

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN
CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD,
CROSSHOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Robert Jones, Mary Rose-Muir, John McIvor, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey, Geraldine Garland and Robert Cook.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Melvin Griffin, External Funding Support Officer; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Andy Warnock, Team Leader (Support to Communities); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Named Substitute Alison McCann.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

Councillor Douglas Reid, Community Representative Robert Jones and Named Substitute Ian McVey joined the meeting during the question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1413 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 19 March 2002 (circulated).

3.2 MATTERS ARISING

3.2.1 Sederunt

It was agreed to note that Maurice Ashbridge had been in attendance at the meeting.

3.2.2 Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme

Consideration was given to the award of the remainder of Community Grant funding in the amount of £101.01 recommended by the Department of Educational and Social Services in respect of an application for two holidays for members of the group on 12-18 May 2002 and 8-13 September 2002.

It was agreed to award a further £101.01 to the group for the purpose identified within the application.

3.2.3 Gatehead Monday Club

Consideration was given to the award of the remainder of Community Grant funding in the amount of £996.00 recommended by the Department of Educational and Social Services in respect of an application for annual hall fees, day trip to Stirling in April 2002, domino and bowling tournament and Christmas party.

It was agreed to award a further £996.00 to the group for the purpose identified within this application.

3.2.4 St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the community grant application from St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour had been withdrawn by the group.

3.2.5 96th Ayrshire Cub Scouts

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the community grant application from 96th Ayrshire Cub Scouts had been withdrawn by the group.

3.2.6 Local Committee Grant Scheme - Allocation for 2002/2003

The Committee heard a verbal report by the Administration Manager on the way in which the Council determined the distribution of grant funding to individual Local Committees. The Committee was advised that the Council's approach was on a needs basis, targeting the most in need and vulnerable utilising available statistics. The elements taken into account included consideration of overall population, elderly population, deprivation, clothing and footwear grants, rural population and non-Coalfield SIP designations.

The Administration Manager advised that the Council reviewed the formula annually and would take into account any new statistics or data provided by the Scottish Executive in determining the distribution of grant funding. It was confirmed that the Council's Policy and Resources Committee was responsible for determining the distribution of grant funding to individual Local Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Administration Manager's submission; and
- (ii) that, if possible, further information would be provided on the source of the figure of 10% attributed to those areas not part of the Coalfield SIP.

Councillor Walsh joined the meeting during discussion of this Item.

3.2.7 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2002/2003

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that a nomination had been received in respect of John Donaldson to continue to act as a Community Representative on behalf of Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association.

It was agreed that Mr Donaldson be appointed to the Local Committee as Community Representative until 31 March 2003.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANT: CHANGE OF PURPOSE

4. The Administrative Officer reported on receipt of a request from the Runabouts Mother and Toddler group for a change of purpose in respect of a Community Grant awarded to the group in October 2001.

It was agreed to permit the group to utilise the grant monies in question for the purchase of two pieces of carpet and some small toys.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSESSMENT FORM/COMMITTEE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on a new assessment form which would form the basis of the Local Committee report on grants commencing from the current cycle of Local Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of the new assessment form/committee report; and
- (ii) to note that the new process would be reviewed after an operational period, when the views of the Local Committee would be invited.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2002 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations in 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

It was further reported and agreed to consider community grant applications received from Piersland Bentinck Community Council for expenses associated with the purchase of computer equipment; Crosshouse Senior Citizens Club for interior and exterior redecoration of the club house; Crosshouse Friendship Club for a bus trip to Morecambe, Christmas party and Christmas dinner; Gatehead Ladies Club for an annual trip, theatre trip, hall fees, craft demonstrations and stationery/bingo books, etc; and Bonnyton Thistle Football Club for football strips for two teams, travelling costs associated with tournaments and training equipment as early decisions were required. The Administrative Officer provided information on the assessment of these applications.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purpose as identified within the application), viz:-**
 - (a) Early Education and Childcare
PEACE (Gargieston) - £500.00;
 - (b) Leisure Activities
Bonnyton Social Committee - £1,600.00;

- (c) Older People
Springhill Place Pensioners - £700.00;
Rosebank Senior Citizens Club - £108.00;
 - (d) Sport
Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £330.00;
Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club - £483.00;
Crosshouse Boys Club - £600.00; and
 - (e) Young People
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £600.00.
- (ii) **Grant Monies Returned**
Wellpark Action Group - £8.09
Wellpark Neighbourhood Watch - £21.60
 - (iii) **Delegated Authority Award**
Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club - £142.50

6.1 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1513 hours for a maximum of ten minutes to allow members present to give consideration to the assessment information reported in respect of additional community grant applications from the undernoted groups.

Councillor Walsh left the meeting at this point.

6.2 RECONVENTION OF MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 1520 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Walsh who left the meeting following the adjournment.

It was further agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purpose as identified within the application), viz:-**
 - (a) Community Councils
Declaration of Interest
Community Representatives Linda Thomson and Mary Rose Muir and Named Substitute Ian McVey declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Piersland Bentinck Community Council.
Piersland Bentinck Community Council - £550.00;
 - (b) Older People
Crosshouse Senior Citizens Club - £360.04, subject to the Club being in a position to confirm its ownership of the premises in question, or this not being the case, appropriate lease of the premises;

Named Substitute Ian McVey left the meeting during consideration of this application.

(c) Leisure Activities

Crosshouse Friendship Club - £401.00;

Gatehead Ladies Club - £800.00; and

(d) Sport

Bonnyton Thistle Football Club - £1,000.00.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on external funding opportunities which might be appropriate for community and voluntary sector groups in the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

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

It was agreed that Linda Thomson and John McIvor represent the Local Committee on the Working Group as its Community Representative and substitute respectively.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the proposed arrangements for training sessions for Community Representatives and their respective Named Substitutes.

It was agreed to note that any Community Representatives or substitute representatives who might wish to attend either of the training sessions indicated in paragraph 5.3 of the report should contact the Training and Development Officer to indicate their preferred date.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

10. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

The Police Liaison Officer further reported that a meeting had been held on 3 May 2002 with representatives of Burns Mall Security, the Town Centre Management Initiative and Community Policing to discuss disorder and antisocial behaviour within the Kilmarnock town centre, the outcome of which had been positive and had

resulted in an undertaking by Strathclyde Police to commit a second Community Police Officer to this area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the issue of speeding traffic and parking within the Rennie Street/Elmbank Drive/Loanhead Road area of Kilmarnock be referred to Strathclyde Police for any necessary action; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

11.1 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

The undernoted items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of future reports to the Local Committee:-

- (i) concessionary travel arrangements;
- (ii) the operation of dial-a-bus within the Kilmarnock area; and
- (iii) areas of new residential developments, such as Porter Place in Kilmarnock, which appeared to be outwith the 30mph speed limit area.

The meeting terminated at 1605 hours.

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