

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE GRANGE ACADEMY (S&R) WING, OFF BEECH ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives John McIvor, Linda Thomson, John Tannock, James McClymont, John Donaldson and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey, Robert Jones and Jean Dunlop.

ATTENDING: Susan McGregor, Community Education Worker; Michelle McCourt, Community Education Worker; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Joe Donnelly, Principal Trading Standards Officer; John McRobert, Senior Roads Engineer; John Butler, Service Officer - Planning (Social Work); Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Geraldine Garland and Charles Calman.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 5 September 2000 (circulated).

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

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It was agreed to note that Geraldine Garland had been in attendance at the meeting.

3.1.2 Kilmarnock Central Social Inclusion Early Action Plan - Progress Report

It was agreed that the Social Inclusion Team Leader be requested to contact Community Representative Linda Thomson to address her concerns.

3.1.3 Seagulls/Pigeons

It was noted that Councillor Reid intended to arrange for a meeting to take place between the Director of Community Services and Representatives from Bonnyton and Woodstock Community Council and Grange Howard Community Council to discuss measures to address the problem of pigeons roosting in railway bridges.

DECENTRALISATION

REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE

4. 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 could be submitted to the Administration Manager before the end of the consultation period on 15 November 2000.

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM

5. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the next Kilmarnock Central Community Forum would be held on Wednesday 8 November 2000 at 1900 hours in the Grange Academy (S&R Wing), with a local item of "Bed Blocking and Hospital Waiting Lists" and a Council item on the Review of the Decision Making Process in East Ayrshire Council.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001

6. There were submitted reports dated 20 October 2000 and 24 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of community grants for the financial year 2000/2001, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations.

It was further reported that a community grant application and assessment had been received in respect of Wellpark Action Group for running costs, including postage, stationery, a quarterly newsletter and attendance at appropriate seminars, the recommendation in respect of which was refusal.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-

- (a) Community Councils

Declaration of Interest

Community Representative John McIvor declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

Gatehead Community Council - £710;

(b) Leisure Activities

Crosshouse Women's Rural Institute - £350 subject to the expenditure in respect of cakes/cards/flowers being met from the group's own contribution to the project; and

Millennium Fun Day Committee (Crosshouse) - £500

The Committee noted that an interim award of £500 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

(c) Older People

Springhill Place Pensioners - £1,000;

Crosshouse Friendship Club - £450 and the group asked to re-apply in the next financial year for its proposed trip in June 2001; and

Piersland Action Group - £400, subject to the group utilising funds from its own contribution to meet the expense of gratuities and sweets and subject to the organisation being open to all older people within the Piersland area.

(d) Arts & Cultural

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £400.

(e) Older People (additional applications)

Cessnock Club - £98; and

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £141, subject to the group utilising its own funds to meet the expense of chocolates and gratuities.

(f) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £600.

(g) Tenants/Residents Groups

Wellpark Action Group - £100.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 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 six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Strathclyde Police be requested to consider the possibility of extending the recent windscreen etching initiative to deter vehicle crime;
- (ii) that issues surrounding Fulton's Lane/Boyd Street area of Kilmarnock be investigated by Strathclyde Police;

- (iii) that the Director of Community Services be requested to consider the possibility of introducing a local initiative to further limit the sale of fireworks; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROGRAMME OF FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES 2000/2001

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the flood prevention measures planned during the current financial year. This matter was raised as a local issue by the Local Committee on 6 June 2000.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2000/2004

9. 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 three year strategic plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Jean Dunlop be nominated to serve on the Community Representative Forum for the development of the next three year children's service plan;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to seek a further nomination by contacting those Community Representatives not present at the meeting; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

10. The undernoted items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of future reports to Committee:-
- (i) Fly-tipping and vandalism, particularly within the Kay Park; and
 - (ii) Social Inclusion - Update.

Councillor Walsh joined the meeting during discussion of this item

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.

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