

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2002 AT 1405 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling, Dorothy McGowan, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie and Janet Smith; and Substitute Anne McKenzie.

ATTENDING: John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alistair Wyper, Chief Engineer, Roads; John Roxburgh, Parks and Cemeteries Officer; Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Homes and Technical Services; Deborah Brady, Policy Officer (Development), Homes and Technical Services; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, Community Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Roads; Bill Samson, Technical Officer, Roads; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Social and Educational Services; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: John Watt, Procurator Fiscal, Kilmarnock; Superintendent James Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Jim Richmond, Strathclyde Police Liaison Officer; and Tom Barclay, Head of Housing and Community Services, Cunninghame Housing Association Limited.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey; and Norah McCabe, Substitute Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed to take a presentation on the interim results of the Wider Action Survey as an additional item after Item 4, due to the timescales involved.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hours to allow a 15 minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1420 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

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4. The Chair introduced Mr J Watt, Procurator Fiscal, Kilmarnock, to the meeting.

The Procurator Fiscal referred to the statistics contained in the report on Safer Streets considered by the Committee on 13 November 2001. He confirmed that out of 71 individuals charged with "supplying offences", the outcome was 4 reports

received by the Procurator Fiscal's Office which resulted in 3 convictions and one case awaiting trial.

The Procurator Fiscal explained that the onus was on Strathclyde Police to produce sufficient weight of evidence and the preparation of evidence for serious "supplying offences" relied on forensic testing. As a result it was not uncommon for there to be a delay in processing of cases to conviction which could take between 6 to 11 months.

Superintendent Thomson explained that there were a further 6 reports awaiting results of analysis and the delay in obtaining forensic analysis was due in part to the sheer volume of case work and Strathclyde Police was already examining the possibility of introducing "presumptive testing" to speed up production of forensic evidence.

Following discussion, in which Members and Community Representatives were able to ask questions, it was agreed to request the Procurator Fiscal and Strathclyde Police to jointly consider the feasibility of developing a way to keep the Local Committee informed of the number of cases which resulted in a conviction within its geographical area.

WIDER ACTION SURVEY - INTERIM RESULTS (Item 3.1.2, Page 2218, 99/02)

5. The Chair introduced Tom Barclay, Head of Housing and Community Services, Cunninghame Housing Association Limited, who gave a presentation on the interim results of the Wider Action Survey.

Following discussion, after which Members and Community Representatives were able to ask questions, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the presentation;
- (ii) to request the Director of Homes and Technical Services to report to a future meeting, of the final results of the survey; and
- (iii) to request Community Representatives to contact the Policy Officer, Homes and Technical Services on any views they may have on the interim results by 22 February 2002.

MINUTES

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6. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on 13 November 2001 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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7. There was submitted a report dated 21 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 agreed:-

7.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

(a) **Early Education and Childcare**

- (i) The Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group - £65.00;
- (ii) New Farm Loch Playgroup - Agreed in principle to award £1,000.00 subject to the Group pursuing funding from the Child Care Partnership;

(b) **Leisure Activities**

- (i) Knockinlaw Disco Dancers - To note that an award of £250.00 had been made under delegated powers;

(c) **Community Associations**

- (i) Longpark Community Association - To note that an award of £366.00 had been made under delegated powers;

(d) **Older People**

- (i) New Farm Loch Lunch Club - To note that an award of £300.00 had been made under delegated powers;
- (ii) St Joseph's Retirement Club - £78.00;

(e) **Sport**

- (i) Kilmarnock Portland Boys Club - £250.00; and

(f) **Young People**

- (i) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £600.00.

7.2 **Applications Continued**

(a) **Disabled**

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - continued to obtain a revised assessment in relation to the reimbursement of the cost of repair work incurred by the Group;

(b) **Early Education and Childcare**

- (i) Bumble Bees - continued to determine if there is any over provision for Mother and Toddler Groups operating within the same premises; and

(c) **Social Inclusion**

- (i) Kilmarnock Family Support Group - continued to investigate if alternative funding sources were potentially available.

7.3 **New Application Form and Request to Groups to Apply for Remaining Funds**

The Administrative Officer advised of the launch of a new application form and guidance notes to access Council funding sources, including community grants.

Applications were being sought from all groups operating within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area in respect of the unallocated balance of funding for 2001/2002.

To this end, a letter had been issued to all voluntary and community groups who had applied for funding for 2001/2002 to encourage them to apply again for funding.

It was agreed to welcome this initiative and to note that the application form had been circulated to all Community Representatives.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 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 that as the New Farm Loch Community Initiative had been wound up as of 31 January 2002 there was a vacant organisational sector and otherwise to note the present community representation as detailed below:-

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Northwest Community Council	Mrs Beryl Graham	Mrs Noreen Lennon
New Farm Loch Community Council	Mr Matt Donnelly	Mrs Agnes Gerrard
Kilmarnock Disability Forum	Dorothy McGowan	-
Northwest Youth Project	Ms Arlene Lindsay	-
Northwest Drugs Project	Mr Archie McKenzie	Mrs Anne McKenzie
Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Mrs Janet Smith	Ms Norah McCabe
Atrium Tenants Group	Ms Maureen Brown	Mrs Cathy Mills
Young Person Representative	-	-
Vacant		
Allies	Mr Hugh Stirling	-

and;

- (ii) 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)

9. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of policing issues,

operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation and advise the Police Liaison Officer accordingly; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PLAY PARK PROVISION

- 10.** 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 play park provision across East Ayrshire and which sought comments on the proposals specifically relating to the Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposals for the Local Committee's area; and
- (ii) to request Community Representatives to lodge any further comments with the Head of Leisure Services by 28 February 2002.

JUST BIN IT CAMPAIGN 2002

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised 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 work of the Officers Working Group to strengthen links with community organisations with an interest in improving the quality of their local environment;
- (iii) to request the Director of Community Services to consider the possibility of a litter pick-up initiative at Baird Road/Baird Place being included in the campaign; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ADVISORY 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS (TWENTY'S PLENTY)

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised of the results of a national trial programme of advisory 20 mph speed limits in residential areas; (ii) intimated that authorisation be sought from the Scottish Executive to maintain the advisory 20 mph speed limits on the three trial sites in East Ayrshire; and (iii) 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 3 sites in East Ayrshire were considered a success; and
- (ii) to request that Community Representatives identify potential 20 mph sites based on the principles detailed in the report and advise the Head of Roads and Transportation of any suggestions by 22 March 2002.

2002/03 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 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 which sought Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 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; and
- (iii) to note any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

KILMARNOCK, KILMAURS ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

14. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of proposals for the provision of traffic calming and pedestrian facilities on Kilmaurs Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to implement the traffic calming and pedestrian facilities on Kilmaurs Road, Kilmarnock, as detailed in the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING PLANS PROGRESS REPORT ON PILOT INITIATIVE

15. There was submitted a report dated 24 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the progress that had been made in relation to developing Pilot Community Learning Plans in this area of the Council.

It was agreed:-

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

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW FARM LOCH

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress to date in relation to establishment of a youth work support body for New Farm Loch.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the establishment of this youth project in New Farm Loch;
- (ii) to request the Director of Educational and Social Services to report progress to the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 17.** Community Representatives were invited to identify any items for reporting at future meetings for inclusion on a future Agenda and it was noted that there were no items raised.

The meeting terminated at 1639 hours.

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