

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE JOHN FULTON HALL, MAIN ROAD, FENWICK

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives: Carolyn Blyth, Ashley Bell, Iain Finlayson and John McFadden, JP; and Named Substitutes: Jimmy Miller, Mary White, Fiona Andrew and Ismay McKenzie.

ATTENDING: Alastair Wyper, Chief Engineer - Contracts, Roads and Transportation; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Sandra Marshall, Project Officer, Economic Development; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Brian McNeil; Community Representatives John Douglas, Cathy Spicer and Nicola Granger; and Named Substitute Charlotte Rennie.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, 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 invited comments on the presentation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The Chair at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 10 on the Agenda following the Adjournment of Meeting: To Allow for Public Question and Answer Session.

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

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1415 hours to allow a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

5. 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; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 30 October 2002 (circulated).

6.2 Matter Arising

6.2.1 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/2003

In connection with the item "Local Committee Grants Scheme 2002/2003" (Item 4(i)(d)(iii), Page 2875, 99/03) it was noted that the grant of £150.00 had been paid to Dunlop Primary School Parents Association following receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

RETURN OF GRANT MONIES FROM KILMAURS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- 7. The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that Kilmaurs Community Council had returned £844.06 of the grant money awarded in May 2002 for equipment, protective clothing and insurance to assist in undertaking an all year round on-going clean-up campaign, advising that they had not spent the full amount of the grant money awarded due to members of the public failing to become involved in the project.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2003 (circulated) 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 applications received.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified on the applications), viz:-
 - (a) Community Associations
 - (i) Fenwick Community Association - £2,000.00. It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- "that the grant be awarded on condition that funds are granted from Sports Scotland and that appropriate insurance and planning permission for the project is obtained";
 - (ii) Dunlop and District Community Council - £1,500.00;
 - (b) Leisure
 - (i) T-Dance and Fitness Group - £204.90; and

- (ii) Stewarton Music and Movement Club - £215.50.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

9. 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 ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and which advised of the forthcoming initiatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

10. In the absence of Sergeant Iain Haynes, Sergeant Jim Richmond gave a brief report on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) Hotspot Patrols continued in November of last year at peak times;
- (ii) in December, similar Hotspot Patrols were undertaken in addition to Community Patrols in Support of the Safer Scotland IV Initiative which ensured that the Northern Area benefited from being part of the National Campaign;
- (iii) Community Action Patrols had been designed to direct additional resources to address local community issues; and
- (iv) there had been 184 persons searched; 64 visits to licensed premises; 47 incidents of alcohol received; and 26 offences detected.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004

11. There was submitted a report dated 13 December 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 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) that the present community organisation representation on this Committee be continued for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004, as follows:-

Dunlop and Lugton Community Council

Fenwick Community Council

Kilmaurs Community Council

Waterside Community Council

Stewarton and District Community Council

Community/Residents Association

Disability Forum

Elderly Forum

Church Forum

Youth Forum; and

- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the 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 the process.

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

12. The Administrative Officer reported that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on 19 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 19 March 2003; and
- (ii) that the meeting would be held in Dunlop Public Hall.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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 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 manner.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

2003 ANNUAL REVIEW OF “INSPIRING CHILDREN AND 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 and 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

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was noted that there were no items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.