

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Lilian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Robert Jones, Mary Rose Muir, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell and John Donaldson; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Maurice Ashbridge.

ATTENDING: John Griffiths, Head of Leisure; Felix Wright, Area Manager, Outdoor Services; James Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Senior Engineer (Roads); John Trakalo, Senior Engineer; Bill Samson, Technical Officer (Roads); Andrew Warnock, Team Leader (Support to Communities); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Douglas Reid and Community Representative Linda Thomson.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a 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

3.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted for information and noting, the Minute of the meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 30 October 2001 (circulated).

3.2 MATTERS ARISING

3.2.1 Venues for Future Meetings

It was noted that meetings of the Local Committee to be held on 19 March 2002 and 14 May 2002 would be held in the Grange Academy (S&R Wing) and Crosshouse Community Centre respectively.

3.2.2 Local Committee Grants Budget Allocations

The Administrative Officer confirmed, and it was noted that the Council, at its meeting on 6 April 2000, agreed to the distribution of finance for the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme on the basis of a formula which took into account a number of elements, including the number of people aged 60 and over living within each Local Committee area.

3.2.3 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2001/2002: Cessnock Club

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the group had received alternative funding and that this application had now effectively been withdrawn.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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4. There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was further reported that a Community Grant application had been received from St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) for expenses associated with a Group holiday for disabled members.

The Administrative Officer also reported, and it was noted, that the total value of grants set out in the schedule in respect of young people should read "£600.00" and not "£120.00", as stated.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-**
- (a) Early Education and Childcare
The Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group - £270.00
 - (b) Older People
St Joseph's Retirement Club - £130.00
 - (c) Sport
Kilmarnock Portland Boys Club - £750.00
- (ii) **Applications Continued**
- (a) Social Inclusion
Kilmarnock Family Support Group - continued to the next meeting for further information on any possible duplication or over-provision of service within this area.

(b) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - continued for further consideration in the next financial year given the current budgetary position of the Local Committee.

(c) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - continued to the next meeting for clarification on the purpose of the grant and any necessary technical assessment required.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

NAMING OF STREET BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT AT GLEBE ROAD, KILMARNOCK

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 December 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to consider names for one street within a new development at Glebe Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the new development at Glebe Road, Kilmarnock be named Glebe Court; 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 7 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 representation from the same organisational sectors currently represented on the Local Committee, viz:-
 - Community Councils
 - Elderly Forum
 - Disability Forum
 - Youth Representation
 - Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association
 - Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches; and

- (iii) that it be remitted 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 a report dated 7 January 2002 (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 on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend that the issue of commercial fly-tipping within Kilmarnock and that of dog fouling, particularly within the Meadowbrook Estate, Kilmarnock, be considered as possible topics for future Spotlight initiatives; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ADVISORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS (20'S PLENTY)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the national advisory 20mph speed limit trials and that the three sites in East Ayrshire were considered a success;
- (ii) to recommend that the following sites be considered as potential 20mph sites, subject to meeting the appropriate criteria set out in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of the report, viz:- appropriate roads in the vicinity of St Columbas and Loanhead Primary Schools and Kilmarnock Academy; Fairlie View, Gatehead; and Glen Orrin Avenue, Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) to note that any further, individual submissions in respect of this matter should be forwarded to the Director of Development Services no later than 22 March 2002.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

2002/2003 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

9. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 2002/03 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and sought the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2002/03 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; and
- (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.

LOCAL ISSUES

10.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2002 (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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission proposals on the list of Local Committee item issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

10.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Community Representatives were invited to raise any 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PLAYPARK PROVISION

11. 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. The particular issue of skateboarding facilities was raised as a local issue by the Local Committee on 4 September 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend that the Council's Working Group consider the following proposals, viz:- (a) the retention of playpark provision for toddlers and juniors at Bellevue Road, Bonnyton; (b) provision of a playpark for toddlers and juniors at Glen Farrer Way, Kilmarnock, as well as provision for teenagers at Glenafton Court, Kilmarnock; (c) toddler and junior playpark provision at Piersland Park; and (d) refurbished playpark provision at Gatehead;
- (ii) to note that, in the light of the fact that no priority areas had been identified for the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area within 2002/2003, community organisations could submit any further suggestions directly to the Director of Community Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.

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