

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2001 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN GATEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRLIE VIEW, GATEHEAD**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Lillian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives John McIvor, John Tannock, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson, Mary Rose Muir and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitute Robert Jones.

**ATTENDING:** Pamela Beck, Community Education Worker; Hugh Melvin, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer, Trading Standards; John Butler and Stephen Sheach, Service Officers, Quality and Planning, Department of Educational and Social Services; Joan Pollock, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Douglas Reid.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM**

The Chair agreed that a further application for Community Grant funding received from Wellpark Neighbourhood Watch be considered under the terms of Item 9 on the Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

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3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 23 January 2001 (circulated).

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1.1 Local Committee Grants Scheme - Application from Allies**

It was agreed to note that, in respect of Item 6(iii) (a) Allies had received an award of £3,950 from the John Fulton Trust on 16 February 2001 and, accordingly, the application for Community Grant funding had been withdrawn.

### 3.1.2 Review of East Ayrshire's Social Inclusion Implementation Arrangements

It was noted that Community Representative Linda Thomson had met with the Social Inclusion Manager to discuss her concerns but that additional updates had not, as yet, been forthcoming.

### 3.1.3 Resignation of Community Representative

Community Representative Linda Thomson reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Mr Charles Calman, Community Council Community Representative, and a replacement representative nominated.

It was agreed to note the appointment until 31 March 2001 of Mrs Mary Rose Muir as a Community Council Community Representative and that the Committee's thanks be extended to Mr Charles Calman of Piersland Bentinck Community Council for his service to the Local Committee.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the provision in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives of local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, since no nominations were anticipated from the Ethnic Minority Forum, a further place be set aside for Community Council community representation;
- (ii) to appoint the following Community Council Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, viz:-

(a)

<u>Community Council</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Named Substitute</u>
Grange Howard	Mr Robert Jones	Mr Maurice Ashbridge
Piersland/Bentinck	Mrs Mary Rose Muir	Mr Ian McVey
Gatehead	Mr John McIvor	Mrs Alison McCann
Bonnyton & Woodstock	Mr John Tannock	Mr David Milne

- (b) that in respect of the nominations for Knockentiber Community Council and Crosshouse Community Council that representation alternate each Committee meeting with the Community Representative for Crosshouse Community Council, namely Mrs Esther Caldwell, and the Named Substitute for Knockentiber Community Council, namely Mrs Flora Allison, being invited to the next meeting and thereafter alternate with the Community Representative from Knockentiber Community Council, namely Mr Alex Allison, and the Named Substitute from Crosshouse Community Council, namely Mrs Geraldine Garland, being invited to the next again meeting; and

- (c) should any place become available outwith the core community organisation representation during the course of the year, the place go the Community Councils to bring their number of places up to 6 and thereby allowing each Community Council to be represented;
- (iii) to appoint the following Community Representatives for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, viz:- Dr Bryan Thompson (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches); Ms Linda Thomson (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); and Mr John Donaldson (Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association);
- (iv) to appoint the following named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, viz:- Mr Arthur McNeil (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches); and Ms Betty Smith (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); and
- (v) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to pursue the outstanding nominations for one elderly interest Community Representative and named Substitute; one Youth Forum Representative and named Substitute; and one Retail Trades Association named Substitute.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

5. 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 period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Town Centre Officer be advised of the concerns of this Committee regarding the riding of bikes in the Town Centre; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report and also the further information provided verbally by Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer at the meeting.

#### **CONTROL OF DOG FOULING**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Gatehead be selected as being the area to be targeted by the Council's Dog Warden and Community Police Officers;
- (ii) that a publicity exercise be undertaken in the local press on the Dog Fouling Initiative, emphasising that dog owners will be prosecuted if caught, as shown by the recent prosecution of a dog owner; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### DRAFT CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON'S CHARTER OF RIGHTS

7. There was submitted and noted 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 Person's Charter of Rights, upon which the Committee's views were sought as an essential part of the Community Consultation Process.

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services 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; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of the above Item.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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9. There was submitted a report dated 6 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 2000/2001, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications approved (for the purpose identified in the application)** viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £250.00;

(b) Environmental

Gargieston School Board - £300.00;

(c) Older People

St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour - £398.00;

Rosebank Senior Citizens - £75.00;

Piersland Action Group - £395.44 from the 2000/2001 Community Grants budget and a further £4.56 to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2001/2002 subject to (1) all elderly people in the area being invited to participate; and (2) the cost of the sweets for the bus being met from the group's own contribution.

Gatehead Monday Club - £1,080.00, to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2001/2002 to cover hall fees, day trip to Stirling and open bowling tournament only;

(d) Sport

Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £413.00 to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2001/2002;

Crosshouse Boys Club - £966.50 to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2001/2002; and

(e) Community Safety

Wellpark Neighbourhood Watch - £200 to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2001/2002.

(ii) **Application Continued**

(a) Older People

Gatehead Monday Club - consideration of funding for the group's Christmas party (£120) be continued to the next financial year.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND SETTING PRIORITIES**

10. There was submitted a report dated 2 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 £16,598.00;
- (ii) not to set local priorities for the forthcoming financial year;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to issue an updated Appendix to all members of the Local Committee, taking cognisance of the grant allocation agreed at this meeting, in due course; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**LOCAL ISSUES**

**NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

No items were identified as potential items which could become subject of a future report to the Committee.

**VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

12. It was reported and noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee had been set for 15 May 2001 at 1400 hours.

It was agreed that, subject to availability, the next meeting of the Local Committee be held in Crosshouse Community Centre, off Playingfield Road, Crosshouse.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.