scotrail asking them to look at improving standards for people with a disability at railway stations within the Northern Area and suggesting that it might be helpful if they invited representatives from the Disability Forum to take part in any assessment; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

11. 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 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.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

2 NO BLOCKS OF FLATS AT RIGG STREET AND BROWN STREET, STEWARTON

- 12. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider names for two no blocks of flats at Rigg Street and Brown Street, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Block 1 be named No 1 Brown Street and Block 2 be named No 18 Rigg Street; and
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF NEWMILL ROAD, DUNLOP

- 13. There was submitted a report dated 22 June 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider three street names for a new housing development off Newmill Road, Dunlop.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that road A be named Glazert Road, road B be named Solomon's View and road C be named Burns Way; and
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF DALRY ROAD, STEWARTON

- 14. There was submitted a report dated 4 July 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider four street names for a new housing development off Dalry Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that street 1 be named Eglintoun Road, street 2 be named Balveny Court, street 3 be named Langshaw Court and street 4 be named Lochrig Court; and
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 - CORE PATH PLANNING

- 15. 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.

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) a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on Anti-Social Behaviour particularly in relation to homeless persons with a reputation of anti-social behaviour being re-housed in communities and how they are monitored; and
- (ii) a presentation by the Procurator Fiscal Office on their services.

The meeting terminated at 1605 hours.