

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Iain Linton and John Campbell; Community Representatives Tom Cook, John McIvor, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Jean Churchhill, Ian McVey, Geraldine Garland and Mary Fraser.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Margaret MacBain, Team Leader (Community Learning and Development); Andrew Davidson, Technical Officer (Roads); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Andy McInne, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Linda Thomson, Esther Caldwell, and Mary Rose Muir and Named Substitute Alison McCann

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair advised that Mr Robert Jones of Grange Howard Community Council and Mrs Mary Rose Muir of Piersland Bentinck Community Council had resigned as Community Representatives on the Local Committee and, on behalf of the Local Committee, the Chair expressed his appreciation of the contribution made by them during their appointment. The Chair welcomed Mr Tom Cook and Mrs Jean Churchhill to their new roles as Community Representative and Named Substitute respectively and referred to the appointment of Mr Charles Calman as the new Community Representative for Piersland Bentinck Community Council.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for approximately 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting reconvened at 1427 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Community Representative Bryan Thompson who left the meeting during the open question and answer session.

**MINUTES****4.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 2 September 2003 (circulated).

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - DISBURSEMENT OF FUTURE GRANTS BUDGETS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Local Committee to consider a mechanism for the future disbursement of Community Grant funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in principle, to adopt the method currently used by the Irvine Valley Local Committee as outlined in section 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources submit a report to the March meeting of the Local Committee inviting the Local Committee to make a final decision on the categories/weightings to be applied in respect of the implementation of the new mechanism for the disbursement of grant monies;
- (iii) that future grant reports submitted in terms of the new procedure include, for the information of the Local Committee, details of previous awards made;
- (iv) to note that the implementation of the new procedure would focus on processing grants applications at the meeting to which they were initially submitted or at the next appropriate meeting, depending upon individual circumstances; and
- (v) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOCAL POST OFFICE - TITCHFIELD STREET, KILMARNOCK**

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals by The Post Office for the closure of the branch post office at 48 Titchfield Street in Kilmarnock and which invited the Local Committee to make appropriate representations to The Post Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Local Committee did not support the proposed closure of the Post Office at Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock on the grounds that it offered a valuable local service to a largely elderly population residing in the area and was also convenient to other users in terms of access to local transportation;

- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to request an early meeting between appropriate representatives of the Post Office and the Chair, Vice-Chair, Local Member and three Community Representatives, namely Mr Ian McVey of Piersland Bentinck Community Council, Mr Maurice Ashbridge of the Elderly Forum and Mr John McIvor of Gatehead Community Council, together with the Council's Business Development Manager, in order to put forward the view of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee as set out in (i) above; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

#### **LOCAL ISSUES**

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 October 2003 (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.

#### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

- 9. Community Representatives were invited to raise 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 report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) the future development of John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1512 hours.

