

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Steve Brown, Jessie Graham and Janice Speirs and Named Substitutes Les Pittams, John MacMillan, Frank Dawson, Joyce McCulloch, Lilian Meikle, Grace Laing and Timothy Johnston.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Melvin Griffin, External Funding Officer; Ailsa Graham, Planning Officer; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Tom Merry, Senior Project Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader (Support to Communities) and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Nancy Mair, Bill Howie and Karen Love; and Named Substitute Aniela Miller.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair spoke of the recent sad death of Councillor David Macrae, Vice Chair of the Local Committee; of his work on and the part he had played in the life of the Local Committee over the years, as well as the support he had given to colleagues in carrying out their own roles.

The Committee then observed a one minute's silence in memory of Councillor Macrae.

The other Committee members echoed the Chair's sentiments whilst it was noted that a commemorative bench had been arranged through the Irvine Valley Regeneration Committee, to be sited at Loudoun Kirk, Galston.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 6 February 2002.

MATTER ARISING (Item 4)(ii)(c), Page 2378, 99/02)

5. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted the withdrawal of the Community Grant application by Kilmarnock Family Support Group, which had been continued by the Local Committee to this financial year for consideration.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives of local organisations to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

The Administrative Officer reported that Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council had nominated Steve Brown as its Community Representative and John MacMillan as its Named Substitute and that Darvel and District Community Council had nominated Frank Donnelly as its Community Representative and Les Pittams as its Named Substitute.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the following as Community Representatives for the period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 viz:- (a) Jessie Graham, Isobel Loudon, Frank Donnelly and Steve Brown (Community Councils); (b) Karen Love (Youth Representative); (c) Nancy Mair (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); (d) Bill Howie (Kilmarnock Elderly Forum) and (e) Janice Speirs (Pre-Five Organisations);
- (ii) to appoint the following as Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003, viz:- (a) Joyce McCulloch, Lilian Meikle, Les Pittams, John MacMillan and Frank Dawson (Community Councils); (b) Timothy Johnston (Youth Representative); (c) Aniela Miller (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); and (e) Grace Laing (Kilmarnock Elderly Forum);
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to pursue the outstanding nominations; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**COMMUNITY GRANT TO HURLFORD AND CROOKEDHOLM PLAYGROUP
2001/2002**

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources (i) which advised the Local Committee of a Community Grant award to Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup where the costs incurred in their project were less than the amount approved but where the remainder of the grant was not returned to the Council and (ii) which requested that the Local Committee consider how to deal with this matter.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the award to Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup where the costs incurred on the project were less than the amount approved, and the

circumstances as outlined by the Group which had led to their utilisation of the remaining grant monies;

- (ii) to continue consideration of the whole matter to the next meeting, prior to which the organisation be requested to provide an explanation with regard to the £30 of the grant money not accounted for as well as details of their present financial situation; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2002/03 AND SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources (i) which advised the Local Committee of the grant allocation for 2002/03 (ii) which advised the Local Committee of its grant spend for the last two financial years and (iii) which provided the Local Committee with options for setting local priorities for grant funding in line with the Committee's previous decision to receive such a report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Committee's grant allocation for 2002/03 of £26,065;
- (ii) to note the Committee's grant spend for the last two financial years;
- (iii) to adopt Option 1 as outlined in Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the report for the Committee's use in prioritising grant applications for this financial year, commencing next meeting;
- (iv) that in respect of the operation of Option 1 to apply the following categories/weightings:-
 - Leisure and Sport - 18% of the Local Committee budget;
 - Older People - 18%;
 - Environmental and Heritage - 18%;
 - Disability - 18%;
 - Young People - 18%; and
 - Miscellaneous - 10%;
- (v) to receive a report reviewing the operation of this system towards the end of the financial year whilst allowing time to put in place a different option for the new financial year should the Committee so decide; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

9. There was submitted a report dated 26 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2002/03 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations (both circulated).

It was agreed:-

(i) **Applications approved (for the purpose specified in the application):-**(a) Community Safety

Darvel Parish Church of Scotland - Having noted the updated details on the application as reported by the Senior Project Officer £500 subject to the organisation obtaining match funding for the project.

(b) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £1,927

Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme - £2,031

(c) Early Education and Childcare

Runabouts Mother and Toddler Group - £48

(d) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £600

(e) Sport

Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifters Club - £579

Kilmarnock Balmoral Football Club - £68

(f) Heritage

750 Marching On - The Administrative Officer reported the details of the assessment carried out by the Director of Community Services and it was noted that the application had two main elements: community events and also facelifts for Galston Kirkyard. The assessor recommended that the expenditure for the Kirkyard facelifts should be deducted as the property belonged to the Church of Scotland, and the issues were maintenance based. It was further recommended that the Group be awarded 50% of the costs of the community events which totalled £2,700, ie £1,350. The Committee then agreed £1,350 specifically for the series of community events

(g) Older People

Newmilns Ladies Social Club - £250

(h) Environment

Darvel Improvement Group (Environment Section) - £1,650

(ii) **Application refused:-**(i) Community Safety

Irvine Valley Joint Community Council Group - on grounds that this was not a competent application which did not comply with the conditions of the Community Grant Scheme as detailed within the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION FOR MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION AREA

10. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Committee of arrangements for public consultation on the proposal to implement an Article 4 Direction within the Main Street, Newmilns Outstanding Conservation Area and which invited Committee members to submit their views on the proposal.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the organisations represented on the Local Committee would submit any comments on the proposed Article 4 Direction to the Head of Planning and Building Control by Friday 17 May 2002; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McDill left the meeting during discussion of this item.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT (“U” DIVISION)

11. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on behalf of Superintendent Jim Thomson, Sub-Divisional Officer “UC” Sub-Division, Strathclyde Police, which advised members of the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the additional report by Superintendent Thomson in relation to the new “Crime-Braker - Stopping Crime On The Move” Campaign which had been launched on 28 March 2002 and would run to 31 May 2002. This initiative sought to target people who traffic and deal in drugs, criminals who cross divisional or force boundaries and those who illegally import goods and substances into Scotland. It was further noted that the campaign would allow a national co-ordinated approach to deter travelling criminals, drug traffickers/dealers, persons who drove under the influence of drugs and would also target counterfeit goods through partnership working with key agencies.

The Committee otherwise noted the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

12. There were no issues of interest raised for inclusion on a future Agenda by Community Representatives.

Timothy Johnston reported on his investigations on Loudoun Academy pupils' views on the proposal to erect a tower at the roundabout at Galston, and it was noted that the pupils were in the main against this proposal.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.

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