

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Dorothy McGowan, Archie Pryce, Archie McKenzie and Janet Smith; and Substitutes Ann McKenzie and Nora McCabe.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administrative Manager; James Coutts, Benefits Services Manager; Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Martin Clark, Service Unit Manager (Social Services); Eddie Fraser, Team Leader (Social Services) and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector William Prendergust, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor W Coffey and Maureen Brown, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1413 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted minutes of meeting held on 19 September 2000.

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1.1 **Longpark Improvement Proposals (Item 13, Page 1256, 99/02)** - The Administrative Officer reported that an invitation was extended to all Community Representatives to attend the Longpark Partnership Day to be held on Monday 27 November 2000 at 1230 hours on site to bury a time capsule and view the first houses of Phase 5 off-site and to hear key note speakers thereafter at the Howard Park Hotel.

It was agreed that Community Representatives advise the Administrative Officer of their intention to attend the event and these would be passed on the organisers.

- 4.1.2 **Ayrshire Electronic Community (AEC) (Item 4.1.1, Page 1252, 99/02)** - Noted that the outcome of the Modernising Government Fund bid would not be known for

another 3 weeks and that the matter would be reported in the next cycle in early February 2001.

- 4.1.3 Onthank Football Club (Item 5(c), Page 1253, 99/02)** - Noted that the assessing officer had confirmed with the club that all membership of the club resided in the Kilmarnock North area and following consultation with the Chair an award of grant of £570 had been made on 26 September 2000.
- 4.1.4 Social Inclusion Early Action Plan - Progress Report (Item 6, Page 1254, 99/02)** - Noted that the Kilmarnock Area Social Inclusion Manager had investigated the reasons for the low level of take up for the fun fitness sessions and had concluded that there could have been more intense coverage of the event and that Officers would be addressing this situation by targeting schools prior to the next fun fitness sessions.
- It was also confirmed that the Kilmarnock Area Social Inclusion Manager had met with the Out of School Care Group and conveyed the Local Committee's concern regarding the high level of charges being made for out of school care.
- Notwithstanding this, Community Representatives sought information as to what action could be taken to alleviate the impact of the proposed changes on the users of the service.
- It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Social Inclusion Manager for investigation and a response to the Community Representatives as soon as possible.
- 4.1.5 Social Inclusion Challenge Fund - Shopmobility Feasibility Study (Item 7, Page 1254, 99/02)** - Noted that the Head of Roads and Transportation be requested to provide an update on the proposed Kilmarnock Shopmobility project to the Kilmarnock Disability Forum representative.
- 4.1.6 Operation Spotlight (Item 10, Page 1255, 99/02)** - Noted that the Police Liaison Officer had confirmed that extra attention had been given to the area at Baird Road and Baird Place by Strathclyde Police.
- 4.1.7 Maintenance of Council Housing Stock (Item 16(i), Page 1256, 99/02)** - Noted that the Area Housing Manager had advised that the matter was currently being dealt with by the Member/Officer Service Review Group on Property Repairs and Maintenance and the findings would be reported to the Housing Committee in due course.

DECENTRALISATION

REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

5. There was submitted 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 sought the Local Committee's views thereon.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the status quo be maintained in terms of the membership of Local Committees under the Council's Decentralisation Scheme;
- (i) to support the retention of the existing Committee system as it provided for a wider involvement of local people in the decision-making process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 31 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 grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-

- (a) Young People
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £600.00;
- (b) Arts and Cultural
Kilmarnock Folk Club - £400.00;
- (c) Older People
Cessnock Club - £225.00; and
- (d) Community Associations
New Farm Loch Lunch Club - up to £1,450.00.

With regard to the purchase of chairs, it was noted that the Council would ensure best value was achieved.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 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) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation and advise the Police Liaison Officer accordingly;
- (ii) to note that the Police Liaison Officer would make arrangements to visit the Northwest Youth Club to offer advice and support to young people; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of this report.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought to nominate in principle, two Community Representatives onto a Community Representative Forum as part of the preparation of the next three year Strategic Plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of the representation from the Local Committee to the next meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY LEARNING PLANS - PROGRESS REPORT ON PILOT INITIATIVE

9. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought to inform of the progress that had been made in relation to development of pilot community learning plans in Kilmarnock North.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress that had been made in establishing a Community Learning Plan for Kilmarnock North;
- (ii) to receive regular progress reports from the Director of Educational and Social Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

BENEFITS SERVICE PERFORMANCE

10. There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which updated on benefits service performance.

It was agreed to note the performance statistics for the Benefits Service and that performance information was continuing to be developed by the Director of Finance.

LOCAL ISSUES

11. The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

It was agreed to note that there were no local issues raised.

The meeting terminated at 1519 hours.

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