

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN GATEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRLIE VIEW, GATEHEAD

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Lilian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Mary Rose Muir, John McIvor, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Maurice Ashbridge, Ian Mcvey and Alison McCann.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; James Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); Hugh Carswell, Support Services Manager; Irene Learmouth, Team Leader (Social Work); Alan Murray, Team Leader (Support to Communities); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer;

ALSO ATTENDING: Stewart McDonald, Assistant Head, Kilmarnock Academy; and John Park, James Brotherston, Gary Murray and Darren Stewart, Kilmarnock Academy.

APOLOGY: Councillor Douglas Reid.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

1. There was submitted a report dated 13 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the second annual report on the New Community Schools Initiative for Kilmarnock.

The Committee heard a short presentation by the Assistant Head Teacher and four students of Kilmarnock Academy on the New Community Schools Initiative and, particularly, a liaison arrangement with Kilmarnock College to provide young people mechanics, engineering, administration, joinery, first aid, enterprise and outdoor education.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to record the thanks of the Committee to young people, parents and staff involved in the New Community School Initiative for the work undertaken to make it a success;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services keep the Local Committee informed of future developments in New Community Schools; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1415 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1430 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were submitted for information and noting, the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 4 September 2001 (circulated).

4.2 MATTERS ARISING

4.2.1 Membership of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum

It was agreed that Named Substitute Maurice Ashbridge represent the Local Committee on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

5. The Administrative Officer reported on dates for future meetings of the Local Committee and on a number of proposed venues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that meetings of the Local Committee would be held on 22 January 2002, 19 March 2002 and 14 May 2002; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make bookings for the above meetings from the following list of suitable venues, subject to availability, viz:- Council Headquarters, Gatehead Community Centre, Crosshouse Community Centre, Grange Academy (S & R Wing) and Bonnyton Community Centre.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was further reported that a Community Grant application and positive assessment had been received in respect of Piersland Action Group for funding in connection with a Christmas event for older people, including a meal, band and sundries. It was also reported that positive assessments had been received in respect of Bentinck Elderly Social Club, Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin, Crosshouse Friendship Club and Annanhill Junior Golf Club.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) that clarification be sought on the key indicators for the calculation of Local Committee Community Grant budgets to ensure the high proportion of older people in areas such as Kilmarnock Central was taken into account;

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

(a) Community Councils

Declaration of Interest

Community Representative John McIvor declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Item relating to Gatehead Community Council.

Gatehead Community Council - £450.00

(b) Disability

Archway PHAB Club

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor MacLean moved approval of the application in the amount of £206.

Councillor Reeves, seconded by Councillor Walsh, moved approval of the application in the amount of £103.

On a division by a show of hands, there were two votes for the motion and two votes for the amendment. There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

(c) Older People

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £75.00;

Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin - £184.00;

Crosshouse Friendship Club - £105.00 in respect of the group's Christmas dinner/party and March bus trip only;

Glebe Old Men's Cabin - £185.00 subject to the group seeking advice from the Council's Support to Communities Section on necessary improvements to its constitution;

Gatehead Senior Citizens - £238.00; and

Piersland Action Group - £100.00

(d) Social Inclusion

Crosshouse Action Now (CAN) - £250.00

(e) Sport

Annanhill Junior Golf Club - £215.50

(iii) **Application Continued**

(a) Disability

Cessnock Club - Continued in order to ascertain the feasibility of identifying an alternative source of funding

(iv) **Application Refused**

(a) Arts and Cultural

Kilmarnock and District History Group

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor MacLean, moved that consideration of the application be continued to identify alternative sources of funding, in particular the possibility of utilising the Kilmarnock Common Good Fund.

Councillor Reeves, seconded by Councillor Walsh, moved that the application be refused due to budgetary considerations.

On a division by a show of hands, there were 2 votes for the motion and two votes for the amendment. There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

(v) **Grant Monies Returned**

- (a) Howard Park Bowling Club - £300 returned by the group.

Community Representative Esther Caldwell and Named Substitute Ian McVey left the meeting during consideration of this item and Councillor Linton left at the conclusion of discussion.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORTS ('U' DIVISION)

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 October 2001 (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.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 8.1 There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a presentation on the redevelopment of the Town Centre of Kilmarnock would be made to the Local Committee, the date of this to be advised;
- (ii) to note that a report on skateboarding facilities in Kilmarnock would be made to the Local Committee pending the outcome of a Member/Officer Working Group on Playparks; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to circulate the information on bus services provided by the Director of Development Services to members of the Local Committee.

8.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.

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