

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre and Daniel Coffey; and Community Representatives Beryl Graham, Hugh Stirling, Helen Milligan and Cathy Mills.

**ATTENDING:** John Stokes, Acting Housing Manager (Kilmarnock North and Central); Billy Gilchrist, Environmental Health Officer; Margaret Phelps, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager, Tenants Information Service and Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Dorothy McGowan, Janet Smith, Kerri Anne Clark, and Substitute Representatives Anne McKenzie, Noreen Lennon, Alan Harley, Sally Roy and Jeannie Beveridge.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR A 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 and to note that no items were raised.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- 3.1 The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, extended its deepest sympathy to Anne McKenzie for the recent loss of Archie McKenzie, Community Representative, expressed the Committee's appreciation of his representation over the last six years and sadness at the news that Anne had taken ill and was in hospital.
- 3.2 The Chair welcomed Community Representative Helen Milligan of the North West Lone Parents Group and Community Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police, to their first meeting.

**TENANTS INFORMATION SERVICE**

4. The Committee received a presentation from Sharon Donohoe, Development Manager, Tenants Information Service and thereafter there followed a question and answer session.

It was agreed to note the contents of the presentation.

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting held on 11 June 2003 (circulated).

#### 5.1 Matters Arising

##### 5.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2003/2004 (Item 9, Page 118, 03/07)

The Administrative Officer reported:-

- (i) that New Farm Loch Community Council would be holding their AGM at the end of September and a nomination to fill the vacancy and substitute vacancy would be advised in due course;
- (ii) that Catherine Mills had tendered her resignation as a Community Representative of Atrium Homes Tenants' Group; and
- (iii) that Alan Harley, Substitute Community Representative for the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability had also resigned.

It was agreed that the Administrative Officer undertake to seek nominations to fill the remaining vacancies in consultation with the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2003/2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of the community grants to local organisations in 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports in respect of the undernoted applications:-

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

(a) Leisure Activities

- (i) Glenfield Bowling Club - £57.00;

(b) Older People

- (i) The In-Betweens - Noted that an award of £525.00 had been made under delegated powers. Agreed to make a further award of £275.00 for purchase of bingo equipment;

(c) Sport

- (i) Caprington Ladies Golf Club - £60.60;
- (ii) Northwest Boxing Club - Noted that an award of £672.12 had been made under delegated powers;

(d) Young People

- (i) New Farm Loch Youth Club - Noted that a grant of £550.00 had been made under delegated powers;

**6.2 Application Continued**

- (i) Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Scout Group - continued for further information.

**DECENTRALISATION****ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of arrangements to hold an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives in November 2003; which sought the Committee's view thereon; and requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process that Community Representatives would wish discussed at the Seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Seminar would take place in November of this year;
- (ii) that the preferred option would be for the Seminar to be held on a week day evening; and
- (iii) that Community Representatives advise the Administrative Officer accordingly of a nomination to attend the Seminar and regarding any issues to be discussed at the Seminar.

**MINUTES OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

8. There was submitted for information, the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 5 March 2003 (circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Minutes; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives contact the Administrative Officer regarding a nomination and substitute to represent the Committee on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES****DOG FOULING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003**

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 June 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of 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; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

### **SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT “U” DIVISION**

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2003 (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 which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by local Officers;
- (ii) to request Strathclyde Police to include figures on the Better Neighbourhood Services Funding Initiatives for the North West Kilmarnock area in future reports; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH WEST LEARNING CENTRE AND NORTH WEST YOUTH CENTRE**

11. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress in the development of the North West Learning Centre and North West Youth Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to inform the Local Committee of progress of the new Learning Centre and new Centre; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN**

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress made in relation to the Kilmarnock North Community Learning Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress that had been made in establishing a Community Learning Plan in Kilmarnock North; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

#### **THORN TERRACE BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP: REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR 2003/2004**

13. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which advised of an application for an annual operating grant for the period 2003/2004 by Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Group.

It was agreed to approve the Thorn Terrace Better Neighbourhood Group request for a grant of £100.00 from the Housing Revenue Account.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **14.1 LOCAL ISSUES REPORT**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 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.

### **14.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed to request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources for an update on the progress of the North West Kilmarnock Primary Care Neighbourhood Centre Project to a future meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.