

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and Willie Coffey; and Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Dorothy McGowan, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie and Janet Smith; and Substitute Community Representatives: Anne McKenzie, Cathy Mills and Sally Roy.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Ganes Dunlop, Assistant Housing Manager, Homes and Technical Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Helen Sinclair, Service Development Officer; Ann Williams, Acting Principal Officer, Community Safety; Janice Harrison, Team Leader (Support to Communities); and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Colin Martin, Community Policing, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Weir; and Community Representatives Beryl Graham and Hugh Stirling; and Alan Harley, Substitute Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow a fifteen minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1412 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on 28 May 2002 (circulated).

3.1 Matters Arising**3.1.1 Action Taken Against Tenants in Relation to Drug Trafficking/Other Serious Crimes in the Area (Item 11, Page 2618, 99/02)**

It was confirmed that PC Brian Darroch, Divisional Drugs Education Officer had recently given a talk to New Farm Loch Community Council and that a similar event would be scheduled for the Northwest Kilmarnock Community Council.

Following a request from Councillor W Coffey that a representative of the Housing Service and Strathclyde Police give a talk to the Northwest meeting on their respective roles to deal with drug trafficking from Council housing, it was agreed that

the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources arrange a public meeting to discuss the above matters and that the meeting be open to all groups and members of the public in the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

4. The Chair introduced Helen Sinclair, Service Development Officer, who gave a presentation on the Council's proposals for Community Planning. Thereon, a question and answer session took place.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the presentation;
- (ii) that the Administrative Officer circulate copies of the power point presentation on Community Planning to Members and Community Representatives; and
- (iii) that Community Representatives advise the Administrative Officer of any issues arising from the presentation.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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5. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2002/2003, together with individual assessment reports in respect of applications received for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

5.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Young People
 - (i) PEACE - Onthank - Noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated authority and agreed an additional award of £500.00;
- (b) Older People
 - (i) St Joseph's Retirement Club - £141.00;
 - (ii) New Farm Loch Lunch Club - £550.00;
 - (iii) Onthank Men's Club - Noted an award of £500.00 had been granted under delegated authority; and
 - (iv) Kilmarnock South Elderly Forum - £44.44;
- (c) Tenants/Residents' Groups
 - (i) The Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Group - £250.00;
- (d) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £320.00;
 - (ii) Gateway Writers Group - £269.00;
- (e) Sport
 - (i) Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatics Club - £40.00; and

- (ii) F.C. Kilmarnock Ladies - £350.00.

5.2 Applications Refused

(a) Leisure Activities

- (i) Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery Parish Education and Youth Committee - Refused on the basis that the application did not meet the grant funding criteria in that, whilst the Council welcomed applications from religious organisations wishing to carry out work in the community, it did not normally fund projects designed primarily to promote religion in itself or where people must take part in religious services in order to benefit; and
- (ii) Galston United AFC - Refused 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.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- 6. The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the next meeting of the Local Committee would take place on Tuesday 12 November 2002 within Onthank Community Centre 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 up until early Summer 2003.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of Policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

Sergeant Colin Martin also referred to a supplementary report on the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund evaluation of Police activity.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Administrative Officer circulate further information on the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund evaluation of Police activity for August 2002 to Members and Community Representatives;
- (ii) that the Police Liaison Officer include the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund evaluation information in future reports to the Local Committee;
- (iii) that the Administrative Officer canvass the opinion of Members and Community Representatives on any amendments to improve the style and content of Police reports;
- (iv) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by a local Officer and advise the Police Liaison Officer accordingly; and

- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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 the membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Matt Donnelly as the Community Representative and Beryl Graham as Substitute Representative to represent the Local Committee on the Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR MEASURES

9. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of proposals to improve bus-stop facilities within Kilmarnock and which sought the Committee's views on detailed proposals that would be put before the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the detailed proposals to improve bus-stop facilities in Kilmarnock;
- (ii) that if Community Representatives had any specific comments, to reply to the Administrative Officer accordingly;
- (iii) to note that the issues raised by Matt Donnelly (Community Representative) on behalf of Alan Harley (Substitute Community Representative) had been addressed in the action in relation to the 15 minutes question and answer session; and
- (iv) to remit to the Director of Development Services in consultation with the Chair to agree any detailed changes that may be required following the public consultations on the detailed proposals.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

10. The Principal Engineer Traffic gave a verbal update on road safety measures which had been carried out under the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Director of Development Services was initiating public consultation measures with local residents on various traffic calming proposals as follows:-
- Kilmaurs Road - Phase 2 - measures to reduce speeds, improve road safety and improve pedestrian facilities;
 - Longpark - Innellan Drive and Campbeltown Drive - measures to reduce speeds, improve road safety and reduce "rat running";

- Meiklewood Road - measures specifically designed to reduce vehicle speeds to 20mph in front of Onthank and Mount Carmel Primary Schools; and
 - Tourhill Road and Onthank Drive - trial introduction of speed cushions - measures to reduce speeds and improve road safety;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report; and
- (iii) to note that the Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation would be available at the end of the meeting to discuss with Community Representatives any further issues arising from the road safety initiatives.

LOCAL ISSUES

11.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 September 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.

11.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was confirmed that no new local items were raised at the meeting, however, Community Representatives were requested to forward any proposals for a local item to the Administrative Officer as soon as possible.

The meeting terminated at 1514 hours.