

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BARR CENTRE, STATION ROAD, GALSTON

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond and Finlay MacLean; Community Representatives Frank Donnelly, Isobel Loudon, Grace Laing, Jessie Graham, Steve Brown and Karen Love; and Named Substitutes Bill Howie and Joyce McCulloch.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Matthew Lowther, Health Development Manager; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Tom Merry, Senior Project Officer; Glenn Crotch and Eddie O'Connor, Team Leaders; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Macrae, Harry Wilson and Robert McDill; and Community Representative Janice Speirs.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. 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

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 19 September 2001.

3.1 MATTER ARISING

3.1.1 Newmilns Cabin Ramp (Item 14, Page 2082, 99/02)

The Administrative Officer reported on the information received from the Architects advising that the Contractors were due to complete the shuttering by 13 November with the pouring of the concrete to take place on 14 November.

The Committee again highlighted the delays in completing the installation of the ramp; the shuttering at the door continued to obstruct the entrance and the alternative current means of access to the Cabin was unsafe. Further, works to pour the concrete did not appear as yet to have started.

It was agreed that this matter be reported to the Director of Educational and Social Services as a matter of urgency.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

4. The Committee having heard the nominations from Loudoun Academy of Karen Love (Community Representative) and Timothy Johnston (Named Substitute) agreed to appoint them as Youth Representatives to the Local Committee.

The Chair welcomed Joyce McCulloch and Karen Love to their first meeting of the Local Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: PERIOD UNTIL 30 JUNE 2002

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period to 30 June 2002; and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 30 June 2002 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be Darvel Town Hall (Wednesday 6 February 2002); Crookedholm Community Centre (Wednesday 10 April 2002); and Moscow Leisure Centre (Wednesday 29 May 2002); and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

GRANTS

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

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which asked the Committee to agree an application for an annual operating grant by John Morton Crescent Tenants and Residents Association.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the request from John Morton Crescent Tenants and Residents Association for a grant of £100 from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2001 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2001/2002 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations (both circulated).

It was agreed:-

(i) Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application):-**(a) Disability**

Archway PHAB Club - £309

Cessnock Club - £580.50

(b) Early Education and Childcare

Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup - £330

(c) Older People

Newmilns and Greenholm Friendship Club - £450

(d) Sport

Annanhill Junior Golf Club - £56

(e) Tenants/Residents Groups

John Morton Crescent Tenants/Residents Association - £165.63 specifically for decorations/lights for the project in question subject to (a) the Group obtaining adequate third party insurance for the project to the satisfaction of the Head of Administrative and Legal Services and (b) the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) being consulted regarding the siting of the decorations/lights.

(ii) Applications Continued**(f) Community Safety**

Darvel Parish Church - until next financial year due to the financial constraints on the Committee this year

Irvine Valley Joint Community Council Group - until next meeting to allow the Head of Administrative and Legal Services to clarify further the competency of the application.

(iii) Application Refused**(g) Sport**

Newmilns Bowling Club - on the grounds that due to the level of funding sought and the limited grant balance remaining, and the fact that the group themselves in the opinion of the Committee had sufficient financial funds available.

It was noted that the group could reapply.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT ("U" DIVISION)**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and result of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and advising of forthcoming initiatives.

“CHIPVAN” PROJECT (COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP)

9. The Committee received a presentation by Matthew Lowther in respect of the Community Health Improvement Project.

Background information was circulated to the Local Committee who had enjoyed the presentation.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

10. There were no issues of interest raised for inclusion on a future Agenda by Community Representatives.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.

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