

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT
1400 HOURS IN GATEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRLIE VIEW,
GATEHEAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Iain Linton and John Campbell; Community Representatives Robert Jones, John McIvor, John Tannock, Esther Caldwell, Linda Thomson, and Maurice Ashbridge; and Named Substitutes Alison McCann, Mary Fraser and Tom Cook.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Bill Gilchrist, Environmental Health Officer; Melvin Griffin, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader (Community Learning and Development); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police; and Kenny Naylor and Brian McVeigh, Scottish Water.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Mary Rose Muir, John Donaldson and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitute Ian McVey.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS/ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair advised, and it was noted, that Mr Ian Love of the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches had resigned as a Named Substitute on the Local Committee.

The Chair also noted that a further application for Community Grant funding had been received from Newmilns and Galston Band and it was agreed that this additional item be considered in terms of item 4 of the Agenda as an early decision was required.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hours for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1420 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

SCOTTISH WATER PRESENTATION

4. The Local Committee received a presentation from Kenny Naylor, Business and Community Liaison Manager of Scottish Water on the operation of Scottish Water, the public body which was launched in 2002 to replace three previous water authorities, including the former West of Scotland Water. This matter was raised as a local issue by the Committee in March 2003.

Elected Members and Community Representatives then had the opportunity to ask questions on Scottish Water's services. Thereafter, the Chair thanked the representative of Scottish Water for his presentation.

MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 27 May 2003 (circulated).

5.2 MATTERS ARISING

5.2.1 Community Learning and Development

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that Community Representative Maurice Ashbridge did not consider that the report which was submitted to the Local Committee effectively addressed the item raised as a local issue in January 2003; and
- (ii) that the Department of Educational and Social Services had agreed to submit a further, more detailed report to a future meeting of the Local Committee on this subject.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2003 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

There was also submitted an updated report dated 29 August 2003 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, together with further assessment reports (circulated) in respect of applications from Drongan and District Canine Society, Gatehead Senior Citizens Club, Glenfield Bowling Club and Kilmarnock Ladies Football Club.

There were further submitted assessment reports (circulated at the meeting) in respect of Caprington Ladies Golf Club and Newmilns and Galston Band.

It was agreed as follows: -

- (i) **Applications Approved (for the purposes identified with the application), viz: -**
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
Loudoun Musical Society - refused in light of the current budgetary position of the Committee but, following consideration of all remaining applications and a unanimous decision to reconsider the application in terms of the Standing Order 41 - £91.33 (the remaining balance of the Local Committee's grants budget).
 - (b) Disability Groups
Archway PHAB - £404.00

(c) Leisure

Gatehead Ladies Club - £230.00 in respect of hall fees, stationery items, flowers and bingo books only;

Gatehead Senior Citizens - £300.00 in respect of hall hire only

(d) Sport

Kilmarnock Portland Football Club - £200.00 in respect of the storage facility, strips and club regalia only;

Glenfield Bowling Club - £96.00;

Kilmarnock Ladies Football Club - £117.66; and

Caprington Ladies Golf Club - £106.09.

(ii) **Applications Refused (for the reasons given):**(a) Arts and Cultural

Newmilns and Galston Band - refused in light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee.

(b) Leisure

Green Shutter Machine Knitting Club - refused in light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee.

Drongan and District Canine Society - refused in light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee.

(c) Sport

Ochiltree Rovers Football Club - refused in the light of the current budgetary position of the Local Committee

(iii) **Application Withdrawn**(a) Young People

Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Scouts - withdrawn due to the group's failure to provide necessary information in terms of its current membership.

Community Representative Robert Jones left the meeting during discussion of this item.

FUTURE DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

6.2 In light of the premature expenditure of the Local Committee's Community Grants Budget for 2003/2004, discussion took place in respect of arrangements for the remainder of the current financial year and the disbursement of Community Grant funding in future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Grant applications received in the remainder of the current financial year be returned to applicants with an invitation to re-submit in the next financial year or seek alternative sources of external funding meantime; and

- (ii) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on options for the disbursement of the Local Committee's Community Grants budget in future.

Named Substitute Representative Alison McCann left the meeting during discussion of this item.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

STREET NAMING - DEVELOPMENT AT KILMAURS ROAD, KNOCKENTIBER

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested consideration of the naming of a street within a new development at Kilmaurs Road, Knockentiber.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street within the new development at Kilmaurs Road, Knockentiber be named Hannah Drive;
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

8. There was submitted 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Seminar would take place in November 2003;
- (ii) to note that the Local Committee's preference was for the Annual Seminar to take place in accordance with the status quo, namely as a full, Saturday daytime event; and
- (iii) that Community Representatives should advise the report's Implementation Officer or the Administration Manager no later than 10 September 2003 of any issues which they would wish to have discussed at the Seminar.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

9. There were submitted, for information, the Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Meeting of 5 March 2003 (circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that any issues of community safety should be raised with Maurice Ashbridge, the Local Committee's Representative on the Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the Minutes.

Community Representative Linda Thomson left the meeting during discussion of this item.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing initiatives, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

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 the problem of dog fouling, as requested by the Community Services Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Director of Community Services would be empowered to authorise suitable Officers to issue fixed-penalty notices in connection with dog fouling;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services advise the Local Committee of the number of fixed-penalty fines imposed locally under the new legislation after a 6-month operational period; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Community Representative Linda Thomson rejoined the meeting during discussion of this item.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 August 2003 (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.

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

The undernoted items were identified as potential items which could become the subject of future reports to the Local Committee:-

- (i) a presentation on the application and implications of the Council's Standing Orders;
- (ii) the Council's plans for the installation of smoke detectors within Council housing and General Services properties; and
- (iii) in the light of comments made under the earlier item by Community Representative Maurice Ashbridge, an update on the item pertaining to Community Learning and Development.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.