

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2003 AT 1400 HOURS
IN HURLFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CESSNOCK ROAD, HULFORD**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Isabel Loudon, Steve Brown, Jessie Graham, Bill Howie and Janice Speirs and Named Substitutes Les Pittams and Joyce McCulloch.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Raymond and Community Representative Aniela Miller.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

3. The Administrative Officer reported and the Committee noted the resignation of Rita Gilmour as the Substitute representative, Galston Community Council. The Committee then approved the nomination of Aniela Miller as Community Representative (previously substitute) for the Disability Forum and Colin Templeton as the Substitute Youth Representative.

HOUSING

TENANTS' INFORMATION SERVICE PRESENTATION

4. The Committee received a presentation by Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager for the Tenants' Information Service on the work of the organisation and its efforts to encourage Tenant Participation, particularly in light of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

Elected Members and Community Representatives then had the opportunity to ask questions on Tenant Participation. Thereafter the Chair thanked Sharon Donohoe for her presentation.

Councillor McDill joined the meeting during the presentation.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 26 March 2003.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised on the nature and results of Policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that community representatives identify any local problems which might be addressed by local officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The Committee further noted that Claire Morrison, Community Police Officer had been appointed for the area.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2003/2004 - BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2003/2004

7. There was submitted a report dated 26 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Committee (i) of the grant allocation for 2003/2004; and (ii) of the current spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed: -

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Local Committee for 2003/2004 was £26,817.00;
- (ii) to express the Committee's view that the block sum allocated by the Council to the Community Grant Scheme should have risen by more than the rate of inflation; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2003/2004

8. There was submitted an updated report dated June 2003 (circulated at the meeting) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at June 2003 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2003/04, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

The Administration Manager, following a request by the Chair, provided the background to, and an explanation of the current method of disbursement of grants adopted by the Local Committee.

It was then agreed:-

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

(a) Disability

Kilmarnock Forum on Disability - £920.00;

Archway Phab Club - the Team Leader, Educational and Social Services reported the details of the application in respect of transport costs, hall lets and insurance. The Club were seeking a total grant of £1700.00. This was a cross boundary application. The assessing Department (Educational and Social Services) was recommending that the application be approved.

The Committee agreed to approve its cross-boundary portion of the application based on membership details and remitted the processing of the application to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair following receipt of information on membership details from the assessing department.

(b) Environmental and Heritage

Darvel Improvement Group - £1100.00;

Galston Community Council (Hanging Baskets) - £1550.00, and that it be remitted to the Administration Manager to ensure that the Group re-used their previous containers.

Galston Community Council (Christmas Lights) - £2,000.00 following report by the Administration Manager in respect of (i) the level of grant support sought; (ii) the Committee's previous consideration on applications for Christmas lights; (iii) the option of encouraging such applicants to build up their equipment over a number of years; and (iv) the option to defer to next meeting.

(c) Leisure and Sport

Westpark Gymnastics Club - £217.37;

Dean Thistle Boys Club - £80.00;

Newmilns Ladies Social Club - £250.00;

Bonnyton Thistle Football Club - £62.50;

(d) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £500.00;

Newmilns Pre-5 Group, following issue of new assessment - £800.00;

PEACE (St Columba's/Loanhead) - £214.00; and

Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup - The Committee noted an award of £150.00 had been made under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with

the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee. The Committee then agreed a further award of £50.00.

(ii) **Application Deferred**

(e) **Environmental and Heritage**

- (i) Barr Castle Millennium Heritage Museum Society - The Administration Manager reported the details of the application in respect of the installation of CCTV equipment in the Museum. The group were seeking a total grant of £4,700.00. The assessing Department (Community Services) was recommending a total grant award of £4700.00. The Committee then agreed, due to the scale of the funding required, to defer the application to a future meeting of the Committee in order that the Group, with the support of the Council's External Funding and Sustainability Officer, might investigate alternative sources of funding, whilst conveying at the same time the Committee's support for the project.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

**COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - NEWMILNS AND GREENHOLM
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

9. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional Community Grant application from Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council, as an early decision was required.

The Administrative Officer reported the details of the application in respect of the Community Council's Gala Week in August, The Group were seeking a total grant of £2,000.00 towards a project cost of £3,600.00. The application had not yet been assessed.

The Committee then agreed in principle an award up to £2,000.00, subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment and that payment of the grant be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DATES AND VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10. The Committee noted that the next two meetings of the Local Committee would take place on 17 September 2003 and 12 November 2003 and remitted the consideration of venues for the Meetings to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

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

No nominations were received.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed the Committee of the response by the Council to the Scottish Executive consultation document "Working and Learning together to build stronger Communities: Community Learning and Development working draft guidance", and of the change in name of the service known as Support to Communities to Community Learning and Development.

STREET NAMING

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT AT MAIN STREET/CASTLE STREET, NEWMILNS

13. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested that the Committee consider naming a Street at a new development at Main Street/Castle Street, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the Street within the new development at Main Street/Castle Street, Newmilns "John Law Close";
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to receive a report at a future meeting on the Council's plans to address a perceived increase in the need for child-care facilities in the Irvine Valley.

The Meeting terminated at 1645 hours.