

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BARR CENTRE, STATION ROAD, GALSTON

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson and Finlay MacLean; Community Representatives Steve Brown, Bill Pattison, Andrew Nisbet, Isobel Loudon and Jim Crossan; and Substitutes Jessie Graham, Frank Dawson, Janice Cameron and Grace Laing.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Gerald Docherty, Area Manager; Charlie Woodward, Museums & Arts Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Valerie Walker, Pre-School Community Organiser; Bill Hunter, Strategy Development Officer; Glen Crotch, Team Leader; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector William Prendergast, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Nancy Mair and Evelyn Mair.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair intimated the death of the wife of Community Representative George Dalziel, and the Committee agreed to pass on its condolences to Mr Dalziel.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - GALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional community grant application from Galston Community Council as part of Item 8(c) of the Agenda, as an early decision was required.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 21 September 2000.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the consultation phase of the review of decision making structures and arrangements within the Council and which sought the Local Committee's views thereon.

It was further noted that any comments on the consultation document required to be submitted to the Administration Manager by 15 November 2000.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: UPDATE

7. It was reported by the Administrative Officer the updated position in relation to the appointment of Community Representatives for the current year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Richard Charlton as Youth Representative on the Local Committee for a further year until 31 March 2001;
- (ii) to note that, although an approach had been made to Crookedholm Community Association, as agreed at the last Local Committee meeting, regarding the Chair and the Administration Manager attending the next appropriate meeting of the Association to talk about the role of the Local Committee and ascertain whether the Association would be willing to take up a place on the Local Committee, no response from the Association had been forthcoming; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Local Member, Councillor Macrae to make one further approach to the Association regarding their possible membership of the Local Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001

8. There were submitted report dated 31 October 2000 and 13 November 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relevant to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application):-
 - (a) Arts & Cultural
Kilmarnock Folk Club - £400;
 - (b) Disability
Cessnock Club - £589;
 - (c) Community Councils
Hurlford & Crookedholm Community Council - £400

Galston Community Council - up to £1,500 in principle for the Christmas lights project, i.e. to include purchase of lights and their erection as well as third party liability insurance costs subject to evidence of that insurance for the project and that the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) be consulted on the siting of the lights as the Council had approved conditions with regard to the use of street lighting columns for Christmas lights;

(d) Early Education & Childcare

Hurlford & Crookedholm Playgroup - £220 specifically for a Christmas outing for parents and children;

(e) Older People

Age Concern, Hurlford - £750;

Irvine Valley Elderly Forum - £500;

(ii) **Application Continued**

(f) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - continued to the February meeting of the Local Committee in order that the Committee may receive further information as to the Group's activities and affiliations in the Irvine Valley area.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the imminent appointment on 20 November 2000 of a new Community Police Officer for the Galston and Hurlford area - Constable William Davey, and it was noted that the Officer would be introducing himself shortly to the local Community Councils in the area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which requested the nomination, in principle, of two Community Representatives onto a Community Representative Forum as part of the preparation for the next 3 year strategic plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nomination of Janice Cameron onto a Community Representative Forum for the development of the next 3 year Children's Service Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY LEARNING PLANS - PROGRESS REPORT ON PILOT INITIATIVE

11. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the progress that had been made in relation to developing Pilot Community Learning Plans in three areas of the Council including Darvel and Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress that had been made in commencing the process of establishing Community Learning Plans in three pilot areas and in Darvel/Newmilns; and
- (ii) to receive a report at a future meeting from the Director of Educational and Social Services on the progress of the pilot initiative.

HOUSING

JOHN MORTON CRESCENT TENANTS'/RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR GRANT

12. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which sought agreement on an application for a start-up and an annual operating grant by John Morton Crescent Tenants'/Residents' Association.

It was agreed to grant the John Morton Crescent Tenants'/Residents' Association £250 from the Housing Revenue account.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

13. 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 an item on:-

- (i) an update on Social Inclusion on the arrangements for delivering Social Inclusion initiatives within East Ayrshire following the comprehensive review of the Council's current arrangements; and
- (ii) the up to date position on the road safety measures at Loudoun Academy, Galston including information on the new speed limit proposal.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.

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