

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives Carolyn Blyth, Ashley Bell, John Douglas, Iain Finlayson, Cathy Spicer, John McFadden JP and Nicola Grainger; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Jimmy Miller, May McMillan and Charlotte Rennie.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian McNeil and Kathleen Hall; and Community Representative Russel Hutcheson.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, 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 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

3.1 Minutes Of Previous Meeting

There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 4 September 2002 (circulated).

3.2 Matter Arising

3.2.1 Membership of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum

In connection with the item "Membership of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum" (Item 10, Page 2742, 99/02) it was noted that no nominations to represent the Local Committee on the Forum were put forward at the meeting.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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4. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) 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.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the applications), viz:-
- (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £192.00
 - (b) Disability
 - (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £1,050.00.
 - (c) Community Councils
 - (i) Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee - £280.00
 - (d) Young People
 - (i) PEACE - £191.00 It was also agreed to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to contact the group to ask why a playgroup was not held in Dunlop Village Hall when there were 24 children from the Northern Area requiring the facility.
 - (ii) Ayrshire North Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee - £212.85
 - (iii) Dunlop Primary School Parents Association - To approve in principle a grant award of £150.00 and to remit the application to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair to make arrangement for payment of the grant subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and thereafter advise the Committee of the decision.

It was also agreed that the group be advised that should a future application for funding be planned then they should ensure that the application form be submitted timeously and that the group should endeavour to fundraise for any planned events.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EXTENSION OF KERBSIDE WASTE RECYCLING

5. The Committee received a presentation from Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, on proposals for the Extension of Kerbside Waste Recycling.

It was noted that the new Kerbside Recycling Route will include the existing scheme in Fenwick, and areas of Stewarton and the Southcraigs area of Kilmarnock.

The Chair thanked Robert for his presentation.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

6. 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 for the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that future reports would include details of reported cases of vandalism; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

7. Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that there had been seven housebreakings within the Northern Area since the last report;
- (ii) vehicle crime had risen especially in the Stewarton and Kilmaurs areas;
- (iii) vandalism represented 14% of all crimes committed within the Northern Area, although this was still below the force average;
- (iv) 132 hours of additional patrols had been deployed at peak times to known "hot spots" in the Northern Area;
- (v) British Transport Police had also deployed resources in the Northern Area to patrol the rail network, and it was hoped to repeat this exercise in the future; and
- (vi) that there had been 34 reported incidents of public disorder, 13 incidents of drinking in public places; 59 Licensed Premises had been visited by Officers; and 2 Licence holders had been reported for Licensing Offences.

Community Representative Ashley Bell joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NORTHERN AREA (Item 4 (i) (e), Page 2469, 99/02)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current and proposed initiatives for young people in the Northern Area.

LOCAL ISSUES

9.1 Local Issues

There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

9.2 New Local Issues

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

It was noted that there were no items of local interest for inclusion on a future agenda, but Jimmy Miller, Substitute Community Representative asked if it would be possible to send correspondence to Community Councils via e-mail.

It was agreed that e-mail addresses would be provided within the list of Office Bearers for Community Councils which is circulated to all Departments of the Council and also to all Community Councils.

It was also noted that the idea would be raised at the forthcoming Annual Seminar for Community Representatives, to take place on 9 November.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.