

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Hugh Stirling, Maureen Brown, and Janet Smith; and Substitutes Noreen Lennon, Anne McKenzie, Cathy Mills and Alan Harley.

ATTENDING: Gerald Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Leslie Aitchison, Assistant Principal Trading Standards Officer; Morven Templeton, Environment Officer; Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager (Educational and Social Services); Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager (Homes and Technical Services); Deborah Brady, Policy Officer (Development - Homes and Technical Services); Martin Percy, Projects Co-ordinator (BNSF); Alan Murray, Team Leader (Support to Communities); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Allan, Housing Manager, Cunninghame Housing Association; and Sergeant Colin Martin, Community Policing, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives: Archie McKenzie and Dorothy McGowan and Substitute Representative: Sally Roy.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow a fifteen minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1420 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

ADDITIONAL ITEM/ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. At the request of the Chair, the Committee agreed:-
 - (i) to take 3 additional Community Grant assessments and a grant application from Onthank Community Association at Item 7 due to the timescale involved; and
 - (ii) in terms of Standing Order 19, to alter the order of business and consider the New Community Schools Annual Report as Item 4.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

4. There was submitted and noted report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Annual Report on the New Community School Initiatives in East Ayrshire.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on 17 September 2002 (circulated).

5.1 Matters Arising

5.1.1 Action Taken Against Tenants in Relation to Drug Trafficking/Other Serious Crime in the Area (Item 3.1.1, Page 2794, 99/03)

The Administrative Officer reported that a Public Meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 26 November 2002 at 1900 hours within the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, and PC Brian Darroch, Strathclyde Police, Drugs Education Officer would give a presentation and a representative of the Housing Service would attend to discuss their respective roles to deal with Drug Trafficking from Council Houses.

It was also reported that appropriate publicity would be circulated to Community Centres and local groups.

5.1.2 Safer Streets Policing Report (Item 7, Page 2796, 99/03)

Sergeant Colin Martin confirmed that it had not been possible to include the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund evaluation information in the Committee report.

Noted that a letter had been sent to all Elected Members and Community Representatives canvassing their views on any amendments to improve the style and content of Police reports. Noted that the Procurator Fiscal had advised that it would not be practical to provide an annual report of the number of drug cases for the Local Committee area dealt with by Strathclyde Police which had proceeded to conviction. Agreed that the Administrative Officer refer the request to the Scottish Criminal Records Office and the Scottish Executive's Statistics Department.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

6.1 **PRESENTATION BY CUNNINGHAME HOUSING ASSOCIATION ON THE FINDINGS CONTAINED IN THE WIDER ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT FOR LONGPARK (Item 5, Page 2366, 99/03)**

The Local Committee received a presentation from Alison Allan, Housing Manager, Cunninghame Housing Association, on the findings contained in the Wider Action Research Project for Longpark.

The Chair thanked the Housing Manager for her presentation.

Thereafter, it was agreed to note the presentation.

6.2 REPORT ON WIDER ACTION PROPOSALS, LONGPARK, KILMARNOCK

There was submitted a report dated 28 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on proposals for wider action in Longpark which responded to the findings contained in the Wider Action Research Project for Longpark, Kilmarnock, as detailed within the report.

Having heard Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Homes and Technical Services it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to note that a further report on progress would be brought to a future Committee meeting.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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7. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports in respect of six applications received for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

7.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Young People
 - (i) PEACE - Onthank - £470.00;
 - (ii) Ayrshire North Guide Association Golden Jubilee Committee - £38.70;
- (b) Early Education and Childcare
 - (i) New Farm Loch Parents and Under 5's Group - £760.00;

- (c) Leisure Activities

Declaration of Interest

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in the following Item and left the meeting.

- (i) East Ayrshire Gardening Club - £172.00 - subject to the condition that the Group's meeting venue allows suitable access for the disabled; and

The Chair re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (d) Sport

- (i) Onthank Football Club (Newlands Drive) - Agreed in principle, £600.00 - subject to the Administrative Officer checking the addresses on the membership list that all the members come from the Local Committee area.

7.2 **Additional Assessments (Tabled)**

- (a) Tenants/Resident's Groups

Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Group - £156.28;

(b) Community Associations

Longpark Community Association - £418.50 subject to the Administrative Officer checking the addresses on membership list that all the members come from the Local Committee area; and

(c) Early Education and Childcare

North West Kilmarnock Lone Parents Group - £500.00 subject to the Administrative Officer checking the addresses on the membership list that all the members come from the Local Committee area and subject to receipt of the original statement of accounts.

7.3 Onthank Community Association

The Administrative Officer reported that Onthank Community Association had requested a grant of £1,210.00 for a senior citizen's Christmas party.

It was agreed to remit the matter to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to deal with the application, in consultation with the Chair, subject to a satisfactory assessment report.

7.4 Applications Continued(a) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club - ENABLE - continued to request the Assessing Officer to clarify the appropriateness of recommending grant funding for the respite care element of the application.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT FOR "U" DIVISION**

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of Policing issues, 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 local Officer and advise the Police Liaison Officer accordingly;
- (ii) that the Administrative Officer write to Chief Superintendent Thomson, "U" Division, requesting that future reports include an assessment of crime trends - especially in relation to the shifting pattern of crime and that an evaluation of additional Police activities arising from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund be included in future reports; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXTENSION OF KERBSIDE WASTE RECYCLING

- 9. The Local Committee received a presentation from Morven Templeton, the Council's Environment Officer on proposals for the extension of kerbside waste recycling.

The Chair thanked the Environment Officer for her presentation, thereafter, it was agreed to note the contents of the presentation.

DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH WEST LEARNING CENTRE AND THE NORTH WEST YOUTH CENTRE

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 23 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of progress in the development of North West Learning Centre and North West Youth Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services be asked whether a public Library could be included in the development proposals; and
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services keep the Local Committee informed of progress with the building of the Learning Centre and the Youth Centre.

LOCAL ISSUES

11.1 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was agreed that a presentation on the Methadone Programme by the Head of Social Work and a representative of Ayrshire and Arran Health Board be made to a future meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.