

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2003 AT 1400 HRS
IN STEWARTON ANNICK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE,
STANDALANE, STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Jim O'Neill and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson, Ashley Bell, Jim Miller, Jean Brown, Charles Lindsay and Catherine Spicer; and Named Substitutes Mary White, May McMillan and Alistair Thomson.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John Stokes, Area Housing Manager; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services; Jim Stafford, Quality Development Officer, Department of Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police; and Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager, Tenants Information Service.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Maureen McKay.

CHAIR: Councillor John McGhee, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

TENANTS INFORMATION SERVICE

3. The Committee received a presentation from Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager for the Tenants Information Services 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.

It was agreed that an update on the service be brought back to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

It was also agreed to request a report to be submitted to a future meeting from the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the recent introduction of Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation and the implications for East Ayrshire.

MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 19 March 2003 (circulated).

4.2 MATTERS ARISING

4.2.1 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/03

In connection with the item "Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/03" (Item 6.1[a][i], page 3151, 99/03), it was noted that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources had responded, in writing, to concerns over the decision of the Education Committee to defer the application for Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee to the Northern Area Local Committee and the possibility of the Northern Area Local Committee being reimbursed with funds from the Education Committee for the payment of this grant.

Councillor Young read out the letter to the Committee and following discussion, it was agreed to note that Local Committees would be kept informed on the review of the various funding schemes operating within the Council.

In connection with the item "Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/03" (Item 6.2[a][i], page 3152, 99/03), it was noted, following consultation with the Support Officer for the Rascals, that the group would not be disadvantaged at present and that if different circumstances occurred with the group in future then they would re-apply to the Local Committee Grants Scheme.

4.2.2 New Local Issues

In connection with the item "New Local Issues" (Item 12, page 3154, 99/03), it was noted that it would not be possible to use Stewarton Academy as a venue for future meetings of this Committee as there was no suitable room or car parking available.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

AYRSHIRE NORTH GUIDE ASSOCIATION GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

5. The Administrative Officer reported on a request from the Ayrshire North Guide Association to transfer £42.72, being the balance of the award made by this Local Committee and Kilmarnock North Local Committee in November 2002, to the Stewarton and District Guide Group in recognition of the use of their premises for all meetings held to organise the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

It was agreed to permit the group to transfer the funds accordingly.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/04 - BUDGET ALLOCATION

6. 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 2003/04 and the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Committee grant allocation for the Local Committee for 2003/04 was £19,400; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/04

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/04, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications.

There were also submitted assessment reports (circulated at the meeting) in respect of Kilmarnock Forum on Disability and John Knox Toddlers. There was further submitted at the meeting, a verbal report in respect of PEACE (Dunlop).

It was noted that applications for Archway PHAB Club and Kilmarnock Portland Football Club had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

It was agreed as follows:

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the applications), viz:-**

Councillor O'Neill left the meeting at this point.

- (a) Arts and Cultural

EAR Productions - £957

Councillor O'Neill rejoined the meeting at this point.

- (b) Community Councils

Fenwick Community Council - To agree in principle to making an award of £200 but that following reference by Community Representative May McMillan to a John Fulton Trust, that it be remitted to the Administration Manager, in consultation with the Chair, to investigate the possibility of an award to the group from this Trust instead, failing that to process the application.

- (c) Disability

Kilmarnock Forum on Disability - £920

- (d) Early Education and Child Care

John Knox Toddlers - £2,000

- (e) Sport

Dean Thistle Football Club (the Administrative Officer having provided an update on the group's bank balance) - £105

Westpark Gymnastics Club - £304.31

- (f) Young People

PEACE (Gargieston) - £147 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.

PEACE (St Columba's/Loanhead) - £321 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.

PEACE (Dunlop) - Following recommendation of £1,000 and consideration of assessment information in regard to total cost of project, unit cost per child, parental contributions, level of fund raising, duration and content of summer playscheme - £1,000

Councillor Young left the meeting at this point.

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 which advised of 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

9. Sergeant Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) there have been no reported incidents of severe assaults and acts of car crime and vandalism had reduced;
- (ii) the Police had been active in local schools;
- (iii) 149 crimes have been recorded with a 63% detection rate;
- (iv) 94 windows had been broken at Lainshaw Primary School on 8 May 2003 with no detection having been made to date; and
- (v) in respect of car crime issues, older cars being targeted.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Chair on behalf of the Local Committee write to the British Transport Police (BTP) raising public safety concerns that the CCTV cameras in place at Kilmaurs Train Station were apparently not being monitored effectively and to ascertain the operational procedures applied by BTP (including response times etc) in this regard.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DATES AND VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10. The Administrative Officer reported that the next two meetings of the Local Committee would be held on Wednesday 17 September 2003 and Wednesday 22 October 2003 and invited the Local Committee to give consideration to appropriate venues for the meetings.

It was agreed that the meetings on 17 September and 22 October take place within Kilmaurs Community Centre and John Fulton Hall, Fenwick, respectively, subject to availability of the venues.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on (i) the outcome of recruitment for a Community Representative and Named Substitute for Moscow and Waterside Community Council; and (ii) a change of Community Representative and Named Substitute for the Youth Forum to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the nomination of Jean Brown as the Moscow and Waterside Community Council representative and Suzanne Leggate and Moya Farrell as the Youth Representative and Named Substitute respectively, to serve on this Committee for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004; and
- (ii) to note the current position in relation to outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

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

It was agreed that Catherine Spicer and Ashley Bell represent the Local Committee on the Working Group as its Community Representative and Substitute respectively.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the Scottish Executive consultation document "Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities: Community Learning and Development Working Draft Guidance" and on the change of name of the Service known as Support to Communities to Community Learning and Development.

DRUG EDUCATION IN THE STEWARTON ACADEMY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the drug education strategies being implemented in the schools of East Ayrshire with particular reference to the Stewarton Learning Partnership. This item was raised by the Local Committee in March 2003.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

LAINSHAW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR GRANT 2003/04

15. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which sought approval for an annual operating grant for the period 2003/04 for Lainshaw Residents' Association.

It was agreed to approve the Lainshaw Residents' Association's request for a grant of £100 from the Housing Revenue Account.

NAMING OF STREETS

NAMING OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DRAFFEN MOUNT, STEWARTON

16. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to consider a name for a new housing development at Draffen Mount, Stewarton.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the name of the new housing development at Draffen Mount be "Stane Brae";
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) to note that Stewarton and District Community Council would consider retaining the name "Draffen" for any future development at Draffen Mount, Stewarton.

LOCAL ISSUES

17. 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 this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

18. 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 planner of Local Committee business a report by the Director of Development Services on Economic Development and Regeneration in the Northern Area.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hrs.