

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS
IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, 46 MAIN STREET, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson, Ashley Bell, Russel Hutcheson and Catherine Spicer and Named Substitutes Mary White, May MacMillan and Jimmy Miller.

ATTENDING: John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Support to Communities; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Katie Hall; and Community Representatives Carolyn Blyth, John McFadden, JP; and John Douglas; and Named Substitute Lorna Beattie.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, 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 1423 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 noted, Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 20 March 2002 (circulated).

3.2 Matters Arising

3.2.1 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2001/2002

In connection with the item "Local Committee Grants Scheme 2001/02" (Item 4 (ii), page 2469 99/02), it was noted (i) that a grant of £140 had been paid to Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee (Community Transport Scheme charge); (ii) that a grant of £554.04 had been paid to Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre; and (iii) that a grant of £1,000 had been paid to Stewarton Annick Football Club following receipt of satisfactory assessment reports and satisfactory bank statement from Stewarton Annick Football Club.

3.2.2 New Local Issues

In connection with the item "New Local Issues" (Item 13.2, page 2472 99/02) noted the undernoted information provided by the Director of Community Services:-

- (a) In the case of CCTV there were no plans to extend the system in the North Area since crime levels did not warrant new systems. Stewarton and Kilmaurs already had CCTV and this had recently been upgraded. These systems were now connected directly to Kilmarnock Police Office by fibre optics, and were monitored in real time;
- (b) Litter collection on trunk roads was the responsibility of East Ayrshire Council. It is carried out on a regular basis, but not at set times. Lay-bys receive more attention than verges since they can be dealt with in relative safety unlike verges which required a road closure. The frequency was largely dictated by the amount of litter which had been dumped.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT: CHANGE OF PURPOSE

5. The Administrative Officer reported on a request for a change of purpose of a Community Grant awarded to the Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group in January 2002. The grant was originally for portable soft play set, "sizzlin" kitchen, wooden toddler trucks and bricks and mat sets.

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

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which introduced the 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

7. There was submitted reports dated 29 April and 10 May 2002 (circulated) 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 agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications approved** (for the purpose identified in the applications), viz:-
 - (a) Community Associations
Fenwick Community Association (Gala week) - £750.00
The Dunlop and Lugton Park Association - £500.00
 - (b) Community Councils
Kilmaurs Community Council - £1,573.90

It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- "The equipment should be made available for use by other Voluntary Groups within the Northern Area".

(c) Sport

Fenwick Community Association/Fenwick Tennis Club - £2,000.00

It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- "That the grant be awarded on condition that funds are granted from SportsScotland and that appropriate insurance and planning permission for the project is obtained".

Onthank Football Club Under Elevens - £42.41

Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £92.00

Crosshouse Boys Club - £133.00

It was also agreed to request the Director of Educational and Social Services to provide a report to the next meeting of the Local Committee on the criteria for Voluntary Sector Grants.

Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club - Noted award of £72.50 granted under delegated authority following a satisfactory assessment by the Director of Community Services

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOOTBALL PITCH IMPROVEMENTS

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on external funding opportunities for football pitch improvements.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

9. There was submitted and noted 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 for the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

10. John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that since the last report 48 crimes had taken place within the Northern Area i.e. Stewarton 29; Fenwick 5; Kilmaurs 11 and Dunlop 3. Over 40% of these being acts of vandalism;
- (ii) a number of juveniles had been carrying out acts of vandalism at Kilmaurs, Lainshaw and Dunlop Primary Schools;
- (iii) three house breakings had taken place and a television set had been stolen from Nether Robertland Primary School;

- (iv) ten car crimes had taken place in the area, with no distinct pattern to the crimes making detection difficult;
- (v) Kilmaurs and Stewarton had experienced problems with youth disorder, in particular under age drinking; and
- (vi) in Kilmaurs a lady with senile dementia had been the target of a bogus workman entering her house and stealing a sum of money.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the legal requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 with particular reference to Council owned properties, and of the approach being adopted by East Ayrshire Council to address these requirements.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/NAMED SUBSTITUTES 2002/2003

12. There was submitted a report dated 2 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of recruitment for a Tenants/Residents Representative and Substitute, and a verbal report by the Administrative Officer on a Youth Representative and Substitute, to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period to 31 March 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations of John McFadden, J P and William Gibson, as the Tenants/Residents Association Community Representative and Substitute respectively and Nicola Granger and Charlotte Rennie as the Youth Representative and Substitute, respectively, to serve on this Committee for the period to 31 March 2003; and
- (ii) to note the current position in relation to outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitutes for the Elderly Forum and Disability Forum.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

13. The Administrative Officer reported that nominations were sought for a Community Representative and Named Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group during the period from the present to 31 March 2003.

It was agreed that Catherine Spicer and Ashley Bell, Community Representatives, would serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group during the period to 31 March 2003.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

14. 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 Substitutes.

It was agreed to note that any Community Representatives/Substitute Representatives who wished to attend either of the training sessions indicated in paragraph 5.3 of the report should contact George Weir, Training and Development Officer to indicate their preferred date.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUNDING

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Funding received from the Scottish Executive to establish additional essential skills services for people with literacy and numeracy difficulties.

NAMING OF STREETS

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DRAFFEN FARM, STEWARTON

16. There was submitted a report dated 15 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources requesting the Committee to consider a name for a development at Draffen Farm, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the street within the new housing development at Draffen Farm, Stewarton, be Draffen Mount; and
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 17.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 17.2 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 planning of Local Committee business a report by the Director of Educational and Social Services on school sports pitches or other pitches regularly used by schools and how these pitches may be accessed by local sports groups.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.

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