

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, WEST MAIN STREET, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Jessie Graham, Frank Donnelly, Sheila McNulty and Karen Love; and Named Substitutes Joyce McCulloch, Frank Dawson, Bill Howie, and Timothy Johnston.

ATTENDING: John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Eddie O'Connor, Assistant Principal Communities (Acting); John Roxburgh, Parks and Cemeteries Officer; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Kerr Chalmers and Matt Glover, Senior Engineers (Roads); Bill Samson, Technical Officer (Roads); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Nancy Mair, Isobel Loudon, Bill Pattison and Steve Brown and Named Substitute Lilian Meikle.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 14 November 2001.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Local Committee of the financial position in respect of the Community Grant applications received this financial year in terms of the Community Grants Scheme and which presented options for dealing with outstanding Community Grant applications received since the last meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position with regard to the budget being fully expended this financial year;

(ii) to deal with the applications received as follows:-

(a) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - Continue to next financial year for consideration as it was noted that this application was being reassessed following new information which had come to light;

(b) Early Education and Childcare

Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group - Continue to next financial year for consideration.

(c) Social Inclusion

Kilmarnock Family Support Group - Continue to next financial year for consideration.

(d) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - Continue to next financial year for consideration.

In respect of the continuation of the above applications it was agreed that up-to-date bank balances be sought.

(iii) to note that Newmilns and Galston Band had now withdrawn their application and would be reapplying next financial year; and

(iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Finlay MacLean joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT OF BURN ROAD, DARVEL

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 December 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources requesting that the Local Committee consider naming a street within a new development of Burn Road, Darvel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street within a new development off Burn Lane "Matthaburn Lane"; and
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 2002 (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 Local Committee for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community Representation as detailed in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) to retain the current make-up of Community Organisation representation on the Local Committee, viz:-
the 5 Community Councils; Crookedholm Community Association; Forum on Disability; Elderly Forum; Youth Forum and Pre-5's;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and result of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and advising of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Superintendent Thomson would arrange to meet with the Chair regarding the suggestion that graffiti/vandalism be the subject of a "Spotlight" operation; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

JUST BIN IT CAMPAIGN 2002

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Local Committee of the Just Bin It Campaign 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council wished to build on the success of previous clean-up campaigns;
- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in improving links with Community Organisations with an interest in improving the quality of their local environment; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PLAYPARK PROVISION (Item 15, Page 2082, 99/02)

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's proposals for the upgrading of Playpark provision across East Ayrshire and which sought comments on the proposals specifically relating to the Local Committee area. It was further noted that this particular issue had been raised as a Local Issue by the Local Committee on 19 September 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Head of Leisure Services would take comments on the proposals at the meeting and up to the end of February from community organisations; and whilst allowing for this provision to note the undernoted stated position to date with regard to local communities' feedback:-
 - (a) Darvel - supported the proposals generally whilst noting that the Hutchison Drive facility would be upgraded rather than merely replaced;
 - (b) Newmilns - did not support the proposal to remove the Clearmount site. Alternative proposal put forward that the Clearmount site be upgraded and that the Teenage Sports Wall not be provided at Jamieson Park. Upgrades at Jamieson Park and Greenside sites otherwise supported;
 - (c) Galston - supported the upgrading of Portland Park but not the provision of a Teenage Sports Wall; supported upgrade of the Sorn Road site but noted the temporary removal of this site left the east of Galston without playpark provision until the upgrade was completed; and
 - (d) Hurlford/Crookedholm - the Community Council were arranging a Special Meeting before the end of the month to consider the matter and submit its proposals. Generally, a playpark in Richardson Park was supported, and a Teenage Sports Wall would be welcomed for this area.
- (ii) that the comments/suggestion under (i) be put forward for further consideration by the Council's Working Group; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ADVISORY 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS (TWENTY'S PLENTY)

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (i) which advised the Local Committee of the results of a national trial programme of advisory 20 Mph Speed Limits in residential areas; (ii) which advised the Local Committee that authorisation had been sought from the Scottish Executive to maintain the advisory 20 mph speed limits at the three trial sites in East Ayrshire; and (iii) which sought suggestions from the Local Committee for possible 20 mph zones to be investigated and considered for future works programmes.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the National Advisory 20 mph speed limit trials and that the three sites in East Ayrshire were considered a success;
- (ii) to suggest potential 20 mph sites based on the principles set out in Paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of the report as follows:-
 - (a) John Morton Crescent, Darvel;
 - (b) Barward Road and Catherine Drive, Galston;

- (c) Drumleyhill, Hurlford;
 - (d) Masonsholm, Newmilns; and
 - (e) Glebe Road through to Cemetery Road, Galston.
- (iii) to note that Community Councils/Groups could submit further suggested sites until 22 March 2002; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

2002/2003 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (i) which advised the Committee of the 2002/2003 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “Inescapable” Schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) which sought the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that 2002/2003 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 reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Arising from discussion of the report it was noted that Matt Glover would arrange to meet the Local Member regarding progress of works on the Standalane Street/Barward Road, Galston flooding issues.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING PLANS - PROGRESS REPORT ON PILOT INITIATIVE

12. There was submitted a report dated 24 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed the Local Committee of the progress that has been made in relation to developing pilot community learning plans in this area of the Council. It was noted that a copy of the community learning plan had been issued with the Agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to ask that the Director of Educational and Social Services continue to report progress to the Local Committee; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 13.** There were no issues of interest raised for inclusion on a future Agenda by Community Representatives.

It was noted that the Youth Representatives' would report any feedback from Loudoun Academy on the proposals to erect a tower at the roundabout at Galston.

The meeting terminated at 1605 Hours.