

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN JOHN FULTON HALL, MAIN ROAD, FENWICK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John McGhee, Jim O'Neill and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Iain Finlayson, Charles Lindsay, Jim Miller, Cathy Spicer, Jean Brown and Fiona Andrew; and Named Substitutes: Barbara Wiseman, May McMillan and Alistair Thomson.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Bob McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner; Ray Bingham, Clinical Manager; and Dr Iain Richards and Dr David Richardson, Co-Chair's of East Ayrshire LHCC.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Maureen McKay; Community Representatives: Russel Hutcheson and Suzanne Legatte; and Named Substitutes: Mary White and Moya Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John McGhee, 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.

**PRESENTATION BY EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL HEALTHCARE CO-OPERATIVE (LHCC)**

3. The Committee received a presentation from Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC on the role of the organisation.

Members of the Committee then had the opportunity to ask questions of representatives of the LHCC. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Cathy Roarty and her colleagues for the very interesting and informative presentation and discussion.

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

4. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 17 September 2003 (circulated).

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

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5. There was submitted a report dated 3 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 2003/04, together with an individual assessment report (circulated) in respect of the application received.
- 5.1 **Application Approved** (for the purpose identified on the application), viz:-
- (a) Young People
- (i) Kilmaurs Brownies - £700.00.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **PLAYPARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which responded to a request from the Committee for information on the Playpark Improvement Programme in the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Administrative Officer would arrange for a copy of the approved priority order for playpark refurbishment covering each Ward within East Ayrshire to be circulated to Members of the Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

7. The Administrative Officer provided a verbal report which sought nomination of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed to nominate Mr Charles Lindsay as the Northern Area Local Committee's Representative to serve on the Community Safety Forum.

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

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 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.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **POLICE REPORT**

9. Sergeant Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) thefts from vehicles and garden sheds were on the increase with car stereos and garden equipment being targeted;
- (ii) the latest Safer Streets Campaign was targeting all forms of dishonesty;
- (iii) 15 detections had been made since the last meeting;

- (iv) one person had been charged with entering licensed premises while drunk;
- (v) one serious assault had taken place with one person being charged and others still to be detected;
- (vi) 23 road safety offences had been detected; and
- (vii) 3 road accidents had occurred involving drunk drivers.

It was also agreed that the Procurator Fiscal be asked to give a presentation to a future meeting on the Procurator Fiscal Services and in particular provide information on prosecution statistics in the Northern Area.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **MEETINGS OF NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2004**

10. There was submitted a report dated 6 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, subject to Council approval on 23 October 2003, during the period until 31 December 2004 and which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee, subject to the approval of Council, for the period until 31 December 2004 as detailed in Paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be Dunlop Public Hall (Thursday 15 January 2004); Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Centre (Thursday 11 March 2004); Kilmaurs Community Centre (Thursday 6 May 2004); John Fulton Hall, Fenwick (Thursday 26 August 2004); and Dunlop Public Hall (Thursday 28 October 2004).

## **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

### **11.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 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.

### **11.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the Forward Planner of Local Committee business, a report on Benefits of Broadband for the East Ayrshire Economy with particular reference to the difficulties experienced within the Northern Area in regard to obtaining Broadband Services.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.