

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN STEWARTON ANNICK COMMUNITY CENTRE, STANDALANE, STEWARTON

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil and Kathleen Hall; and Community Representatives: Carolyn Blyth, John Douglas, Iain Finlayson, Cathy Spicer, John McFadden, JP and Nicola Grainger; and Named Substitutes: Jimmy Miller, May McMillan and Charlotte Rennie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support, Educational and Social Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John Bryson, Area Engineer, Development Services; Christine Renwick, Assistant Area Manager, Homes and Technical Services; Alistair Wyper, Chief Engineer (Operations), Development Services; Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer, Community Services; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer Development, Corporate Resources; Eddie Fraser, Service Unit Manager, Educational and Social Services; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ann Hay; and Community Representatives Ashley Bell and Russel Hutcheson; and Named Substitute Mary White.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised of the recent sad death of Mungo White, Chairperson of Stewarton and District Community Council and it was agreed to extend the Local Committee's sympathies to his family.

The Chair welcomed Nicola Grainger and Charlotte Rennie as the newly appointed Youth Representative and Substitute Representative respectively and also Sergeant Ian Haynes, newly appointed Community Police Officer for the Northern Area, to the meeting.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 15 May 2002 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

5. The Administrative Officer reported on the proposed venue for the next meeting of the Local Committee to be held on Wednesday 30 October 2002 at 1400 hours and further reported that, following approval of the Meetings Calendar by the Council in December 2002, a further report would be submitted to provide details of arrangements for meetings of the Local Committee until early Summer 2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on Wednesday 30 October 2002 at 1400 hours 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. The Chair, at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 11 on the Agenda following the presentation on Community Planning.

PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY PLANNING

7. The Committee received a presentation from Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on Community Planning.

Fiona responded to questions from the Committee.

The Chair thanked Fiona for her presentation which was very informative and interesting.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2002/2003 (Item 7(i)(c), Page 2581, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 12 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the criteria for funding Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2002/2003 by the Education Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that this Committee request that a grants reference report, detailing all grant criteria, processes and procedures applicable in respect of all grant funding available from East Ayrshire Council, be prepared and submitted to the Policy

and Resources Committee for approval, for circulation to all interested parties; and

- (ii) to note that the Director of Educational and Social Services would provide background information to Councillor McNeil in respect of the Council's consideration of a number of education voluntary sector grants made previously and in particular 2001/2002.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2002/2003

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2002 (circulated) 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.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified on the applications), viz:-
- (a) Arts and Cultural
- (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £320.00, on condition that all the 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 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 and that the group be advised that future grant applications could be prejudiced if all the appropriate information was not submitted with the application; and
- (ii) Loudoun Musical Society - £250.00;
- (b) Sport
- (i) Kilmarnock Sports Acro Club - £60.00; and
- (ii) Stewarton Annick Football Club - £4,200.00. It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- "That the grant be awarded on condition that funds are granted from Sportscotland";
- (c) Young People
- (i) Dunlop Schools Out (PEACE) - £500.00, and noted previous award of £500.00 granted under delegated authority following a satisfactory assessment by the Department of Educational and Social Services.
- (ii) **Applications Refused**
- (i) 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 had made a surplus and operated a tote bringing in considerable income; and

- (ii) 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 organisations 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nomination of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that no nominations to represent the Local Committee on the Forum were put forward at the meeting; and
- (ii) to continue the item to the next meeting for consideration.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

- 11.** There was submitted and noted 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 for the preceding period and on forthcoming initiatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

- 12.** Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the number of housebreakings within the Northern Area had reduced although many of these crimes could have been avoided with greater forethought from members of the public;
- (ii) that there had been a decline in vehicle crime;
- (iii) that the number of people being charged with possession of drugs still remained a problem;
- (iv) that acts of vandalism represented 14% of all crime within the Northern Area, although this is still below the force average. A business in Stewarton had been particularly badly hit by vandalism but Police had been working with the owner to respond to the problem;
- (v) Sergeant Haynes had put Action Plans in place to focus patrols in areas of concern and that this had paid off; and

- (vi) Dunlop Corinthians had played their first football match in 30 years with no trouble being reported.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

TIMBER TRANSPORTATION

13. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the developments in relation to timber transport in Ayrshire, in particular the workings of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group and which commented on the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map for Timber Haulage.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group and national groups to minimise the impact of increased timber transport on the road network; and
- (ii) to note that any comments on the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map for Timber Haulage from group representatives should be forwarded to the Head of Roads and Transportation by 15 October 2002.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

SCHOOL SPORTS PITCHES (Item 17.2, Page 2583, 99/02)

14. There was submitted a report dated 29 July 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the regular use of school pitches and their accessibility.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the only school pitch used regularly by groups other than the school, was located at Stewart Academy Campus; and
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services arrange to have the availability of the school pitch appropriately advertised.

RESPIRE FOR CARERS (Item 12, Page 2472, 99/02)

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on respite available to carers.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

LAINSHAW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: REQUEST FOR GRANT 2002/2003

16. There was submitted a report dated 13 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which sought approval of an annual operating grant for the period 2002/2003 by Lainshaw Residents' Association.

It was agreed to approve the Lainshaw Residents' Association request for a grant of £100 from the housing revenue account.

LOCAL ISSUES

17.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 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 this Local Committee.

17.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was noted that there were no items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 1605 hours.