

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2003 AT
1400 HRS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE,
GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM**

PRESENT: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond and Finlay MacLean; Community Representatives Frank Donnelly, Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham and Bill Howie; and Named Substitute Joyce McCulloch.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Cathy Buckley, Community Worker; Sandra Marshall, Project Officer; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Robert McDill; Community Representatives Isobel Loudon, Steve Brown and Janice Speirs and Named Substitutes Aniela Miller and Grace Laing.

CHAIR: Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

1. The Committee received a video presentation on road safety entitled "Cameras Cut Crashes" by Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership.

The Chair advised that any Community Representatives' organisations who wished to make use of the video could contact the Administration Manager.

Community Representative Frank Dawson joined the meeting during the video presentation.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

2. The Chair, at her discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 5.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider the Safer Policing report as the next item on the Agenda.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 January 2003 (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 of forthcoming initiatives.

Community Representative Frank Donnelly joined the meeting at this point.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

4. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1415 hrs to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 13 November 2002.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - SETTING LOCAL
PRIORITIES FOR 2003/04**

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided an interim monitoring report on the current method of prioritising the grant allocation for the year, as adopted by the Local Committee at its meeting on 10 April 2002.

It was agreed:

- (i) to continue with the current method of grant prioritisation for the next financial year 2003/04 including the existing grant categories and weightings applied, in order that a fuller picture of this method could be achieved;
- (ii) thereafter to receive a report on the merits of the system, at the last meeting of the next financial year, ie February 2004; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2002/03

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of percentage allocation as at 20 January 2003 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations 2002/03, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee as well as individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was agreed:

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

- (a) Leisure and Sport

Hurlford Boys and Girls Football Club - The Administrative Officer reported the details of the application in respect of the purchase of 7-a-side and 11-a-side goals and nets. The Local Committee, at its

meeting on 13 November 2002, had deferred making a decision on the application until the outcome of the Awards for All application was known. As the applicant had advised that the Awards for All application had been turned down due to a discrepancy between the organisation's Constitution and bank account details, it was noted that the Local Committee was now being asked to consider the application. The Group were seeking a total grant of £1,711.62. The Assessing Department (Community Services) was recommending a total grant award of £1,511.62 subject to the equipment being insured against fire and theft. This was a cross-boundary application with the Irvine Valley's portion being £876.73. The Committee then agreed an award of £876.73 subject to the equipment being insured against fire and theft and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/ Director of Corporate Resources to ensure that the Group be advised to address the discrepancy in their documentation.

Arising from discussion of this grant application, it was agreed that through the Council's External Funding Officer the Committee make representations to Awards for All on its concerns over that organisation's decision on this and other recent applications, and report thereon.

Crossroads After School Club - £327.90

Hurlford Thistle Amateur Football Club - The Administrative Officer reported the details of the application in respect of the purchase of club/playing equipment including weatherproof suits. The Group were seeking a total grant of £509.88. The Assessing Department (Community Services) was recommending a total grant award of £418.10. This was a cross-boundary application with the Irvine Valley's portion being £91.78. The Committee then agreed an award of £91.78, in principle, subject to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair, being satisfied that no previous applications for similar purposes had been refused previously by the Local Committee.

(ii) **Application Continued**

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - to the next meeting as the application assessment was awaited.

The Committee noted that as there remained money in the budget, local organisations would be encouraged to submit applications which would be submitted to a Special Meeting before the end of the financial year.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2003 (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 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the present Community Representation as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) to retain the current make-up of Community Representation on Local Committee, viz:-
the five Community Councils, Crookedholm Community Association, Forum on Disability, Elderly Forum, Youth Forum and Pre-Fives;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations to serve during the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process;
- (iv) that when organisations were being contacted regarding their nominations, to point out to them that it was recognised that nominees may change throughout the year dependent on the organisation's own arrangements for renewing membership/office bearers; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

10. The Local Committee noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on Wednesday 2 April 2003 and agreed the meeting venue be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

FUNDING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME BASED IN KILMARNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Committee of the work undertaken to implement the funding of a feasibility study for a Shopmobility Scheme based in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that Local Committee members with a personal interest in Shopmobility or who would wish to act on behalf of an individual should contact Council Officers for more information;
- (ii) to note that the Director of Development Services would submit a report to a future meeting on the Council's Policy on "dropping kerbs"; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

Councillor Raymond left the meeting during discussion of this item.

2003/04 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 2003/04 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services

Committee and which sought the Committee's approval for the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the 2003/04 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.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

2003 ANNUAL REVIEW OF "INSPIRING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE"

- 13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the annual review of "Inspiring Children and Young People", East Ayrshire Council's Children and Young Persons' Service Plan and which sought comments from the Local Committee which might inform the process.

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE IRVINE VALLEY AREA

- 14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Members of the Local Committee of current and proposed initiatives for young people in the Irvine Valley area.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

The meeting terminated at 1530 hrs.