

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Beryl Graham, Dorothy McGowan, Hugh Stirling and Helen Milligan; and Substitute Representative: Noreen Lennon.

ATTENDING: Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Daniel Coffey; and Community Representatives Janet Smith and Kerri Anne Clark.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hours to allow a fifteen minute public question and answer session and to note that no items were raised.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representative and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2003 (circulated).

3.1 Matters Arising

3.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2003/2004 (Item 5.1.1, Page 271, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported that a meeting had been held with the Chairperson of the Federation of Kilmarnock North Community Groups to seek nominations to fill the outstanding vacancies and that Tom Stuart, Co-ordinator of the Northwest Youth Project and Margaret Docherty, Onthank Community Association had been proposed as potential nominees. In this regard, it was further noted that the Administrative Officer would report back with an update on the nominations to the next meeting on 4 February 2004.

3.1.2 Development of Northwest Learning Centre and Northwest Youth Centre (Item 11, Page 273, 03/07)

In relation to concerns about the current delay in the opening of the new facility, it was noted that the Chair would, on behalf of the Local Committee, write to the Director of Educational and Social Services to progress the matter.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with an individual assessment report in respect of the undernoted application.

The Administrative Officer reported that the Riding for the Disabled Association (Stewarton) had returned the majority of grant funding which amounted to £415.38 and accordingly, arrangements would be made for this amount to be included in the Local Committee's budget for 2003/2004. The Administrative Officer further reported that promotional material had been issued to all Community Groups within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee Area to encourage them to apply for Community Grant funding and arrangements had also been made to feature the promotional material in the Kilmarnock Standard and on West Sound Radio.

4.1 Application Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Social Inclusion

- (i) The Evergreen Club - £300.00.

CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. The Chair agreed in terms of Standing Order 19, to take the Safer Streets Policing Report at Item 8.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

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6. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place, during the period until 31 December 2004 and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of the meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee, as approved by Council, for the period until 31 December 2004;
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be as follows:-

<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Wednesday 4 February 2004	Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock
Wednesday 31 March 2004	Onthank Community Education Centre
Tuesday 25 May 2004	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 14 September 2004	Onthank Community Education Centre
Tuesday 9 November 2004	New Farm Loch Community Centre

LOCAL ISSUES

7.1 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was noted that there were no issues raised and Community Representatives were invited to advise the Administrative Officer accordingly should they wish to submit any items for future meetings.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of Policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and on-going initiatives over the preceding period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers;
- (ii) to request a report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services with input from the "U" Divisional Commander, Strathclyde Police, on how emerging crime trends have influenced local policy making within their service and to describe the plans each service has to try and bring the house break-in figures down in the Kilmarnock North area, to be discussed at a future meeting;
- (iii) to request that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager further explore with Strathclyde Police to publish figures on the Better Neighbourhood Services Funding of community safety initiatives for the Northwest Kilmarnock area;
- (iv) to request that the "U" Divisional Commander, Strathclyde Police, include public disorder statistics in future reports to the Committee;
- (v) to request the Director of Community Services to report back on implications of the Fireworks Act 2003 to a future meeting of the Local Committee; and

(vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Helen Milligan, Community Representative, arrived during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1427 hours.