

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS
IN MOSCOW LEISURE CENTRE, MOSCOW**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Harry Wilson and Finlay MacLean, Community Representatives Frank Donnelly, Frank Dawson and Bill Howie.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader (Support to Communities) and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robert McDill; Community Representatives Nancy Mair, Isobel Loudon, Steve Brown, Grace Laing, Karen Love, and Sheila McNulty; and Named Substitutes Aniela Miller and Lilian Meikle.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - NEWMILNS PRE-FIVE GROUP

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional Community Grant application from Newmilns Pre-Five Group as part of Item 11 of the Agenda, as an early decision was required.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

Councillor Wilson joined the meeting during the question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 10 April 2002.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003

5. Following the report by the Administrative Officer of the receipt of a nomination of Mrs Sheila McNulty to continue to act as a Community Representative on behalf of Crookedholm Community Association, the Committee agreed to appoint Mrs McNulty for the period until 31 March 2003.

The Committee also agreed the appointments of Frank Dawson as Community Representative and Rita Gilmour as Named Substitute for Galston Community Council following the report of their nominations.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Local Committee of the proposed arrangements for training sessions for Community Representatives and their respective Substitutes.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

7. The Administrative Officer invited nominations for a Community Representative and a Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group and it was agreed to continue consideration of the item to the next meeting.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANT TO HURLFORD AND CROOKEDHOLM PLAYGROUP 2001/2002 (Item 7, Page 2503, 99/02)

8. There was resubmitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Local Committee (i) of a Community Grant award to Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup where the costs incurred in their project was less than the amount approved, but where the remainder of the grant was not returned to the Council; and (ii) which requested that the Local Committee consider how to deal with this matter. It was further noted that this matter had been continued by the Local Committee on 10 April 2002 in order that the organisation might provide an explanation with regard to £30 of the grant money not accounted for as well as details of their current financial situation. The organisation had now responded and this was attached as Appendix A to the report. The organisation had also advised that their current bank balance was £2,756.59.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the award to Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup where the costs incurred on the project were less than the amount approved, and the circumstances as outlined by the Group leading to their utilisation of the remaining grant monies;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to write to the Group requesting the return to the Council of the £30 of the grant money not accounted for; at the same time the Group were also to be advised that the Local Committee viewed seriously the utilisation of the grant for items not agreed by the Committee; and that although no action on the matter was being taken this time the situation was not to be repeated in respect of any future grant award; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANT TO RUNABOUTS MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

9. The Administrative Officer reported that a request had been received 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSESSMENT FORM/COMMITTEE REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the new assessment form which would form the basis of the Local Committee report on grants commencing from this cycle of Local 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) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

11. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of allocations as at 20 May 2002 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations 2002/2003, together with summary statement relating to the value of grants within the new categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications (all circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) **Applications approved** (for the purpose specified in the application):-

- (a) Environmental and Heritage

Galston Community Council - £1,500.00;

- (b) Leisure and Sport

Crosshouse Boys Club - £133.00;

Galston Jubilee Fun Day Committee - The Administrative Officer reported the details of the application in respect of a Fun Day to be held on 3 August 2002. The Group were seeking from the Council a grant of £2,000.00 towards an estimated project cost of £7,130.00. The Group had applied to Awards for All for £4,250.00 with the Group proposing to fund the remaining costs themselves, and through donations. The application had not been formally assessed. However, the Assessing Department indicated that this looked a good local event promoting Galston, and was suggesting an award of £1,000.00 from the Local Committee would be reasonable, as there was scope for the Group to reduce some elements of the application.

The Committee then agreed in principle an award of up to £1,300.00 should the Group require this, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment, and subject to appropriate match-funding being in place and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

(c) Older People

Darvel Old Folks Trip Committee - £1,000.00

(ii) **Application Refused**

(d) Young People

Darvel Childminding Group, on the grounds that this was a commercial enterprise.

(iii) **Additional Item**

(e) Young People

Newmilns Pre-5 Group - The Administrative Officer reported receipt of the application in respect of a Summer Trip to Loudoun Castle Park on 13 June 2002 with 39 adults and 44 children attending. The application was in respect of entrance fees. Having noted that the application had not been assessed the Committee agreed in principle an award of £237.00 subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that arrangements in this regard be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT (“U” DIVISION)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 May 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.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

13. There were no issues of interest raised for inclusion on a future Agenda by Community Representatives.

The meeting terminated at 1503 hours.

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