

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2002 AT 1403 HOURS IN
LONGPARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, INNELLAN DRIVE,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre (Chair), Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Hugh Stirling, Dorothy McGowan, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie and Janet Smith; and Substitutes Anne McKenzie, Cathy Mills and Sally Roy.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader (Support to Communities); Christine Renwick, Assistant Housing Manager, Homes and Technical Services; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Alan Harley, Substitute Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours to allow a 15 minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1408 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives 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 19 March 2002 (circulated).

3.1 Matters Arising**3.1.1 Local Committee Community Grants Scheme 2001/02 (Item 5, Page 2461, 99/02)**

It was noted:-

- (i) that the 96th Ayrshire Cub Scouts had withdrawn their application continued at the last meeting;
- (ii) that the undernoted applications had been awarded funding in accordance with the specified delegated authority:-

Ritchie Court Neighbourhood Watch	-	£ 330.00
50's Club, New Farm Loch	-	£ 700.00
Dean Thistle Under 8's and Under 9's	-	£ 873.95
Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club	-	£ 578.38
Onthank Football Club Under 11's (Hunter Centre)	-	£ 60.59

New Farm Loch Youth Project - £1,959.00

- (iii) that the Northwest Disablement Club (Kilmarnock) had been awarded £500.00 under delegated powers; and
- (iv) that the remaining balance for 2001/02 was £298.19.

3.1.2 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2002/2003 (Item 4, Page 2460, 99/02)

It was noted that the Community Representative for the Northwest Youth Project, Ms Arlene Lindsay had resigned from the organisation and that details of a replacement Representative from the organisation would be advised to the Administrative Officer in due course.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME: CHANGE OF PURPOSE (Item 7.1, Page 2367, 99/02)

- 4. The Administrative Officer reported and it was agreed to a request from the Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group for a change of purpose of a community grant of £65.00 awarded on 5 February 2002 from purchase of a portable soft play set to purchase 2 new pieces of carpet and a few 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 which advised on the introduction of a new assessment form which formed the basis of the Local Committee report on grants commencing from this cycle of Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of the new assessment form/Committee report;
- (ii) to note that the new process would be reviewed after an operational period, when the views of the Local Committee would be invited; and
- (iii) to request that, in future assessment reports, an explanation be given by the Assessing Officer where the recommended amount differs from the amount requested.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised on the financial position in respect of community grants to local organisations for 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Administrative Officer also provided a verbal update on completed Officer assessments in respect of Bentinck Elderly Social Club, Evergreen Club and Northwest Bowling Club.

It was agreed:-

6.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Early Education and Childcare
 - (i) Jelly Tots Mother and Toddler Group - £800.00;
- (b) Older People
 - (i) Rosebank Senior Citizens Club - £179.00;
 - (ii) Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £36.00;
- (c) Women's Issues
 - (i) Evergreen Club - £800.00; and
- (d) Sport
 - (i) Crosshouse Boys Club - £200.00;

6.2 Application Refused

- (a) Sport
 - (i) Northwest Bowling Club - It was agreed to refuse the application on the ground that the application for a security fence was considered an inappropriate use of community grant funding.
Janet Smith, Community Representative declared a direct non pecuniary interest in the above item.

6.3 Application Awaiting Assessment

The Administrative Officer advised that an application had been received from Onthank Men's Club which was being assessed and the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair, to determine the application, subject to a satisfactory assessment report.

VARIATION OF BUSINESS

- 7. The Chair agreed to vary the order of business and to take the Safer Streets Policing report as Item 12.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

- 8. The Administrative Officer advised that the Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed not to make any nominations to the Annual Seminar Working Group.

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 which advised on proposed arrangements for training sessions for Community Representatives and their respective Named Substitutes.

It was agreed that any Community Representative/Substitute Representative who wished to attend the training sessions should contact the Training and Development Officer.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT OFF STRAWBERRYBANK ROAD, KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to consider names for one street within a new development off Strawberrybank Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street as Townhead Gardens within the new development off Strawberrybank Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) to advise the Director of Homes and Technical Services accordingly.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

ACTION TAKEN AGAINST TENANTS IN RELATION TO DRUG TRAFFICKING/OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES IN THE AREA (Item 7, Page 2462, 99/02)

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which advised on the number of Notification of Intent's issued in relation to drug trafficking/other serious crimes in the area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Police Liaison Officer to make a joint presentation to the New Farm Loch Community Council and Northwest Kilmarnock Community Council to discuss measures to combat drug trafficking/other serious crimes from all Housing within the Kilmarnock North area;
- (ii) that an update be given to a future meeting on the outcome of the Notification of Intent Notices which had been issued; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of Policing issues,

operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Police Liaison Officer had clarified that funds allocated to Strathclyde Police in East Ayrshire from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund were being used to provide additional high visibility foot patrols in Northwest Kilmarnock and Shortlees and Riccarton and these patrols were designed to reduce crime and the fear of crime;
- (ii) to request that a more detailed analysis of the crime trends be included in future Committee reports; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 13.** The Administrative Officer requested Community Representatives to consider any items for inclusion on a future Agenda as a local item.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Police Liaison Officer to identify the most appropriate method of regularly reporting on measures to combat drug trafficking within the Local Committee area; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives be requested to forward any proposals for a local item to the Administrative Officer as soon as possible.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.

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