

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2001 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD,  
CROOKEDHOLM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Raymond, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Bill Pattison, Isobel Loudon, Grace Laing, Nancy Mair and Janice Speirs, and Substitutes Frank Donnelly, Jessie Graham; and Bill Howie.

**ATTENDING:** Eddie O'Connor, Community Learning Officer; Donna Chisholm, Museums and Arts Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; John Butler, Quality Development Service Officer; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Glenn Crotch and Mike Rooney, Team Leaders; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor David Macrae; Community Representative George Dalziel; and Substitutes Janice Cameron and Frank Dawson.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 7 February 2001.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - 2001/2002 (ITEM 8,  
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4. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the position in respect of the re-appointment of Community Representatives of local organisations to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint for a period of one year from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 Mr Bill Pattison as Community Representative and Mr Frank Dawson as Substitute

for Galston Community Council; Mr Andrew Nisbet as Community Representative and Mrs Jessie Graham as Substitute for Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council; Mrs Isobel Loudon as Community Representative and Mrs Lilian Meikle as Substitute for Moscow and Waterside Community Council; Mrs Grace Laing as Community Representative and Mr Bill Howie as Substitute for the Elderly Forum; Mrs Nancy Mair as Community Representative and Mrs Janice Cameron as Substitute for Kilmarnock Forum on Disability; and Mrs Janice Speirs as Community Representative and Mrs Sheila McKay as Substitute for the Early Years Forum;

- (ii) to note that nominations had been received from Darvel and District Community Council of Mr George Dalziel as Community Representative and Mr Frank Donnelly as Named Substitute, but that Mr Dalziel had now withdrawn his nomination. It was agreed that Mr Donnelly would continue as Named Substitute meanwhile, and noted that the Community Council would put forward their new nominations at the next meeting;
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to pursue the outstanding nominations for (i) one joint Youth Representative and one Named Substitute from Loudoun Academy/St Joseph's Academy; (ii) one Community Representative and one Named Substitute from Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council; and (iii) one Community Representative and one Named Substitute from Crookedholm Community Association; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The Chair intimated the recent illness of Community Representative Andrew Nisbet, and the Committee agreed to convey a get well soon message.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- 5. The Chair at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider the following item at this point.

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **NEWMILNS CABIN**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised the Committee regarding work being progressed at Newmilns Cabin.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that whilst noting the draught-proofing and heating works which had been carried out in the Cabin, the lack of a suitable ramp greatly concerned the Committee and it was agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services be asked to confirm the up-to-date position regarding a timescale for installation of a new ramp, whilst reiterating at the same time the Committee's concerns over the safety of the current ramp and handrail; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Police Liaison Officer's report with regard to (a) the steps which Strathclyde Police were taking in relation to the parked vehicles at Station Road/Wallace Street, Galston and (b) the progress of the "Dairy" Youth Project in the Irvine Valley; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **CONTROL OF DOG FOULING**

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which updated the Local Committee on measures available to the Council for dealing with dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that potentially the whole of the Irvine Valley was a problem area in terms of dog fouling;
- (ii) that the Local Committee supported any press releases by the Council publicising the problem, and the control measures proposed;
- (iii) that should Members of the Committee identify suitable areas for preventative signs, to note the Director of Community Services undertaking to erect such signs as a matter of course; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Community Representative Nancy Mair left the meeting at this point.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN THE IRVINE VALLEY**

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of progress made on the implementation of road safety measures in the Irvine Valley.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposed 30 mph speed limit on the A719 and the A71 as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report;
- (ii) to note that the Head of Roads and Transportation would be considering a 40mph speed limit between Newmilns and Darvel as well as an extension of street lighting here; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **DRAFT CHILD AND YOUNG PERSONS' CHARTER OF RIGHTS**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the history and development of East Ayrshire Council's Draft Child and Young Persons' Charter of Rights, upon which the Committee's views were sought as an essential part of the community consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposed Charter of Child and Young Persons' Rights would be amended to stress that rights and responsibilities should go hand in hand; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which consulted on the contents of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004, and overall strategic direction of Community Care Services in the next three years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the strategic direction of the plan as being relevant to the needs of service users and carers in the local area;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Educational and Social Services report to the next meeting the number of home helps in the local authority's area as a comparison with the number four years ago; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND: PROGRESS REPORT ON JOINT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES**

- 12.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which updated on progress made in implementing the Mental Health Strategy for Adults and the Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Difficulties, both covering the period 1999-2004.

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

### **ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND SETTING PRIORITIES**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the grant allocation for 2001/2002; the grant spend for the last two financial years; and which provided the Committee with an opportunity to set local priorities for grant funding within its area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2001/2002 was £25,217.00;

- (ii) not to set local priorities for grant funding for the forthcoming financial year but to deal with each application on its merits; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002**

14. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2001/2002 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations, and an amended summary statement relative to the Newmilns Ladies Social Club application.

It was agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application):-
  - (a) Older People  
Darvel Lunch Club and Transport Group - £500.00;
  - (b) Community Councils  
Darvel and District Community Council (Environmental Action Group)-  
£1,900.00
  - (c) Leisure Activities  
Galston Hatchery - £700.00; and  
Newmilns Ladies Social Club - £500.00

#### **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 agreed that the Community Representatives and Named Substitutes identify through their own organisations target areas for control of dog fouling and submit these to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, which information would then form the basis of a report by the Director of Community Services.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.