

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MAY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM , COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Iain Linton and John Campbell; Community Representatives Robert Jones, Mary Rose Muir, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Mary Fraser and Alison McCann.

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Dot Grieve, Assistant Principal Officer (Communities); Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Allan McFadyen, Strathclyde Passenger Transport representative; and Sergeant Clark, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Named Substitute Ian McVey.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME**

3. The Local Committee received a presentation from Allan McFadyen of Strathclyde Passenger Transport on the operation and implications of the Concessionary Travel Scheme, this matter having been raised as a local issue by the Committee in May 2002.

Elected Members and Community Representatives then had the opportunity to ask questions on the Concessionary Travel Scheme. Thereafter, the Chair thanked the representative of SPT for his presentation.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 18 March 2003 (circulated).

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004: BUDGET ALLOCATION

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the Local Committee's grant allocation for 2003/2004 and the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the grant allocation for the Local Committee for 2003/2004 was £17,667.00; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

There was also submitted an updated report dated 23 May 2003 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, together with further assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications from Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin, Crosshouse Friendship Club and Bonnyton Thistle Football Club.

There were further submitted assessment reports (circulated at the meeting) in respect of Kilmarnock Forum on Disability, Bentinck Elderly Social Club, Rosebank Senior Citizens Club, South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum and Bonnyton Social Committee.

It was agreed as follows: -

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purposes identified with the application), viz: -**

- (a) Community Council's

Crosshouse Community Council - £810.00 subject to submission of appropriate quotes by the group and that it be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair to process.

- (b) Disability Groups

Stroke Club Outing Travel Scheme - £300.00;

St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) - £450.00 (the Administrative Officer having provided an update on the group's bank balance);

Riding for the Disabled (Stewarton Group) - £333.00; (the Administrative Officer having provided an update on the group's bank balance); and

Kilmarnock Forum on Disability - £920.00.

(c) Leisure Activities

East Ayrshire Gardening Club - £135.00; (the Administrative Officer having provided an update on the group's bank balance); and

Bonnyton Social Committee - £1000.00.

(d) Older People

St Michael's Friendship Club - £289.00;

Springhill Place Pensioners Club - £785.70;

Gatehead Monday Club - £800.00;

Crosshouse Old People's Welfare Association

Councillor Reeves, seconded by Councillor Cree, moved approval of the application in the amount of £2000.00.

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved as a amendment approval of the application in the amount of £1000.00.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 3 votes to 2;

Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin - £440.00;

Crosshouse Friendship Club - £380.00;

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £217.57;

Rosebank Senior Citizens Club - £139.00; and

South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £105.00.

(e) Sport

Westpark Gymnastics Club - £2391.01;

Hurlford Boys and Girls - £166.28; and

Hurlford Thistle Amateur Football Club - £147.86 subject to submission of the group's up-to-date bank balance and that it be remitted to the Administration Manager in consultation with the Chair to process; and

Bonnyton Thistle Football Club - £812.50

(g) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £500.00

(ii) **Applications Remitted**(a) Early Education and Childcare

PEACE (Gargieston) - £1821.00 in principle, subject to consideration of further assessment information to the satisfaction of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee; and

PEACE (St Columba's/Loanhead) - £1179.00 in principle, subject to consideration of further assessment information to the satisfaction of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee.

(iii) **Application Refused (for the reasons given)**(a) *Environmental*

Wellpark Action Group - on the grounds that the project would have limited efficacy given that the removal of gulls' nests and proofing of buildings would also require to be involved and that the project would be likely to have the effect of transferring the problem to another area. The Committee recommended that the group liaise further with the Council's Department of Community Services in connection with future proposals to address the issue of seagulls.

(iv) **Local Committee Grant Balance**

The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that, following the above decisions, the balance available was £1,545.08.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****DATES AND VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

7. The Administrative Officer reported that the next two meetings of the Local Committee would be held on Tuesday 2 September 2003 and Tuesday 29 October 2003 and invited the Local Committee to give consideration to appropriate venues for the meetings.

It was agreed that the meetings on 2 September 2003 and 29 October 2003 take place within Gatehead Community Centre and Crosshouse Community Centre, respectively, subject to availability of these venues.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES****SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 May 2003 (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.

**EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES****COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the Scottish Executive document "Working and Learning together to build stronger Communities: Community Learning and Development Working Draft Guidance" and on the change of name of this service formerly known as Support to Communities and now entitled Community Learning and Development. This item was raised by the Local Committee as a local issue in January 2003.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP**

- 10.** The Administrative Officer invited nominations for a Community Representative and substitute to serve on the Community Representative 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.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

- 11.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

No items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.