

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE GRANGE ACADEMY (S&R WING), OFF BEECH ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Robert Jones, Mary Rose Muir, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitute, Maurice Ashbridge.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Andy Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; James Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); Neil Bell, Senior Engineer; John Butler, Service Officer (Quality and Planning); Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Environmental Health); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police; and Fred Wildridge, Head Teacher, Grange Academy.

APOLOGY: Named Substitute, Ian McVey.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a 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

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3. There was submitted for information and noting, the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 15 May 2001 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

4. The Administrative Officer reported on the proposed venue for the next meeting of the Local Committee to be held on Tuesday 30 October 2001 at 1400 hours and further reported that, following approval of a meetings calendar by the Council on 25 October 2001, a report would be submitted to the Local Committee to provide details of arrangements for meetings of the Local Committee until June 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on Tuesday 30 October 2001 at 1400 hours in Gatehead Community Centre, off Fairlie View, Gatehead; and
- (ii) to note that arrangements for meetings of the Local Committee thereafter would be reported to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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5. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 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 Grant received from local organisations.

It was further reported that updated bank balances had been received in respect of Kilmarnock Folk Club (£12.83 as at 29 June 2001), Howard Park Bowling Club (£3,712.06 as at July 2001), Springhill Place Pensioners Club (£840.57 as at 29 June 2001) and 6th Kilmarnock Girl Guide Company (£596.16 as at 6 August 2001).

It was agreed as follows:-

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

- (a) Arts and Cultural

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Reeves declared a non pecuniary interest in the item relating to the Loudoun Musical Society and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Loudoun Musical Society - £450;

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £400;

- (b) Disability

Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme - the Committee noted that an award of £145.16 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

- (c) Leisure

Howard Park Bowling Club - the Committee noted that an award of £300 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

In response to a request by the group, the Committee agreed that the group be permitted to delay expenditure of the grant until Spring 2002.

Gatehead Ladies Club - the Committee noted that an interim award of £250 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

It was agreed that a further award of £550 be made.

(d) Older People

Springhill Place Pensioners Club - the Committee noted that an interim award of £400 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

It was agreed that a further award of £620 be made.

Crosshouse Senior Citizen's Cabin - £237.98

Springhill Gardens Support Group - £1,000

(e) Sport

Galston United AFC - £17.65

(f) Young People

6th Kilmarnock Girl Guide Company - the Committee noted that an interim award of £500 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

It was agreed that a further award of £38 be made.

(ii) **Application Continued**

Gatehead Senior Citizens - the Committee noted that an interim award of £313.15 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

It was agreed that consideration of the remainder of grant funding requested be continued for further information on the membership of the group and the number of people served by its activities.

(iii) **Application Withdrawn**

Henderson Church Cyber Café

(iv) **Grant Returned**

(a) Older People

The Committee noted that the amount of £91.71 awarded to Springhill Place Pensioner's Club in October 2000 as part of a Community Grant had been returned as unspent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted a reported dated 17 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on 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 further reported:-

- (i) that, in connection with the School Watch Summer 2000 Initiative, 20 cases in the North Area and 3 in Kilmarnock Central area had been reported;
- (ii) that the issue of parking offences within the Town Centre be reported to the next meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought the nomination of a Community Representative and Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed to continue consideration of nominations to serve on the Community Safety Forum to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

KILMARNOCK CYCLEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals for the provision of cycleways and pedestrian facilities in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the provision of cycleways and pedestrian facilities proposed for the Kilmarnock Central local area;
- (ii) to note the Local Committee's concerns regarding issues of road safety in the vicinity of the retail development at Queen's Drive, Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001-2004

9. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the completion, content and implementation of East Ayrshire Council's second Children's Service Plan, "Inspiring Young People" and which sought for the participation of Community Representatives in the planned review process.

It was agreed to continue consideration of nominations to serve on the Community Representative Forum to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

LOCAL ISSUES

10.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, in respect of the issue of the redevelopment of Kilmarnock Town Centre, including the Glencairn Square area, the Director of Development Services be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting of the Local Committee and that an invitation be extended to all Kilmarnock Central Local Committee Community Councils to attend the meeting;
- (ii) that, in respect of the issue of bus services, the Director of Development Services be asked to liaise with Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive regarding the desirability of an improved service between the London Road area of Kilmarnock and Crosshouse, as well as the possible introduction of a service linking retail developments at Queen's Drive and Glencairn Street with the Town Centre of Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid left the meeting during discussion of this item.

10.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

The undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to Committee:-

- (i) Skateboarding facilities within Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.

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