

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE CENTRE, STANDALANE, STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Ian Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Russel Hutcheson, George Paterson and Margaret Lees; and named Substitutes Mary White, Jimmy Miller, Lorna Beattie and David Porter.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Len Paget, Principal Engineer; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader (Educational and Social Services); Brian Weadon, Area Engineer; Sandra Marshall, Development Officer; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Community Learning Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: William Prendergast, Chief Inspector and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Carolyn Blyth, John Douglas and John McFadden JP.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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 was reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 1 November 2000 (circulated).

In connection with the item: Children's Service Plan 2001/2004 (Item 10, Page 1348, 99/02) it was reported and noted that Carolyn Blyth, Community Representative had been appointed to the Community Representative's Forum for the development of the next three year Children's Service Plan and that Simon Quig, Youth Forum Representative had been appointed to the Children's Service Plan Youth Forum.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME 2000/2001**

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance, in terms of the Community Grant Scheme
 - (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purposes identified in the applications), viz:-

(a) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £870;

(b) Heritage

John Knox Church, Stewarton - In respect of this application the Committee agreed that it would consider the retrospective grant application by John Knox Church, Stewarton on the grounds that in this case, the works required to stabilise the church steeple and clock repair were urgent, to prevent further deterioration to the structure and clock and that an award of £950.00 be made in respect of the application i.e. the clock.

(c) Leisure Activities

Fenwick Carpet Bowling Club - £65;

(d) Social Inclusion

Children's Holiday Project - £117.60;

(e) Sport

Annanhill Junior Golf Club -The Committee noted the action of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair in granting an award of £98 to Annanhill Junior Golf Club. It was agreed that a further award of £19.00 be made.

and

(f) Young People

Kilmaurs Brownies - £650.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME, 1997 - PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the programme for the second review of the East Ayrshire Community Council Scheme, 1997.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives in the preceding eight week period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer would:-
 - (a) raise the concerns expressed on the alleged use of illegal substances on public transport, namely trains, with the British Transport Police;
 - (b) establish if the section of the report relating to "supplying offences" of drugs could be broken down into categories of drugs i.e. hard or soft;

- (ii) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted, to Strathclyde Police (Spotlight) initiatives to Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer at Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU or Sergeant John Ramage at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORTS

7. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that a person had been charged in relation to several motor offences (car crime) in Stewarton;
- (ii) that Dunlop and Fenwick crime figures were low;
- (iii) that the principle problem in Kilmaurs was disorder nuisance at The Cross and appropriate action was being taken by Strathclyde Police; and
- (iv) that reported house-breaking in the Northern Area remained low compared to East Ayrshire as a whole.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community Council representation described in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to amend the Community representation by replacing the current membership of the Local Business Community with the category of Church Forum with Stewarton Council of Churches being the representative organisation in the first year;
- (iii) that all denominational churches in the Northern Area would be informed of the Committee's decision and would have an opportunity to submit nominations in year 2002/2003 provided the Church forum retained its membership on the Committee; and
- (iv) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources would initiate the process for the submission of nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes from the undernoted organisations to serve during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate that process.

Moscow & Waterside Community Council	Church Forum
Dunlop & Lugton Community Council	Community/Residents' Association
Fenwick Community Council	Disability Forum
Kilmaurs Community Council	Elderly Forum
Stewarton & District Community Council	Youth Forum

Councillor Ann Hay left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LIGHTING OF NON-ADOPTED FOOTPATH AND OTHER WORKS IN LAINSHAW, STEWARTON

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the progress of lighting of the non-adopted footpath between 62 Morton Road and David Dale Avenue and on lighting the garage site to the rear of 37 Morton Road.

2001/2002 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

10. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways 2001/02 for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and which sought approval of "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of roads and footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2001/2002 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways;
- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by a reduction in programme in an equitable manner.

NAMING OF STREETS/DEVELOPMENTS

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OFF OLD GLASGOW ROAD, STEWARTON

11. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested a name for a street within a proposed development off Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the street within the proposed development off Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton be Eastburn Place; and
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised accordingly.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

KILMAURS WINTER YOUTH PROJECT

12. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and the Director of Corporate Resources which sought endorsement of potential funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to support a youth development project in Kilmaurs.

It was agreed to endorse the proposal for potential funding for the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund described in paragraph 3 of the report, for the Kilmaurs Winter Youth Project.

REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE'S SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of the Council's Review of Social Inclusion Implementation Arrangements.

Councillors Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

LOCAL ITEMS

14. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which sought approval of the submission dates for the list of Local Committee item issues as detailed within an Appendix to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission dates on the list of Local Committee item issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that the local item relating to the Council's role and responsibilities within designated conservation areas would include reference to the heavy goods vehicle traffic travelling through Dunlop; and
- (iii) that in respect of the item relating to Scotrail/Railtrack's visit it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair to investigate possible options and the format of the meeting.

Councillor Ann Hay re-joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1524 hours.

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