

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2002 AT  
1400 HRS IN THE JOHN FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian McNeil and Katie Hall; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson, Ashley Bell, Carolyn Blyth, John Douglas and Catherine Spicer; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Jimmy Miller, Russel Hutcheson and William Gibson.

**ATTENDING:** Eddie O'Connor, Assistant Principal Officer, Support to Communities; Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer, Community Services; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Morven Gemmill, Service Manager, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Stephanie Young and Ann Hay; and Community Representative John McFadden.

**CHAIR:** In the absence of the Chair, Councillor McNeil was appointed to the Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hrs to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 23 January 2002 (circulated).

**3.1 Matter Arising**

In connection with the item "Local Committee Grants Scheme 2001/02 (Item 5 (ii) (d), Page 2312, 99/02)" it was noted that the Community Grant application from Kilmarnock Family Support Group had now been withdrawn. The Group have been asked to return the £472 awarded by this Local Committee.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

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4. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Community Councils

The Stewarton Coat of Arms Committee - £1,360

Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee (Computer Software) - £550

Kilmaurs Community Council - £757

It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- “Future responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the notice board will lie with Kilmaurs Community Council and not East Ayrshire Council”.

(b) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) - £1,446

(c) Older People

The Fulton Club, Fenwick - £200

(d) Sport

Fenwick Church Badminton Club - £262.86

(e) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £346.45

It was also agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a report to the first meeting of this Committee after the summer recess with an update on youth groups within the Northern Area.

Dunlop Uniformed Group - £2,079

It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- “Where there is an intent to purchase and use equipment for an activity for which there are nationally or locally recognised Codes of Practice it is expected that an organisation will adopt similar standards of care and use, maintenance and storage. In making this grant, the Council does not render itself liable in respect of any claims which may arise at the instance of any person in respect of loss, injury or damage as a result of:-

- (i) Any fault or defect in the equipment to be purchased with the grant as specified in the application; and
- (ii) Any use of said equipment by any person at any time and for any purpose.

(ii) to approve in principle grant awards of £140 to Stewarton and District Lifelong Learning Committee (Community Transport Scheme Charge); £554.04 to Fenwick Playgroup and Pre-School Centre; and £1,000 to Stewarton Annick Football Club and to remit these applications to the Depute Chief Executive/ Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair to make arrangements for payment of the grants subject to receipt of satisfactory assessment reports and satisfactory bank statement for Stewarton Annick Football Club and thereafter advise the Committee of the decision.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2002/03**

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 February 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the grant allocation for 2002/03 and on the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2002/03 was £18,875; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 February 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the process which determined the route of all Local Committee Community Grant applications.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**JUST BIN IT CAMPAIGN 2002**

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Just Bin It Campaign 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council wished to build on the success of previous clean up campaigns;
- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in improving links with community organisations with an interest in improving the quality of their local environment; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 March 2002 (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 forthcoming initiatives.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**POLICE REPORT**

9. John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) that since last report all car crime in Robertland Estate, Stewarton had been carried out by one individual who had been remanded for three weeks;
- (ii) break-ins had taken place at Dunselma and Hallhouse Nursing Homes, the John Fulton Hall, Fenwick, The Joiners in Fenwick and the Kings Arms Hotel,

Fenwick. Police were aware of an individual they believe is responsible but have insufficient evidence to charge him;

- (iii) an 86 year old women was followed home and had her bag stolen from the house by an intruder pretending to be a workman;
- (iv) Community Constable Mack had settled well into his new role and is doing a lot of good work within the schools in the area; and
- (v) all schools will be monitored over the Easter holidays for break-ins and vandalism.

**AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ACTION TEAMS  
“COMMUNITY ADDICTION CONCERNS”**

10. The Chair advised that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/03**

11. There was submitted a report dated 27 February 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and a verbal report by the Administrative Officer on Moscow and Waterside Community Council, on the outcome of recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period commencing 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the nominations received to date for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local community organisations detailed as follows-

<b><u>Community Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Community Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute Community Representative</u></b>
Dunlop & Lugton Community Council	Carolyn Blyth	Jimmy Miller
Fenwick Community Council	Ashley Bell	Fiona MacDonald
Kilmaurs Community Council	Russel Hutcheson	May McMillan
Moscow & Waterside Community Council	John Douglas	Lorna Beattie
Stewarton & District Community Council	Iain Finlayson	Mary White
Church Forum	Catherine Spicer	Ismay McKenzie
Disability Forum	Vacant	
Elderly Forum	Vacant	
Youth Forum	Vacant	

- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes;

- (iii) to remit to the Director of Educational and Social Services to identify persons from other disability organisations and other youth organisations within the Northern Area who may wish to be represented on the Local Committee; and
- (iv) that it be remitted 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 Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the Northern Area Local Committee.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **AYRSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress in implementing the Framework for Mental Health Services in Scotland, with particular reference to funding arrangements for Local Authority developments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services provide a report to a future Committee meeting on the availability of Respite for Carers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

- 13.1** There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources pursue the outstanding reports on the Forward Planner so that they may be reported to an early meeting.

### **13.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the Forward Planner of Local Committee business:-

- (i) a report by the Director of Community Services on who has responsibility for clearing litter from trunk roads and how often this is carried out. It was also agreed to write to Railtrack requesting information on their policy on litter clearing at railway stations; and
- (ii) a report by the Director of Community Services updating the Committee on the current and future provision of CCTV within the Northern Area.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hrs.

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