

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp, and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives, Margaret Shaw, Winnie Campbell, and Joan Wark (Substitute Community Representative).

ATTENDING: Dennis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Alan Murray, Team Leader (Support to Communities); Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (North) (Roads); and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sgt Colin Martin, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alan Campbell, John Timpany, Jim Bryan, Susan Anderson and Rachel Connelly Community Representatives.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of standing order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider item 7 of the agenda after consideration of item 1.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

2. The Committee received a video presentation on Road Safety entitled "Cameras Cut Crashes" by Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership.

The Chair invited comments on the presentation.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 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 on forthcoming initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The Committee adjourned at 1412 hours and reconvened at 1413 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 6 November 2002 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2002/2003, together with assessment reports in respect of the following applications:-
- (i) **Applications Approved:-**
- (a) Leisure
East Ayrshire Gardening Club - £130.85;
- (b) Older People
Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £60.00;
- (c) Early Education/Childcare
Crossroads After School Care - £39.15;

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04

7. 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 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 of the report;
- (ii) to retain the exiting Community Organisation Representation on the Local Committee, viz:-
- Community Council
 - Disability Forum
 - Elderly Forum
 - Young People
 - Sports Groups
 - Community Association
 - Local Churches
 - Early Education and Child Care
 - Community Residents Association
 - Pre Five Representative

- (iii) that arrangement be made to confirm with Atrium Homes that the Community Residents Association within the Kilmarnock South Area was a fully constituted group;
- (iv) to ensure that community Representatives of the Local Committee were fully aware that the onus lay with them to inform their named substitute and to forward committee papers should they be unable to attend a Local Committee at any time; and
- (v) 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 to 31 March 2004 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

8. The Administrative Officer reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee would be held on Wednesday 26 March 2003 and then invited the Local Committee to consider the venue for this meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Local Committee meeting was scheduled for 26 March 2003; and
- (ii) that the Local Committee would be held in Shortlees Community Education Centre, Blacksyke Avenue, Shortlees, Kilmarnock.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the work which had been 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 and Community Representatives with a personal interest in shopmobility, or those wishing to act on behalf of any individual, were invited to contact Council Officers for more information; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

2003/2004 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

10. 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 which had been approved by the Development Services Committee and 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 2003/2004 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 matter.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ‘INSPIRING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’

11. There was submitted 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) as a result of the difficulties being experienced in recruiting a young persons representative, that the Department of Educational and Social Services explore the feasibility of East Ayrshire’s Youth Forum holding a fifteen minute question and answer session at the beginning of their meeting, similar to that which takes place for Local Committees, with such sessions serving as a mechanism for consultation to solicit the views of young people on various issues, which could, in turn, be reported to the Local Committee as appropriate; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

12. 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 1505 hours