

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE GRANGE ACADEMY (S & R WING), BEECH AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian McLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Robert Jones, John McIvor, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge, John Donaldson and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey, Ian Love and Robert Cook.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer; John Trakalo, Senior Engineer (Roads); John Butler, Services Officer (Children and Families); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Colin Martin, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Mary Rose Muir and Named Substitute Alison McCann.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Ian Love to the meeting as the new Named Substitute for the Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

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

Councillor Reid and Community Representative Robert Jones joined the meeting at this point.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1412 hours for approximately 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting reconvened at 1430 hours with same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted for information and noting the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 29 October 2002 (circulated).

5.2 MATTERS ARISING

5.2.1 Local Committee Grant Scheme 2002/2003: St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) (Item 7(ii)(b), Page 2871, 99/03)

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the group's last grant from the Local Committee had been in financial year 2001/2002 and had been awarded in respect of expenses associated with a holiday to Ireland.

It was agreed that this matter be considered under Agenda item 5.

5.2.2 Local Committee Grant Scheme 2002/2003: Crosshouse Community Council (Item 7(ii)(a), Page 2871, 99/03)

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the application by Crosshouse Community Council had been withdrawn following the sourcing of trees free of charge from the Dean Castle Country Park.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

FAILURE TO MEET GRANT CONDITION: CROSSHOUSE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services on the failure by Crosshouse Senior Citizens' Club to meet a condition in respect of a Community Grant awarded in May 2002 and which recommended appropriate action in respect of this matter.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, as the group could not comply with the condition of grant, that the grant monies in question be released for expenditure on other applications in the remainder of the current financial year; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to advise the group accordingly and to recommend that it considered re-applying for grant funding at a later date once the issue of ownership of the clubhouse had been satisfactorily resolved.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the applications. There was further submitted an updated report dated 15 January 2003 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, together with a further assessment report (circulated) in respect of Bentinck Elderly Social Club.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) Applications Approved (for the purposes identified within the application), viz:-
 - (a) Early Education & Childcare
Crosshouse Out of School Group - £330.73

(b) Older People

St Vincent de Paul Society - £200.00

Bentinck Elderly Social Cub - £240.00

(ii) **Applications Continued (for the reasons given):-**(a) Disability Groups

St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) – continued for consideration in the next financial year in the light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee and for information on the outcome of the group's application to the Community Fund for part of its running costs.

Riding for the Disabled (Stewarton) – continued for consideration in the next financial year in the light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee and for further information on the outcome of the group's fundraising activities.

(b) Leisure

East Ayrshire Gardening Club – continued for consideration in the next financial year in the light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee.

(c) Older People

Crosshouse Old People's Welfare Association – continued for consideration in the next financial year in the light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider determining 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 until 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I of the report;
- (ii) to retain the existing community organisation representation on the Local Committee, viz:-
 - Community Councils
 - Elderly Forum
 - Disability Forum
 - Youth representation
 - Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association
 - Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches;

- (iii) that youth representation be extended to include seeking nominations from local youth groups; and
- (iv) 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 relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2003 until 31 March 2004 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

9. The Administrative Officer reported that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on Tuesday 18 March 2003 and invited the Local Committee to give consideration to an appropriate venue for the meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the next meeting of the Local Committee would take place on 18 March 2003; and
- (ii) that the meeting would be held in Crosshouse Community Centre.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and on going initiatives over the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

Councillor Linton left the meeting at this point.

CONTROL OF GULLS

11. There was submitted a report dated 6 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on measures taken by other Local Authorities to deal with the problem of seagulls. This was raised as a local issue by the Local Committee on 29 October 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council that consideration be given to the development of a focus group to investigate measures to address the issue of gulls in the local area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on 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 elected Members and Community Representatives with a personal interest in shopmobility, or those wishing to act on behalf of any individual, were invited to contact officers for further information;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services be asked to consider implementing an awareness raising initiative to combat the misuse of disabled parking bays; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillor Walsh left the meeting during discussion of this item.

2003/2004 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 2003/2004 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and 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 the 2003/2004 Roads and Footways 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 a equitable manner.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL REVIEW OF “INSPIRING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE”

- 14.** 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 & Young People”, East Ayrshire Council’s Children and Young Person’s Service Plan and which sought comments from the Local Committee which might inform the process.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 15.1** There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 (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 note that a report on the issue of housing stock transfer, which was raised as a local issue item in September 2002, would be submitted to the Local Committee in due course;
- (ii) that the local elderly groups be advised in due course when a report on the issue of Dial-a-Bus was to be submitted to the Local Committee; and

- (iii) otherwise to approve the submission proposals of the list of Local Committee item issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

The undernoted item was identified as a potential item which could become the subject a future report to the Local Committee:-

- (i) The role of the Council's Support to Communities service.

Community Representative Robert Jones left the meeting during discussion of this item.

The meeting terminated at 1614 hours