

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, WEST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives: Frank Dawson, Jessie Graham, Janice Speirs and Aniela Miller; and Named Substitute: Joyce McCulloch.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Gilchrist, Environmental Health Officer; Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police; and Helen Smillie, Sign Language Interpreter Services, Glasgow City Council.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Frank Donnelly and Bill Howie and Named Substitutes Les Pittams, Lilian Meikle and Grace Laing.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Isabella Macrae, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1406 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 4 June 2003.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**ADDITIONAL ITEM**

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004**

4. The Chair agreed to consideration of this item as an early decision was required. The Administrative Officer reported the nomination of Anne Scott as the Substitute Representative for Galston Community Council, where a vacancy existed. The Committee then approved this nomination.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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5. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position and profile of percentage allocations as at September 2003 in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for 2003/04, together with summary statements relating to the value of grants within the categories agreed by the Local Committee, as well as the individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications.

It was then agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-
- (a) Disability
- (i) Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council - £500.00;
- Arising from discussion of this grant application, the Committee noted that it would welcome the provision throughout the Irvine Valley of a scheme similar to that covered by this application, which provided wheelchairs for use by members of the community. It was agreed that the Administration Manager convey the Committee's views to the Irvine Valley Joint Community Council Group to establish whether they had considered such a Scheme.
- (b) Leisure and Sport
- (i) Loudoun Musical Society - £990.00;
- (ii) Newmilns and Galston Band - £476.00;
- (iii) FC Kilmarnock Ladies - £235.29; and
- (iv) Glenfield Bowling Club - £16.00 subject to the Administration Manager confirming that men and women had equal status within the Club in terms of the Constitution;
- (c) Older People
- (i) Darvel Lunch Club - £350.00;
- (ii) Irvine Valley Elderly Forum - £650.00;
- (iii) Darvel Old Folks Trip Committee - the Committee noted an award of £500.00 had been made in August, under delegated powers, by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee. The Committee agreed a further award of £500.00;
- (iv) Newmilns and Greenholm Senior Citizens Cabin - the Committee noted an award of £300.00 had been made in June, under delegated powers, by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee;

(ii) **Application Deferred**(d) Young People

- (i) Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Scout Council - the Administrative Officer reported that consideration of this item would require to be deferred to the next meeting, as information with regard to the membership of the Group was still awaited from the organisation.

(iii) **Application Refused**(e) Leisure and Sport

- (i) Caprington Ladies Golf Club - on the grounds that the Committee did not feel that the application represented an appropriate use for community grant funding.

**STREET NAMING****NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT AT DARVEL ROAD, NEWMILNS**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested that the Committee consider naming a street at a new development at Darvel Road, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street within the new development at Darvel Road, Newmilns, "Mill Court";
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES****ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

- 7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 2003 (circulated) by the Community Representatives Working Group on arrangements to hold an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives in November 2003; which sought the Committee's views thereon; and which requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process which Community Representatives would wish discussed at the Seminar.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

- 8. There was submitted and noted Minutes of the Community Safety Forum of 5 March 2003 (circulated).

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

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised 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) that Sergeant Hugh Mitchell investigate and respond to Councillor Wilson on the issue he had raised about a group of skateboarders using a bridge in Newmilns;
- (ii) following a report by Councillor Raymond in respect of a recent incident at Hurlford Cross, to request a report from the Director of Community Services on the effectiveness of the CCTV facilities at Hurlford Cross; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

- 10.** It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1505 hours. The meeting reconvened at 1510 hours with the same Members, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

### **DOG FOULING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 12 June 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on new legislation designed to deal with dog fouling. The Community Services Committee of 28 May 2003 had agreed that the report, which it had noted, be brought to the attention of the Local Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Director of Community Services would be empowered to authorise suitable Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST - BACKGROUND REPORT AND MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2003 by the Head of Administrative and Legal Services which summarised the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest as contained in her Trust Disposition and Settlement registered on 26 October 1981, together with the Minutes of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest Joint Advisory Committee of 22 August 2003 (both circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Minutes and recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Appendix to these Minutes; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 September 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where appropriate, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

### **NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was agreed to receive a report at a future meeting on Agreed Behavioural Contracts, which had been discussed by the Committee during the Safer Streets Policing report.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.

**APPENDIX**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN  
DARVEL TOWN HALL, DARVEL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert McDill, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson and Stuart Finlayson; and Darvel & District Community Council Representatives: George Dalziel Les Pittams and Max Flemmich.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Robin Baker, Treasury Services Manager and Gillian Hamilton, Administration Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jim Raymond.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert McDill, Chair.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

1. The Administration Manager advised that as this was the first meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee following the Local Government Elections on 1 May 2003, a new Chair required to be appointed and invited nominations.

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Robert McDill Local Member be appointed as Chair of the Joint Advisory Committee.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of the previous meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee held on 9 August 2002 (circulated).

**BACKGROUND REPORT**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 July 2003 (circulated) by the Head of Administrative and Legal Services which summarised, for the information of new members of the Joint Advisory Committee, the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest contained in her Trust Disposition Settlement registered on 26 October 1981.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 July 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which informed Members of the Joint Advisory Committee of the current level of accrued fund balances and their availability for disbursement in the current financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the methodology applied in previous years to determine the level of funds available for disbursement and that should Members apply the same methodology this year, to note that the level of funds available for distribution was £420;

- (ii) to consider the use of revenue balances to “top-up” the amount available for distribution, if required; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

### **5.1 Capital Project for Darvel**

Having heard a verbal update by the Administration Manager on the proposed capital project by Darvel Improvement Group for a Cultural Centre in Mair’s Road, Darvel it was noted that the Joint Advisory Committee would be kept informed of further developments.

### **SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

6. There was submitted and noted an updated report dated 21 August 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which summarised eight applications received for consideration by the Joint Advisory Committee.

### **APPLICATIONS**

7. There was submitted eight applications, totalling £5,506 received for consideration by the Joint Advisory Committee (circulated).

It was agreed to recommend to the Irvine Valley Local Committee that awards be made as follows:-

#### Applications Approved:-

Darvel Horticultural Society - an award up to £100 on condition that the award be used to purchase a cup for annual presentation at future flower shows and that the cup be suitably engraved to recognise the Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest;

Loudoun Musical Society - £120 to provide transport for elderly residents to attend “Guys and Dolls” at the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock from 29 September until 4 October 2003;

Darvel Primary School PTA - £300 contribution towards the cost of the community celebration of Darvel Primary School Centenary Year and the Administration Manager to advise the Association regarding possible additional sources of funding;

Darvel Improvement Group Heritage Section - £200 contribution towards the cost of employing two weavers to man lace machines on Doors Open Day; and advertising and display expenses for exhibits;

Darvel Friends of Guiding - £200 contribution towards the cost of “topping” trees at front of Guide Hall;

Darvel Football Club - £200 contribution towards the cost of paint and new seats for dressing rooms and new goalposts and nets; and

Flame Christian Fellowship - £100 goodwill gesture.

#### Application Refused

Mrs R M Tittensor:-

- (i) that no award be made in respect of the applicant’s current application for funding to design and print 500 copies of a leaflet seeking local participation in a pilot project on afforestation in Darvel and Whitelee Forest; and

- (ii) that the Administration Manager update the Advisory Committee on the applicant's progress in respect of an award made in 2001.

Darvel and District Community Council Representative, Max Flemmich joined the meeting at this point.

### **COMMEMORATION PLAQUE**

- 8. Arising from an expression of interest by Members of the Joint Advisory Committee to erect locally a commemorative plaque in recognition of the contribution by Miss Bessie C Roxburgh to the community of Darvel, it was agreed that the Administration Manager investigate and report back on this matter, clarifying whether there was scope for the utilisation of Trust funds for this purpose and identifying, in conjunction with Darvel and District Community Council an appropriate location for the plaque were this project to proceed.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.