

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT
1400 HRS IN JOHN FULTON HALL, MAIN ROAD, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Katie Hall and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Ian Finlayson, Ashley Bell, Carolyn Blyth and Cathy Spicer; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Jimmy Miller, Russel Hutcheson and Lorna Beattie.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer; Anne Fairbairn, Administrative Officer - Community Services; Eileen Brechany, Team Leader - Educational and Social Services; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Alistair McKie, Hugh Mitchell and John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives John Douglas and John McFadden.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Jim Richmond, newly appointed Police Liaison Officer and Cathy Spicer, Church Forum representative to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hrs to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1412 hrs with the same Councillors (Councillor Hay having joined the meeting), Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 16 May 2001 (circulated).

In connection with the item, Local Committee Community Grant Scheme 2000/2001 (item 6, page 1812, 99/02) it was reported and noted that, following satisfactory assessments, grant awards had been made to Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Association for £1,500 and Waterside Community Association for £250.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION 2001/02

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources updating the Committee on the current

position of community representation on the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the current vacancies for community representation on the Northern Area Local Committee; and
- (ii) to invite relevant groups to submit nominees to the vacant positions.

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

- 6. The Administrative Officer reported on the proposed venue for the next meeting of the Local Committee to be held on Wednesday 31 October 2001 at 1400 hrs and further reported that, following approval of a meetings calendar by the Council on 25 October 2001, a further report would be submitted 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 Wednesday 31 October 2001 at 1400 hrs in Kilmaurs Community Centre, Kilmaurs; and
- (ii) to note that arrangements for future 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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- 7. There was submitted a report dated 20 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 agreed as follows:

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

- (a) Community Associations

Fenwick Community Association - 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.

- (b) Young People

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Dunlop Primary School Parent/Teacher Association - £80

Lainshaw Residents Association - £355.

- (c) Arts and Cultural

Loudoun Musical Society - £30

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £200 - It was noted that the Group would be asked to consider future activities within the Northern Area.

(d) Sport

Galston United AFC - £17.65.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOTBALL PAVILIONS AND PITCHES (Item 11, Page 1814, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the current situation with regard to the use of the football pavilions and pitches in the Northern Area.

It was agreed that in respect of the refurbishment of the Morton Road Pavilion, Kilmaurs the Director of Community Services be requested to submit a further report to the Committee on all funding opportunities that may be available including details of the qualifying criteria for accessing such funds.

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

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

It was noted that no nominations to represent the Local Committee on the Forum were put forward at the meeting.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

10. There was submitted a report 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 on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Community Representative should consult with their relevant organisations to forward ideas which could be highlighted as Strathclyde Police "Spotlight" initiatives to Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer at Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU or Sgt John Ramage at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report, together with the updated figures.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

11. Sgt John Ramage, Strathclyde Police reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:

- (a) that the Stewarton area had been particularly badly hit by vandalism, vehicle crime and housebreaking although Police had achieved a good detection rate;
- (b) that a number of the crimes (primarily theft of and from vehicles and theft of bicycles) could have been avoided with greater forethought from members of the public;
- (c) vandalism had also taken place at Nether Robertland Primary School, and Lainshaw Primary School had been broken into, although the goods stolen had been recovered; and
- (d) members of the public should continue to be encouraged to phone the Police if they are suspicious of any activities in their area.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES (Item 5, Page 1812, 99/02)

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising on the reply from Strathclyde Passenger Transport on issues raised on rail public transport in the Northern Area.

Whilst noting that a contact point for complaints had been provided, the Committee expressed disappointment at the response which they considered did not cover the issues of concern the Committee had raised.

It was agreed to request that the Strathclyde Passenger Transport provide the Committee with six monthly reports identifying future developments and other strategic rail initiatives affecting the Northern Area and noted that the Chair will be writing to Strathclyde Passenger Transport expressing the Committee's dissatisfaction with their response.

KILMARNOCK CYCLEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

- 13.** 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 to approve the provision of cycleways and pedestrian facilities proposed for the Northern Area.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001-2004

- 14.** 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 participation of Community Representatives in the Plan's review process.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Carolyn Blyth be the Local Committee representative on the Community Representative Forum as part of the Plan's review process; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

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

16. 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 presentation by the Social Inclusion Unit on progress made on the Social Inclusion Initiative with particular reference to the Northern Area;
- (ii) a report updating the Local Committee on the pilot recycling scheme in Fenwick together with details of East Ayrshire Council's recycling plans; and
- (iii) a presentation from SEPA on their Waste Management Strategy Plan including implications for the Northern Area and the opportunities for community consultation on the Plan.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hrs.

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