

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN GATEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRLIE VIEW, GATEHEAD**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Mary Rose Muir, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Alison McCann, Robert Cook, and Ian McVey

**ATTENDING:** Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager (Educational and Social Services); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Helen Sinclair, Service Development Officer (Social Inclusion); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Colin Martin, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Named Substitutes Betty Smith and Geraldine Garland.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair reported, and it was noted, that Named Substitute Representative, Betty Smith had submitted her resignation from the Local Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting reconvened at 1409 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

**4.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted for information and noting the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 3 September 2002 (circulated).

**4.2 MATTERS ARISING**

**4.2.1 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/2003: Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club (Item 6(i)(e), Page 2736, 99/03)**

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club had submitted a letter dated 1 October 2002 to express its thanks for the Community Grant awarded to the group at the last meeting of the Local Committee.

**4.2.2 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/2003: Gateway Writers Group (Item 6(i)(a), Page 2736, 99/03)**

The Administrative Officer referred to the grant awarded to the Gateway Writers Group at the last meeting of the Local Committee and advised that, following further examination of the group's membership figures, it had transpired that a greater number of members of the group came from within the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area than originally thought and, as a result, a further grant award of £89.00 was recommended in respect of the group's application.

It was agreed that this matter be considered in terms of Item 5 on the Agenda.

**4.2.3 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/2003: Gatehead Community Council (Item 6(i)(b), Page 2736, 99/03)**

It was reported and noted that the amendment had been seconded by Councillor Linton and not by Councillor Walsh as stated in the Minute.

## **DECENTRALISATION**

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

5. The Local Committee received a presentation from Helen Sinclair, Service Development Officer on Community Planning.

The Officer then answered questions put by members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Officer for her interesting and informative presentation.

Thereafter, it was agreed to note that a copy of the presentation acetates would be circulated to Members and Community Representatives for information.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **EXTENSION OF KERBSIDE WASTE RECYCLING**

6. The Local Committee received a presentation from Robert Robb, the Council's Recycling Officer on proposals for the Extension of Kerbside Waste Recycling in the Grange area, Kilmarnock.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his presentation.

Thereafter, it was agreed to note that clarification be sought from the Director of Community Services as to whether or not the Piersland area would be included in the Extended Kerbside Waste Recycling Scheme.

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

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7. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2002 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

The Administrative Officer also reported verbally on an additional application for grant funding received from Crosshouse Community Council for expenses

associated with the planting of two trees. The Administrative Officer provided information on the assessment of this application.

It was agreed as follows:-

(i) **Applications Approved (for the purposes identified within the application), viz:-**

(a) Arts & Cultural

Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £89.00

(b) Leisure

Crosshouse Women's Rural Institute - £150.00

(c) Older People

Glebe Old Men's Cabin - £355.00

(ii) **Applications Continued (for the reasons given):-**

(a) Community Councils

Crosshouse Community Council - continued for further information on the possibility of the group obtaining suitable trees free of charge from the Dean Castle Country Park.

(b) Disability Groups

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - continued for further information on previous grants awarded to the group by the Local Committee.

(iii) **Applications Refused (for the reasons given):-**

(a) Early Education and Childcare

PEACE - no further contribution be made as £500 had already been awarded under delegated authority and in the light of both the Local Committee's limited budget remaining and the fact that two awards had been granted recently to the Gargieston branch of the group.

(b) Young People

Ayrshire North Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee - refused in the light of the Local Committee's limited budget remaining and the fact that the application had been received at a relatively late date when groups had already been made aware prior to the Jubilee year of the various types of funding available.

(iv) **Delegated Authority Award**

Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum - £244.45.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS BUDGET**

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 September 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for the information of the Local Committee, details of the way in which other Local Committees disburse their grants budgets, including the setting of priorities.

It was agreed that this matter be continued to the next meeting of the Local Committee, in order that Community Representatives could, in the meantime, discuss the matter with their individual groups.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during consideration of this Item.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION**

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2002 (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 on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Local Committee's concerns regarding the misuse of fireworks;
- (ii) that the Local Committee's thanks be extended to Constable Greg Dinnie for the excellent work done during his time as a Community Police Officer within the Local Committee area; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **ON-STREET PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE**

10. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the detailed proposals for on-street parking and residents' parking in Kilmarnock Town Centre and on the further consultations carried out in June and July 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the objectives and proposals of the on-street parking strategy as set out in Sections 3 and 4 of the report;
- (ii) to note the initial results of the public consultation exercise as set out in Section 6 of the report; and
- (iii) to note the Local Committee's concerns regarding the potential issue of residents' and visitors' permits within certain areas; difficulties which might arise due to displacement of cars to areas outwith the scheme, such as North Hamilton Street; and the issue of payment for parking briefly in the vicinity of the schools in the town centre in order to collect children.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the annual reports of the New Community School Initiatives in East Ayrshire.

**LOCAL ISSUES**

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

The undernoted item was identified as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) action taken/proposed by other Local Authorities, such as Dumfries & Galloway to deal with the problem of seagulls.

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.