

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Steve Brown, Nancy Mair, William Pattison, Evelyn Mair, Jim Crossan and Isobel Loudon; and Substitutes Gerard Cassidy, Frank Dawson, Frank Donnelly and Grace Laing.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Eddie O'Connor, Community Learning Officer; Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Donna Chisholm, Museums and Arts Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer; Dave Donaldson, Project Officer; Trish McLean, Senior Benefits Officer; Neil Bell, Matt Glover and John McRobert, Senior Engineers; Glenn Crotch, Team Leader; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Finlay MacLean; Community Representative George Dalziel; and Substitutes Janice Cameron and Jessie Graham.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: UPDATE

1. The Chair reported that following a further approach to Crookedholm Community Association a nomination had been received and the Committee agreed to appoint Sheila McNulty as the Crookedholm Community Association representative until 31 March 2001.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 15 November 2000.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position

in respect of grants received for the financial year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

- (i) It was agreed to note that awards of £400 and £500 to Hurlford and Crookedholm Millennium Committee and Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council respectively, had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the Vice-Chair and the Chair respectively, for the purposes specified in the applications;
- (ii) The Administrative Officer reported receipt of a letter, received on 5 February 2001, from Hurlford and Crookedholm Millennium Committee intimating that due to illness and the inclement weather conditions at New Year, they had been unable to hold their event and had requested to retain their grant award of £400 pending submission of a youth project application.

It was agreed that due to the limited budget available at present and the number of applications under consideration, that the organisation return the grant now to the Council and submit thereafter, a fresh application for the proposed project in the next financial year;

- (iii) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

- (a) Community Councils

- (i) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council - £200;
- (ii) Darvel and District Community Council (Environmental Group) (Old Tollgate Heritage Garden) - approved in principle £4,750 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make payment following Council approval of the Local Committee's grant allocation for next financial year; and
- (iii) Galston Community Council - £906.81;

- (b) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £1,217;

- (c) Economic Development

- (i) Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership - approved in principle £900 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make payment following Council approval of the Local Committee's grant allocation for next financial year;

- (d) Social Inclusion

- (i) Children's Holiday Project - £117.60;

- (e) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - approved in principle £600 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make payment following Council approval of the Local Committee's grant allocation for next financial year;

- (ii) Crossroads After School Club - £203.42 and approved in principle a further £596.58 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make payment of the £596.58 following Council approval of the Local Committee's grant allocation for next financial year, and subject to the Club obtaining the necessary Planning Permission for the proposed project.

The Committee further agreed, following a request from the club, to an extension to 31 August 2001 to expend the £300 remainder of their previous community grant award of January 2000; and

(iv) **Application Refused**

(a) Heritage

The Rotary Club of Loudoun - on the grounds that the proposed structure was inappropriate for the area, and was of insufficient benefit to the community.

Community Representative Nancy Mair left the meeting at this point.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME 1997 - PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW (Item 17, Page 1417, 99/02)

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the programme for the second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme 1997.

It was agreed to note that the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 13 November 2000 had agreed to undertake a Second Review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, in consultation with Community Councils, Local Members and the public.

STREET NAMING

- 7. The Administrative Officer reported that the Committee was invited to determine names for 2 new developments, one at East Heads Farm, Newmilns, and the other at Dykescroft/Firpark, Moscow. The Local Members and the local Community Councils had been consulted and the names "East Heads Steading" and "New Gill Haw" had respectively been suggested.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the 2 new developments at Newmilns and Moscow be named "East Heads Steading" and "New Gill Haw" respectively; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to advise the Head of Technical Services of the Committee's decisions.

Councillor Macrae left the meeting during discussion of this item.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 .

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I to the report with an amendment to include Crookedholm Community Association under Organisational Sectors and Mrs Sheila McNulty and (vacant) under the Community Representatives and (Named Substitutes);
- (ii) to retain the present community representation to this Local Committee as detailed in the amended Appendix I to the report, Darvel and District Community Council, Newmilns & Greenholm Community Council, Galston Community Council, Hurlford Community Council, Moscow & Waterside Community Council, Disability Forum, Pre-5s, Elderly Forum, Youth Forum and Crookedholm Community Association; and
- (iii) thereafter, to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH PROJECT

9. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 January 2001 (circulated) by the Directors of Educational and Social Services and of Corporate Resources seeking the endorsement of the Local Committee for funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to expand the pilot period for the Irvine Valley Youth Project to 18 months.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposal for potential financing from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund as outlined in Section 3 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Macrae rejoined the meeting during discussion of this item.

REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE'S SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of the Council's Review of Social Inclusion Implementation Arrangements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outcome of the review and the establishment of the new arrangements to secure social inclusion initiatives throughout East Ayrshire Council;
- (ii) that a report be submitted to the next meeting outlining how the Council intended to further develop the involvement of community representation on the Social Inclusion Boards; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2001/2002 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 2001/2002 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and on the "highly desirable/desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2001/2002 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways;
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004 - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FORUM

13. It was agreed to note that Frank Dawson, Galston Community Council, had been nominated to participate in the Forum.

Councillor Macrae and Bill Pattison, Community Representative, left the meeting at this point.

**HOUSING BENEFITS/COUNCIL TAX CONCERNS
(Item 12(ii), Page 1278, 99/02)**

14. The Committee heard a presentation by Trish McLean, Senior Benefits Officer, Policy and Compliance of the Benefits Section. This presentation had been requested as a local item by the Committee on 21 September 2000. Thereafter the Committee took the opportunity to raise various questions in respect of this subject.

The Chair thanked Trish McLean for her presentation.

**ROAD SAFETY MEASURES AT LOUDOUN ACADEMY, GALSTON
(Item 13(ii), Page 1403, 99/02)**

15. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Local Committee of progress on road safety measures. This report had been requested as a local item on 15 November 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the local Police visit Loudoun Academy, in respect of the Committee's concerns on pupils walking outside the barrier area on the approach to the School; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

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

No items were identified for potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1635 hours.

AGENDA