

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2001 AT 1404 HOURS IN
LONGPARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, INNELLAN DRIVE,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling, Archibald Pryce, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie and Janet Smith; and Substitutes Anne McKenzie and Norah McCabe.

ATTENDING: Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gerald Docherty, Area Housing Manager, Homes and Technical Services; Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer, Educational and Social Services; Deborah Brady, Policy Assistant, Homes and Technical Services; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader (Social Services); Mike Rooney, Team Leader, Environmental Health; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey and Community Representatives Beryl Graham and Dorothy McGowan.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

At this point Councillor John Weir joined the meeting.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted for information and noted, Minutes of meeting held on 6 February 2001 (circulated).

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1.1 **Social Inclusion (Item 6, Page 1546, 99/02)** - Councillor McIntyre advised that the Council at its meeting on 8 March 2001 did not approve the recommendation of the Local Committee but had agreed that the Council should await the response from the Minister for Social Justice to the Council's request for maximum flexibility and discretion in the use of resources from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund. Accordingly, Councillor McIntyre further advised the Council's position was explained further to both the Depute Minister and the Minister for Social Justice. Particular

clarification has now been received from the Scottish Executive confirming East Ayrshire Council and its Community Planning Partners are to identify the neighbourhoods that should be supported from the Better Neighbourhood Services Funds especially the use of funds outwith formally designated SIP areas and that a report on the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund would be considered at the Council's Policy and Resources Committee on Thursday 5 April 2001. The Committee noted the position.

4.1.2 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2000/2001 (Item 7(d)(i), Page 1547, 99/02) - Allies - Noted that the John Fulton Soup Kitchen Trust at its meeting on 16 February 2001 approved an award of £3,950.00 to meet the total cost of maintaining the Drop-In Service and that application for community grant had been withdrawn.

4.1.3 East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997 - Programme for Second Review (Item 8, Page 1547, 99/02) - Noted that the Northwest Community Council and the New Farm Loch Community Council had each made a submission in terms of stage 1 of the review.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted, Minutes of Special Meeting held on 20 March 2001 (circulated).

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS - FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

6. The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Corporate Development and Communication on funding implications of Information Communication Technology Projects in the Kilmarnock area.

During discussion, the Head of Corporate Development and Communication answered questions put and noted points made by Elected Members and Community Representatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the new initiative to establish new information communication technology projects to improve services to those living in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the additional resources allocated to East Ayrshire Council from the Modernising Government Fund and the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund;
- (iii) to welcome the commitment to consult Community Representatives to identify implementation issues in relation to the types of projects envisaged; and
- (iv) to request that further updates be given on information communication technology initiatives to future meetings of the Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised (i) the grant allocation for 2001/2002; (ii) the grants spend for the last two financial years; and (iii) provided the

Committee with an opportunity of setting local priorities for grant funding within their area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for 2001/2002 was £19,517;
- (ii) not to set the local priorities for the forthcoming financial year but to consider each application on its merits based on the information provided under the assessment process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002

8. There was submitted a report dated 23 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.

It was agreed:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Young People
 - (i) Northwest Playscheme - £505.21;
- (b) Sport
 - (i) Crosshouse Boys Club - £875.00;
 - (ii) Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £393.00;
- (c) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £250.00;
- (d) Older People
 - (i) Rosebank Senior Citizen's Club - £225.00; and
- (e) Leisure
 - (i) St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour - £35.00.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002 (Item 9, Page 1548, 99/02)

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of current progress for the recruitment of Community Representatives for 2001/2002 and which advised of the arrangement for the submission of new nominations for community membership by the relevant organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission of new nominations for community membership by the relevant organisations as notified by the Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups as follows:-

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Northwest Community Council	Mrs Beryl Graham	Mrs Noreen Lennon
New Farm Loch Community Council	Mr Matt Donnelly	Mr Ian McCulloch
Kilmarnock Disability Forum	Dorothy McGowan	-
Northwest Youth Project	Ms Arlene Lindsay	-
Northwest Drugs Project	Mr Archie McKenzie	Mrs Anne McKenzie
Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Mrs Janet Smith	Ms Norah McCabe
East Ayrshire Housing Tenants Group	Ms Maureen Brown	-
Young Person Representative	-	-
New Farm Loch Community Initiative	Mr Archibald Pryce	Mr Gerry Coyle
Allies	Mr Hugh Stirling	-

- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for a Young Person's Representative and for Substitute Community Representatives; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

DOG FOULING INITIATIVE (Item 10, Page 2972, 99/02)

- 10.** 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) to request that the Director of Community Services focus the measures available to the Council for dealing with dog fouling in the following areas: Kilmarnock Cemetery and the playingfields at St Joseph's Academy, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

11. 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 Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation and advise the Police Liaison Officer accordingly; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DRAFT CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON'S CHARTER OF RIGHTS

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the history and development of East Ayrshire Council's Draft Child and Young Person's Charter of Rights and which sought views of the Local Committee as an essential part of the community consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that Community Representatives provide consultation comments, suggestions and recommendations concerning the proposed Charter of Child and Young Person's Rights to the Service Officer, Quality and Planning, Educational and Social Services, by 21 April 2001; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

13. 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, which both covered the period 1999-2004.

EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004

14. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought to consult the Local Committee on the contents of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 and the overall strategic direction of Community Care Services in the next 3 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 Community Representatives provide the Principal Officer, Quality and Planning, Educational and Social Services, with any comments by 16 April 2001; and

- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

LONGPARK IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS: PROGRESS REPORT

- 15.** There was submitted a joint report dated 19 March 2001 (circulated) by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and of Development Services which advised of the latest progress on the Longpark Improvement proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the progress of the Longpark Improvement proposals as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to request that the Area Housing Manager consult Community Representatives on the additional streets to be included as part of the wider action survey; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

16.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on local issues to be reported to future meetings.

16.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda and it was agreed to note that there were no local items.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.