

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2001 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Knapp and Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives John Timpany, Arthur Brown, Margaret Shaw, Winnie Campbell, Jim Bryan and Anne McRoberts; and Named Substitute Arthur Cowley.

**ATTENDING:** John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Muriel Reid, Quality Development Officer (Educational and Social Services); Jim Laing, Team Leader (Educational and Social Services); Mike Rooney, Team Leader, Pollution Control (Community Services); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Items 8 and 10 on the Agenda after consideration of Agenda Item 3.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours in order to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 3, Page 1688)**

4. It was reported (i) that Mrs Janice Miller and Mr Arthur Cowley had been nominated to represent Sports Groups as Community Representative and Substitute Community Representative respectively; and (ii) that Anne McRoberts had been nominated to represent Shortlees Community Association as a Community Representative.

It was agreed to approve the nominations received to date for the four mentioned community organisations.

## **MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5. There was submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 28 March 2001 (circulated).

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **SHORTLEES COMMUNITY HOUSE, 68-70 CAPRINGTON AVENUE, SHORTLEES - UPDATE**

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which updated the Local Committee on the proposals under consideration for the future use of the vacant properties at 68-70 Caprington Avenue, Shortlees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services provide a further report on any progress in respect of this matter to a future meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **OPENING HOURS OF LOCAL HOUSING OFFICES - RENT COLLECTION SERVICE TIMES (Item 14, Page 1511)**

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 3 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Homes and Technical Services which advised of a review of rent collection facilities at 64/66 Caprington Avenue, Shortlees, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Director of Finance would review the current cash collection service provided by the Local Housing Office;
- (ii) to note that, as part of the review process, the Director of Finance would seek the views of local representatives on the usage of the facility;
- (iii) that the Director of Finance present a further report to a future meeting of the Local Committee, for comments and consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002 - COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2001/2002, together with a summary statement relevant to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was further reported that a positive assessment had been received in respect of Friends of Bellfield for funding in connection with transport and a residential stay at Inverclyde for 30 pupils from Bellfield Primary School.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Arts and Cultural

Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir - £125.00

(b) Older People

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £100.00

(c) Young People

Friends of Bellfield - £1,000.00

(d) Sport

Dean Thistle Under 8's Football Club - £37.00

(ii) **Applications Continued**

(a) Arts and Cultural

Kilmarnock Gateway Writers and Southwest Writers - continued for further information on concerns raised in respect of membership of the groups.

### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP**

9. The Administrative Officer invited nominations for a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed to nominate Jim Bryan and Arthur Brown as the Community Representative and Substitute respectively to serve on the Council's Annual Seminar Working Group for Community Representatives.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

#### **10.1 OPERATION SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

#### **10.2 SAFER SCOTLAND INITIATIVE: "KNOW THE SCORE"**

The Police Liaison Officer provided information to the Local Committee on a new Safer Scotland Initiative entitled "Know the Score" launched on 14 May 2001 and due to run initially until 31 August 2001 and which would provide an inter-agency approach to enforcement, education and treatment issues surrounding drug misuse.

It was agreed to note that Strathclyde Police would be available to provide awareness-raising inputs to local groups upon request and that related enquiries should be directed to the Council's Police Liaison Officer.

**CONTROL OF DOG FOULING (Item 8, Page 1691)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 2 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of progress made in respect of the dog fouling initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in the light of the Local Committee's concerns on this issue, to request the Director of Community Services to prepare a report for consideration by the Community Services Committee examining the Dog Warden initiative currently in place within Angus Council; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

The undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) Road Safety, including the use of road safety signs, the suitability of current bus routes such as Tinto Avenue and safety issues surrounding the dropping-off and collection of children by school buses.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.

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