

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, SHORTLEES, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Knapp, and Jane Darnbrough; Community Representatives, John Timpany, Margaret Shaw, and Susan Anderson; and Named Substitute Community Representatives Agnes Gallacher and May Proudfoot.

**ATTENDING:** Mike Rooney, Environmental Health Officer; Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager, Tenants Information Service; and Sgt Colin Martin, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Alan Campbell, and Community Representatives Joan Wark, Winnie Campbell and Jim Bryan.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

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

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**TENANTS INFORMATION SERVICE**

3. The Local Committee received a presentation from Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager for the Tenants 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.

It was reported, and noted, that the Tenants Information Service would be visiting Shortlees Community Centre on 8 April 2003 from 1100 to 1200 hours and from 1400 to 1600 hours.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 29 January 2003 (circulated).

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

5. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the position in respect of the proposed appointment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004

The Administrative Officer further reported that the nomination for Church representation in terms of a Named Substitute Community Representative was Mrs M Proudfoot and not Mr Arthur Brown as intimated within Section 3.1 of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the following as Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2003 from 31 March 2004 and to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes, viz:-

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Bellfield Community Council	Mr John Timpany	Mrs Jean Collins
Church Representation	Mrs Joan Wark	Mrs M Proudfoot
Early Education and Child Care	Mrs Margaret Shaw	Mrs Jan McColl
Young People	No nomination	No nomination
South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Mrs Winnie Campbell	Mrs A Gallacher
Pre-Five Representative	No nomination	No nomination
East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability	Mr Jim Bryan	
Sports Groups	Mr George Morton	Mr Arthur Cowley
Shortlees Community Association	No nomination	No nomination

- (ii) to note the position with regard to the efforts being made to recruit a Young Persons' representative for the Local Committee as outlined at Paragraph 2.3 of the report; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes Community Representative for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION**

6. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note particular concerns in respect of the issues of youth disorder, the consumption of alcohol (particularly by minors) in public places and drug misuse;
- (ii) to note Strathclyde Police's ongoing efforts to take action on the above; and
- (iii) otherwise to note to content of the report.

### **REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2002**

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

8. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 4 December 2003 (circulated).

### **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICE FUND: TEENAGE RECREATION AREA**

9. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of progress made in connection with the Better Neighbourhood Services-funded Teenage Recreation area, including the proposed location of the area.

Councillor Darnbrough advised that, following further consideration of the proposed location of the Teenage Recreation area outlined at Section 2.6 of the report, an alternative location, had been selected within the Blaze adjacent to Shortlees Primary School,

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the revised location for the Teenage Recreation area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

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

No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

11. The Chair referred to the forthcoming retirement of Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation), following 29 years' service with the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council and East Ayrshire Council and, on behalf of the Local Committee, extended his best wishes.

The meeting terminated at 1415 hours.