

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON 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, John Donaldson and Dr Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Alison McCann, Geraldine Garland, Robert Cook and Betty Smith.

**ATTENDING:** Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads); Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer, Trading Standards; Andy Warnock, Team Leader (Support to Communities; and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Maurice Ashbridge and Linda Thomson; and Named Substitute Ian McVey.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS/ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

1. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 5 on the Agenda before consideration of Item 1.

The Chair also noted that four further applications for Community Grant funding had been received from Kilmarnock Folk Club, Galston United Football Club, Gateway Writers Group and Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery Parish Education and Youth Committee and it was agreed that these additional items be considered in terms of Item 3 on the Agenda as urgent decisions were required prior to the next Committee meeting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

2. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 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 on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a new Kilmarnock Town Centre Constable was in post and that confirmation would be sought as to whether this posting would be of a permanent or temporary nature;
- (ii) that Members and Community Representatives give consideration to any additional information which should be provided in the policing report and convey their views directly to the Police Liaison Officer based at Council Headquarters;

- (iii) that consideration be given to the following issues, viz:- disruption caused by youths congregating in the vicinity of chemists distributing methadone; speeding traffic within Gatehead; and the misuse of disabled parking badges; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

Community Representative Robert Jones joined the meeting during discussion of this Item.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

- 3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1410 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

### **RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

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

### **MINUTES**

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 5. There was submitted for information and noting the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 14 May 2002 (circulated).

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

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- 6. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2002 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications received.

The Administrative Officer also reported verbally on the four additional applications for grant funding received from (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club for expenses associated with the Kilmarnock Folk Weekend on 25-27 October 2002; (ii) Galston United Football Club for expenses associated with transport to and from matches; (iii) Gateway Writers Group for a series of tutor-led workshops; and (iv) Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery Parish Education and Youth Committee for expenses associated with a praise party on 15 September 2002 for children and their parents residing within the boundaries of Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery. The Administrative Officer provided information on the assessment of these applications.

The Administrative Officer further reported that revised assessments had been received in respect of Loudoun Musical Society, St Joseph's Retirement Club, Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club and F.C Kilmarnock (Women's Football Club).

It was agreed as follows:-

(i) **Applications approved (for the purposes identified within the application), viz:-**

(a) Arts and Cultural

Loudoun Musical Society - £750.00

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £320.00, on condition that all financial statements were submitted by the group and found to be proper; the group undertook to ensure greater forward planning and improved project management for any future application; that the group investigate possible funding directly from schools for the school element of future projects; that the group collect information on attendees and liaise with Community Services in this regard; that, in terms of future applications, further evidence be provided on audience and programme information for the festival; and, should a further application for funding next year be planned, the group be encouraged to apply earlier for a grant.

Gateway Writers Group - £180.00

(b) Community Councils

Gatehead Community Council

Councillor Reeves, seconded by Councillor Walsh, moved approval of the application in the amount of £950.

Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment approval of the application in the amount of £750.

On a division by a shown of hands, the amendment was carried by 3 votes to 2.

(c) Early Education and Childcare

PEACE (Gargieston) - £500.00

(d) Older People

Springhill Gardens Support Group - £1,000.00

St Joseph's Retirement Club - £218.00

(e) Sport

Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club - £212.00

F.C. Kilmarnock (Women's Football Club) - £350.00, on condition that the club ensured that a dissolution clause was included in their Constitution.

(ii) **Applications Refused**

Galston United Football Club, on the grounds that the group had a reasonably healthy bank balance and the previous year's accounts demonstrated that the club made a surplus and operated a tote bringing in considerable income.

Kilmarnock Presbytery Parish Education and Youth Committee, on the grounds that the application did not meet grant funding criteria in that, whilst

the Council welcomed applications from religious organisation wishing to carry out work in the community, it did not normally fund projects designed primarily to promote religion itself or where people must take part in religious services in order to benefit.

(iii) **Delegated Authority Awards**

PEACE (Gargieston) - £500.00

Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin - £300.00

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £285.00

Gatehead Senior Citizens Club - £500.00

Crosshouse Rainbow Guides Unit - £300.00

- (iv) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources submit a report to the Local Committee detailing the arrangements in place in respect of other Local Committees in considering grant applications, including the setting of priorities for grant funding.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

7. It was reported and noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on 29 October 2002 in Gatehead Community Centre, Fairlie View, Gatehead and that, following approval of the Meetings Calendar at the Council meeting in December 2002, a further report would be submitted giving details of dates and requesting approval of venues until early summer 2003.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2002 (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 agreed:-

- (i) that Maurice Ashbridge represent the Local Committee on the Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR MEASURES**

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of proposals to improve bus-stop facilities within Kilmarnock and sought the Local Committee's views.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that consideration be given to ensuring that sufficient pavement space was provided near bus-stops for the passage of prams and wheelchairs;

- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Chair, to agree any further detailed changes required following the public consultations on the detailed proposals; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **10.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 August 2002 (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.

### **10.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

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

- (i) housing stock transfer.

The meeting terminated at 1509 hours.