

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2003 AT 1400 HRS
IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, MAIN STREET, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Ashley Bell, John Douglas, Iain Finlayson, Cathy Spicer, John McFadden JP and Nicola Granger; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Jim Miller, May McMillan and Charlotte Rennie.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Pollution Control), Department of Community Services; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chris Carberry and Eddie McSheffrey, Strathclyde Passenger Transport; and Alan Mack, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kathleen Hall; Community Representative Russel Hutcheson; and Named Substitute Fiona Andrew

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR
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 1405 hours, with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

DIAL-A-BUS

3. The Committee received a presentation by Chris Carberry and Eddie McSheffrey from Strathclyde Passenger Transport on changes to the Kilmarnock Dial-a-Bus and new Ring 'n' Ride service.

The Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions on the scheme. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Chris Carberry and Eddie McSheffrey for an interesting and informative presentation.

MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were submitted for information and noting, Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 22 January 2003 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

STEWARTON ANNICK FOOTBALL CLUB - UPDATE ON GRANT

5. The Assistant Administration Manager updated the Committee on the position with the Community Grant of £4,200 awarded, in principle, to Stewarton Annick Football Club in September 2002, which was subject to the group being awarded funds from Sport Scotland.

The grant was to assist with the purchase of land (in partnership with the Stewarton Rifle Club) that will be used as a 7-a-side training and playing area. The Group advised that Sport Scotland have refused the application but the group are appealing.

It was agreed to release the grant to the group subject to them winning their appeal with Sport Scotland.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/03

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2002/03, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

6.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified on the applications), viz:-

(a) Community Associations

- (i) Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee - £1,300.

It was agreed that the Chair write to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources emphasising concerns over the decision of the Education Committee to defer this application to the Northern Area Local Committee and the possibility of the Northern Area Local Committee being reimbursed with funds from the Education Committee budget for the payment of this grant.

(b) Early Education and Child Care

- (i) Little Angels Playgroup - £700.00, on condition that the grant be used only for the purchase of the table and chair element of the application. It was noted that the Group could apply for the remaining element detailed on the grant application from financial year 2003/2004;

(c) Young People

- (i) Lainshaw Lions - £200; and
(ii) Kilmaurs Scout Group - £499.38.

(d) Sport

- (i) Stewarton Annick Football Club Under 13's - £501.62;
Councillor Young wished her dissent to be recorded in connection with this decision.

6.2 Applications Refused (for the reasons as stated):-(a) Young People

- (i) Rascals - on the grounds that the group have a substantial amount in their bank account but that the Assessing Department investigate that the Group are not being disadvantaged by the refusal of this grant;
- (ii) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - on the grounds that there was limited benefit to the Northern Area; and

(b) Sport

- (i) Hurlford Boys and Girls - on the grounds of the limited budget available.

6.3 Application Deferred to Next Meeting(a) Community Councils

- (i) Fenwick Community Council.

6.4 Application Withdrawn(a) Early Education and Childcare

- (i) West Park Gymnastic Club.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

- 7. There were submitted for information and noting, Minutes of Meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 4 December 2002 (circulated).

**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 which would help Local Authorities deal more quickly with the nuisance of abandoned cars.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

- 9. There was submitted and noted 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 ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

MISCELLANEOUS**POLICE REPORT**

- 10. Alan Mack, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) there had been 74 crimes and offences recorded, with 45 crimes detected;
- (ii) that 140 hours of additional patrols had been provided to the Northern Area during February; and

- (iii) through liaisons with the four Community Councils, Residents Associations and Community Groups, Action Plans had been developed to direct the patrols to areas of concern and any offences within the Northern Area.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive, on drugs issues and particularly of crack cocaine, copied to Strathclyde Police Divisional Commander, highlighting the Local Committee's concerns over the dangers associated with this drug entering the communities of East Ayrshire and that the Education Department should be providing an educational programme for school pupils to educate them of the dangers of this drug. It was also agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services provide a report to a future Committee on what Education Programme was available for Secondary Schools on the problems of crack cocaine.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

11. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of the recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

Having heard the Assistant Administration Manager updating on further nominations received, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local community organisations for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes, as follows:-

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Jim Miller	Barbara Wiseman
Fenwick Community Council	Ashley Bell	Fiona Andrew
Kilmaurs Community Council	Russel Hutcheson	May McMillan
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	No nomination	No nomination
Stewarton and District Community Council	Iain Finlayson	Mary White
Church Forum	Catherine Spicer	Ismay McKenzie
Community/Residents Associations	Charles Lindsay	Alistair Thomson
Disability Forum	No nomination	No nomination
Elderly Forum	No nomination	No nomination

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Youth Forum	Nicola Granger	Charlotte Rennie

- (ii) 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 for the Northern Area Local Committee.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

Named Substitute Jim Miller raised the issue of dog fouling within the Northern Area with particular reference to the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Bill.

It was agreed to request a report on dog fouling in light of the new Dog Fouling (Scotland) Bill being introduced as a future item for the local issues programme, the report to include how East Ayrshire Council will put the new law into operation, including any plans for publicity, briefing of Council operatives, issuing them with fixed penalty books, places where disposal bags could be obtained and disposed of.

It was also agreed that Stewarton Academy be investigated as a possible venue for a future meeting of this Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.