

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives: Ashley Bell, Charles Lindsay, Cathy Spicer, Jean Brown and Suzanne Leggate; and Named Substitutes: Mary White, Barbara Wiseman and Moya Farrell.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Pollution Control); Sandie Ingham, Community Worker, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John McGhee and Maureen McKay; Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson, Jim Miller and Russel Hutcheson; and Named Substitutes: Fiona Andrew, May McMillan and Alistair Thomson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Vice-Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hours, with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, (Ashley Bell having joined the meeting), Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted for information and noted, Minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 28 May 2003 (circulated).

3.2 MATTERS ARISING

3.2.1 Tenants Information Service (TIS)

In connection with the item "Tenants Information Service" (Item 3, Page 87, 03/07), it was noted that TIS had advised that they would be happy to provide an update on their service and had suggested that the most appropriate time for this would be early next year.

3.2.2 Local Committee Grants Scheme 2003/2004

In connection with the item "Local Committee Grants Scheme 2003/2004" (Item 7 (i)(b), Page 89, 03/07), it was noted that, following confirmation that Fenwick

Community Council did not meet the criteria for funding from the John Fulton Trust, the £200 agreed in principle at the last meeting had been released from the Community Grants Budget.

3.2.3 Police Report

In connection with the item "Police Report" (Item 9, Page 90,03/07), it was noted that the Chair had written to Strathclyde Passenger Transport and the British Transport Police highlighting the problems. Responses to the letter were read out at the meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed to write to Scotrail Railways Ltd to suggest that CCTV footage be retained for one month instead of 14 days.

3.2.4 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2003/04

In connection with the Item "Recruitment of Community Representatives 2003/04" (Item 11, Page 91, 03/07) the Administrative Officer reported that Fiona Andrew had been nominated by the Disability Forum as the Community Representative for the Northern Area Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nomination of Fiona Andrew as the Disability Forum Representative; and
- (ii) to note that, consequently, Fiona had resigned as the Fenwick Community Council Named Substitute.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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4. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to Local Organisations 2003/2004, together with individual assessment reports (circulated) in respect of the undernoted applications.

The Administrative Officer provided a detailed verbal assessment report in respect of Scottish Clydesdale Classic Horse Show.

It was agreed as follows:-

4.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the applications), viz:-

- (a) Arts and Cultural
Loudoun Musical Society - £204;
Newmilns and Galston Band - £126;
- (b) Community Councils
Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee - £508.75;
- (c) Leisure
Scottish Clydesdale Classic Horse Show - £500;

(d) Sport

Kilmarnock Portland Football Club - £250.

4.2 Application Refused (for the reason stated):-

Caprington Ladies Golf Club - as the application did not represent an appropriate use of Community Grant funding.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

5. There were submitted for information and noting, Minutes of meeting of the Community Safety Forum held on 5 March 2003 (circulated).

It was agreed to place an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Committee seeking nomination of a Community Representative and Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

DOG FOULING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 (Item 7, Page 83, 03/07)

6. 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 will be empowered to authorise suitable Officers to issue fixed penalty notices;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services provide an update report, in six months, on the success, or otherwise, of the introduction of the new legislation;
- (iii) to request that the Director of Community Services arrange for "dog tidy bags" to be made available in Post Offices throughout East Ayrshire; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

7. There was submitted and noted, together with update in respect of Section 3.1.2 of the report, that one person had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with 'supplying offences', a report dated 19 August 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding figure.

MISCELLANEOUS**POLICE REPORT**

8. Sergeant Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that although housebreakings were causing concern, good information had been received and Officers were following positive lines of enquiry;

- (ii) that persons had been detected in connection with the vandalism carried out at Lainshaw Primary School in May of this year;
- (iii) youth disorder and drinking in public places had been a problem in all villages;
- (iv) two licensees had been reported for selling to minors;
- (v) 32 disorder offences had been detected; and
- (vi) following the start of the new school year, Officers had been visiting schools emphasising Road Safety issues.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

9. 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 like 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 would be for the Seminar to take place on a Saturday between 10am and 2pm, including lunch; and
- (iii) that "Proportional Representation - How this would Impact on Local Committees" be submitted as an issue for discussion.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION IN THE NORTHERN AREA (Item 18, Page 92, 03/07)

10. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the type and range of work undertaken by the Council and partner organisations to support local economic regeneration in the Local Committee Area, within the life of the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the Director of Development Services submit a report, twice a year, to this Committee on Unemployment Statistics for the Northern Area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 September 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.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 12.** Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion in a future Agenda.

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

- (i) update report by the Director of Community Services on the provision of playpark equipment in the Northern Area; and
- (ii) in light of the problems experienced in accessing the 'Ring n Ride' Service, particularly in Lugton, a report by Strathclyde Passenger Transport on the Service.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.