

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp, Alan Campbell and Jane Darnbrough and Community Representatives Margaret Shaw, Winnie Campbell and Janice Miller.

ATTENDING: John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads); Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Alan Murray, Team Leader (Educational and Social Services); Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Kate Todd, Health Development Officer; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads); and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Eric Young, Kilmarnock Football Club Community Coach.

APOLOGIES: John Timpany, Jim Bryan, Arthur Brown and Anne McRoberts, Community Representatives.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1408 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 noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 7 November 2001 (circulated).

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

3.1.1 Payment Collection Services at 64/68 Caprington Avenue, Shortlees, Kilmarnock

Arising from a query from Councillor Darnbrough regarding the above, it was agreed that a further report regarding any further developments on an enhanced local service would be reported to a meeting of the Local Committee at the appropriate time.

3.1.2 Local Issues

It was reported and noted that paragraph 2, line 2 "Rugby Park Football Club" should read "Kilmarnock Football Club".

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2001/2002, together with a summary statement relevant to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Older People

Bellfield Senior Citizens - The Committee noted that an award of £500 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

Leisure and Pleasure Club - The Committee agreed:- (i) to note that an award of £140 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee; and (ii) to make a further award of £60.

St Joseph's Retirement Club - £33.00

(b) Early Education and Childcare

Riccarton Pre-5 Group - The Committee agreed:- (i) to note that an award of £400 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee; (ii) to make a further award of £123.00; and (iii) to advise Councillor Campbell where the group's equipment was stored.

(c) Young People

2nd Caprington Rainbows - The Committee agreed:- (i) to note an award of £80 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee; and (ii) to make a further award of £230.

East Ayrshire Youth Association - £600.00

(d) Sport

Kilmarnock Portland Boys Club - £350.00

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PLAYPARK PROVISION

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Local Committee of 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 agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals for Kilmarnock South detailed in Appendix A of the report; and
- (ii) to propose that a teenage sports wall form part of the proposals for their local area.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations, local crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (CHIP VAN) PROJECT

7. The Committee received a presentation from Kate Todd, Health Development Officer, on the Community Health Improvement Project.

Background information was circulated to the Local Committee and the Chair thanked Kate Todd for her presentation which was both interesting and informative.

Councillor Darnbrough left the meeting during the presentation.

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.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 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) that, owing to the difficulties in obtaining a Community Representative and Substitute Representative for the Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association, the provision for this organisational sector be deleted and investigations be made

regarding other suitable organisational sectors which might be represented on the Local Committee;

- (ii) owing to the difficulty in recruiting a Community Representative and Substitute Representative from local Secondary Schools to represent Young People, that arrangements be made to explore the feasibility of recruiting a nominee from the 18-25 year age group;
- (iii) that the status-quo apply in respect of the following community organisations, viz:- Bellfield Community Council, East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability, South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum, Sports Groups, Shortlees Community Association, Churches, Early Education and Childcare and Pre-5 Representative; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2002/2003 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

- 10.** 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 Programme for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) which sought the Local 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 Programme 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.

ADVISORY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT (20’S PLENTY)

- 11.** 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 the national trial programme of advisory 20mph speed limits in residential areas; (ii) which advised the Local Committee that authorisation had been sought from the Scottish Executive to maintain the advisory 20mph speed limits at the 3 trial sites in East Ayrshire; and (iii) which 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 3 sites in East Ayrshire had been considered a success; and

- (ii) that any proposed locations within the Kilmarnock South area identified as potential 20mph sites based on the principles set out in paragraph 6.2 and 6.3 of the report would be forwarded to the Director of Development Services by 22 March 2002.

LOCAL ISSUES

12.1 YOUTH COACH

The Committee received a presentation from Eric Young, Kilmarnock Football Club Community Coach on the development work which was being undertaken and outlined the impact that this work was having on the local area.

Background information was circulated to the Local Committee and the Chair thanked Eric Young for his presentation which was both interesting and informative.

12.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed to note that no items of local interest had been forthcoming.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.

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