

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2003 AT 1400 HOURS
IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD,
CROSSHOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Robert Jones, Mary Rose Muir, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson; and Named Substitute Robert Cook.

ATTENDING: Bill Gilchrist, Environmental Health Officer; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Senior Engineer; and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager, Tenants Information Service; Councillor Eric Ross, Chair of Strathclyde Passenger Transport; Councillor John Knapp, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Representative; and Chris Carberry, Eddie McSheffrey and Michael Ferrie, Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Bryan Thompson and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Ian Love

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider items 2 and 3 on the Agenda after consideration of item 10.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 21 January 2003 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives.

The Administrative Officer further reported that the Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association had nominated Mr John Donaldson as its Community Representative.

It was agreed to appoint the following as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to pursue the outstanding nominations, viz:-

<u>Community Organisation</u>		<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Bonnyton Council	Community	Mr John Tannock	None submitted
Crosshouse Council	Community	Mrs Esther Caldwell	Mrs Geraldine Garland
Gatehead Council	Community	Mr John McIvor	Mrs Alison McCann
Grange/Howard Council	Community	Mr Robert Jones	Mr Robert Cook
Piersland/Bentinck Community Council		Mrs Mary Rose Muir	Mr Ian McVey
Kilmarnock Kilmarnock Elderly Forum Groups	South/ North West	Mr Maurice Ashbridge	Mrs Mary Fraser
Kilmarnock Disability	Forum on	Ms Linda Thomson	-
Fellowship of Churches	of Kilmarnock	Dr Bryan Thompson	Mr Ian Love
Kilmarnock Association	Retail Trades	Mr John Donaldson	-

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

6. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 4 December 2002 (circulated).

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT “U” DIVISION

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and on going initiatives over the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that consideration be given to the issue of illegal parking in the vicinity of the Grand Hall, London Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on new regulations to help local authorities to deal quickly with the nuisance of abandoned cars.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the preliminary design of the pedestrian safety and access measures and bus-rail interchange measures forming part of the Kilmarnock Town Centre Action Plan and which advised of upcoming consultations on the traffic circulation proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the Kilmarnock Town Centre traffic circulation study;
- (ii) to note the decision of the Development Services Committee, as outlined within the report, regarding bus lane proposals; and
- (iii) to note the intended further public consultation of the proposals.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

DIAL-A-BUS

10. The Local Committee received a presentation from representatives of Strathclyde Passenger Transport on the enhancement of the “Dial-a-bus” service following the implementation on 17 March 2003 of the new “Ring ‘n’ Ride” initiative serving the Irvine Valley area.

Elected Members and Community Representatives then had the opportunity to ask questions on the scheme. Thereafter, the Chair thanked representatives of SPT for an interesting and informative presentation.

TENANTS INFORMATION SERVICE

11. The Local Committee received a presentation from Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager for the Tenant Information Service on the work of the organisation and its efforts to encourage tenant participation, particularly in the light of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

Elected Members and Community Representative then had the opportunity to ask questions on tenant participation. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Sharon Donohoe for her presentation.

LOCAL ISSUES

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

The undernoted item was identified as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) the incidence of burst pipes within the Local Committee area and Scottish Water's response to this issue.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.