

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN MOSCOW LEISURE CENTRE, MOSCOW

PRESENT: Councillors James Raymond, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Steve Brown, Nancy Mair, Bill Pattison, George Dalziel, Isobel Loudon and Jim Crossan; and Substitutes Jessie Graham, Gerard Cassidy, Frank Dawson and Frank Donnelly.

ATTENDING: Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations (Chief Executive's); Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads Division); Matthew Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads Division); Nancy Hall, Team Leader (Social Work); Avril McCutcheon, Pre-school Community Organiser (Education); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae and Community Representative Evelyn Mair.

CHAIR: Councillor James Raymond, Chair for Items 1-10.3 and Item 11, and Councillor Harry Wilson for Item 10.3.2.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001

1. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which updated the Local Committee on the latest position in relation to nominations received.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint for a period of 1 year from 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001 Mr George Dalziel as Community Representative and Mr Frank Donnelly as Substitute for Darvel and District Community Council; Mr Steve Brown as Community Representative and Mr Gerard Cassidy as Substitute for Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council; Mr Andrew Nisbet as Community Representative and Mrs Jessie Graham as Substitute for Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council; Mrs Isobel Loudon as Community Representative and Mrs Lilian Meikle as Substitute for Moscow and Waterside Community Council and Mr Bill Pattison as Community Representative and Mr Frank Dawson as Substitute for Galston Community Council;
- (ii) to note that in respect of the Elderly Persons Representatives nominations had been received from the Elderly Forum and Newmilns and Greenholm Friendship Club, namely Mr Jim Crossan and Mrs J Connell as Community Representatives and Mrs Grace Laing and Mrs M Hogg as Substitutes, and it was agreed to appoint Mr Crossan and Mrs Laing as Community Representative and Substitute;

- (iii) to note that the Director of Corporate Services would continue to pursue nominations in respect of the youth representatives and representatives from Crookedholm Community Association; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

2000/2001 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) advised of the 2000/2001 Roads and Footway Structural Maintenance Programmes for “Inescapable” Schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and (b) sought approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways or “desirable” options.

The Committee also received a presentation on this subject by Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads Division).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” scheme 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;
- (iv) arising from discussion of this report, to note that a site meeting by the Roads Section Engineers to examine a flooding problem at Polwarth Street, Galston would take place; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1430 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting was reconvened at 1445 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and attending.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted and noted Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 8 March 2000.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL COMMITTEE

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nomination of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership for the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Andrew Nisbet as the Community Representative to represent the Local Committee on the Forum;
- (ii) to note that no nominations were forthcoming in respect of a Substitute to represent the Local Committee on the Forum; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 April 2000 (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 which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services report to the next meeting regarding the target date for installation of CCTV cameras in Hurlford; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION

VENUES FOR MEETINGS 2000/2001

8. It was agreed:-

- (i) the following venues for this years Local Committee cycle:-
 - 31 May 2000 - Hurlford Community Centre;
 - 20 September 2000 - Morton Hall, Newmilns;
 - 15 November 2000 - Barr Centre, Galston
 - 7 February 2001 - Darvel Town Hall;
 - 4 April 2001 - Crookedholm Community Centre; and
 - 30 May 2001 - Moscow Leisure Centre; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to book alternative venues should any of the above venues be unavailable on the given dates.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

9. The Administrative Officer invited nominations for Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working

Group, and Mr Bill Pattison and Mr Frank Dawson were nominated as Community Representative and Substitute respectively.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - EARLY ACTION PLAN

- 10.1** There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which (a) provided the Local Committee with a summary background to Social Inclusion Activity within East Ayrshire; (b) informed of the current position regarding the establishment of Social Inclusion priorities for the Irvine Valley and sought endorsement for the Action Plan which covered the first six month period; and (c) requested that the Local Committee nominate a Representative and Substitute to the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue to next meeting for clarification the whole issue of Bids for Social Inclusion Challenge Funding, and the Local Committee's role in approving such Bids for submission to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee;
- (ii) that the following two projects were suitable as the basis for Bid funding, viz:- (a) community access to lifelong learning project - the establishment of a local strategy for community access to life long learning and (b) drugs helpline - the establishment of an out of hours helpline information and advice service for parents and children;
- (iii) to nominate Gerard Cassidy and Steve Brown as Community Representative and Substitute to the Strategic Partnership Group; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2000/2001 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

- 10.2** There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which (i) advised of the Committee grant spend for the last two financial years; (ii) advised the Committee of the grant allocation for 2000/2001; and (iii) asked the Committee to consider setting local priorities for grant funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2000/2001 was £24,482;
- (ii) not to set local priorities for grant funding for the forthcoming financial year; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001

- 10.3** There was submitted a report dated 14 April 2000 and amended report dated 18 April 2000 (both circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified on the application):-

(a) Community Councils

Darvel Environmental Action Group - £1,500 subject to (a) the Director of Corporate Services receiving evidence of satisfactory insurance for the project and (b) the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) being consulted on the siting of the hanging baskets.

(b) Older People

Galston and District Old People's Welfare - £2,500

(c) Pre-Five's

Hurlford and Crookedholm Playgroup - £1,200

(d) Sport

Dean Thistle Youth Football Club - £260

10.3.1 Declaration Of Interest

Councillor Raymond declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and vacated the Chair during consideration of the item.

10.3.2 Appointment of Chair and Consideration of Item

In the absence of the Vice-Chair, Councillor Wilson was unanimously appointed to the Chair.

Hurlford and Crookedholm Millennium Committee - £530.

Councillor Raymond resumed the Chair at this point.

LOCAL ITEMS

11. The Committee identified disabled access issues in relation to Old People's Cabins as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1625 hours.