

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2003 AT  
1405 HRS IN THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Frank Donnelly, Steve Brown, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham and Bill Howie; and Named Substitute Anne Scott.

**ATTENDING:** John Pickering, Area Manager; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Dorothy McAvoy, Childcare Partnership and Development Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jim Raymond and Named Substitutes Lilian Meikle, Joyce McCulloch and Grace Laing.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hrs to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1412 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance with Bill Howie, Community Representative joining the meeting during the question and answer session.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 17 September 2003.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- 4.1 **RESIGNATION/APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES (Item 4, Page 284, 03/07)**

The Administrative Officer reported and the Committee noted the resignations received from Loudoun Academy in respect of the Youth Representative and Substitute, Rachel Pritchett and Craig Glover.

The Administrative Officer then reported on new nominations received from Loudoun Academy of Gordon Thomson and Michelle McMillan as Community Representative and Named Substitute respectively.

The Committee agreed to approve these nominations.

The Committee further agreed to issue a letter of thanks to the departing Youth Representatives, and a letter of welcome to the new Youth Representatives.

#### 4.2 CCTV FACILITIES AT HURLFORD CROSS (Item 9(ii), Page 287, 03/07)

The Committee agreed that a report in respect of the effectiveness of the CCTV facilities at Hurlford Cross be submitted to the next meeting.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised Members on reported crime figures which related to the Irvine Valley area.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at 20 October 2003 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/04 together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was then agreed:-

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

(a) Environmental and Heritage

- (i) Darvel Parent Teachers Association - £2,500.00;
- (ii) Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council - The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of the application from the Community Council in respect of the installation and removal of their Christmas lights and electricity costs, together with insurance costs. The Group were seeking a grant of £638.82 towards a project cost of £688.82. The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award up to £500 towards payment of the erection/installation of the lights and electricity costs subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

(b) Leisure and Sport

- (i) Newmilns and Greenholm Friendship Club - £541.50.

(c) Older People

- (i) Age Concern, Hurlford - The Administrative Officer reported the details in respect of this application in respect of the organisation's annual Christmas purvey and refreshments for 200+ guests. The Group were seeking a grant of £1,000 towards a project cost of £1,705. The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed, in principle, an award of £700 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair.

(d) Miscellaneous

- (i) Irvine Valley Joint Community Council - £2,000

(ii) **Leisure and Sport: Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership****Declaration of Interest**

Councillors Macrae, Wilson, Finlayson and McDill declared an indirect non-pecuniary interest in this application.

The Assistant Administration Manager reported that the effect of the Declarations of Interest rendered the Committee inquorate and unable, therefore, to determine the application. Under the Scheme of Delegation the application would therefore be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

It was further reported that the Community Representatives present would be asked to give their views on the application at the conclusion of the meeting and would form part of the report submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee.

(iii) **Application No Longer Requiring Consideration**(f) Environmental and Heritage

- (i) Barr Castle Millennium Museum Heritage Society (Item 8(ii)(e), Page 113, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that the Committee, at its meeting on 4 June 2003, had deferred this application to a future meeting in order that the Group might investigate alternative sources of funding. It was further reported that the Group had now secured funding of £4,700 from Awards from All in respect of CCTV equipment in the museum. The Committee noted the position and that they were now no longer required to consider the application.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****STREET NAMING - DEVELOPMENT OFF KIRKLAND ROAD, DARVEL**

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested consideration of a name for a new street off Kirkland Road, Darvel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the new development off Kirkland Road, Darvel be named "Kirkland Park Court";
- (ii) to notify the Department of Homes and Technical Services accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **CHILDCARE PROVISION IN THE IRVINE VALLEY (Item 14, Page 144, 03/07)**

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Members of the Committee on the availability of, and demand for, childcare in the Irvine Valley.

#### **ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR CONTRACTS AND UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR NOTICES (Item 14, Page 288, 03/07)**

- 9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the introduction of a 12 month pilot scheme in the Irvine Valley on the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Unacceptable Behaviour Notices (UBNs).

### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was agreed to receive regular update reports at future meetings on the 12 month pilot scheme in the Irvine Valley on the use of ABCs and UBNs following the Committee's consideration of the previously requested report under Agenda Item 9.

The meeting terminated at 1605 hrs.