

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Harry Wilson and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Steve Brown, Bill Pattison, Andrew Nisbet, Nancy Mair, Evelyn Mair and Jim Crossan; and Substitutes Frank Donnelly and Gerard Cassidy.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Carol Andrew, Business Adviser; Craig Iles, Enforcement Officer; Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; Tom Merry, Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Leader; Kerr Chalmers, Technical; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Prendergast, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Macrae and Finlay MacLean; and Community Representatives Isobel Loudon and George Dalziel; and Substitutes Lilian Meikle, Janice Cameron, Frank Dawson and Jessie Graham.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Prendergast, Strathclyde Police to his first meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1412 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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4. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 31 May 2000.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 August 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.

FLY-TIPPING IN THE IRVINE VALLEY

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the problem of fly-tipping and of the control measures taken by the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a request be made to the Director of Community Services for consideration being given to providing skips for local communities' use in the autumn, i.e. at the end of the garden season;
- (ii) to receive a report at a future meeting by the Director of Community Services detailing the number of prosecutions in the last year for fly-tipping and also prosecutions under the Litter Act; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: UPDATE

7. It was reported by the Administrative Officer the updated position in relation to the appointment of Community Representatives for the current year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that in respect of the vacancies for the Youth Representative and Substitute, Mr Johnston, Head Teacher of Loudoun Academy had intimated that he would be putting forward nominations prior to the next meeting of the Committee, and after his consultation on the matter with the Head Teacher of St Joseph's Academy;
- (ii) to note that as Crookedholm Community Association had now intimated they were unable to nominate a Representative or Substitute to serve on the Local Committee this year, that the Chair and the Administration Manager attend the next appropriate meeting of the Association to talk about the role of the Local Committee and ascertain thereafter whether the Association would be willing to take up a place on the Local Committee; and
- (iii) to note that the outcome of the above two matters would be reported to the next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY (Item 8, Page 622, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the outcome of public consultations on the East Ayrshire Interim Local Transport Strategy (Consultative Draft) and consulted the Local Committee on the draft programmes and targets for inclusion in the Full Local Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultation to date;
- (ii) that Members of the Committee should, on an individual basis, forward any comments on the draft programmes and targets direct to the Director of Development Services by 30 September 2000;
- (iii) to iterate the Committee's commitment to the retention of the last bus service to Darvel; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 September 2000 and amended report dated 19 September 2000 (both 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 additional summary statements relative to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application):-
 - (a) Conservation/History
 - (i) Barr Castle Millennium Heritage Museum Society - £2,650 subject to the organisation obtaining the necessary permissions for the works, e.g. planning permission/building warrants;
 - (b) Community Councils
 - (i) Darvel and District Community Council (Christmas Lights) - £1,100 subject to evidence of satisfactory insurance for the project and that the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) be consulted on the siting of the lights as the Council had approved conditions with regard to the use of street lighting columns for Christmas lights;
 - (ii) Darvel and District Community Council (computer package) - £1,110 subject to evidence of adequate insurance for the equipment and that reasonable access must be given for community use of the equipment;

- (c) Music
 - (i) Loudoun Musical Society - £648;
- (d) Sport
 - (i) Loudoun Lions Mini Rugby Club - £1,600;
 - (ii) Hurlford Boys and Girls Football Club - The Administrative Officer reported on the assessment report on the application which had now been received from the Director of Community Services and was recommending an award of £1,098 for the portacabin storage container, and that the Club apply to Awards for All (East Ayrshire Sports Council) for the goal nets and posts (£768).

Agreed £1,800 subject to the Club obtaining the necessary planning permission for the storage container which it was understood they had applied for;
 - (iii) Newmilns Vesuvius Under 18's - £250;
- (e) Young People
 - (i) P.A.L.S. Out of School Club Steering Committee - £280 and that the Committee make a presentation at a later Committee meeting advising of their progress.
- (ii) **Application Refused**
 - (a) Community Councils
 - (i) Darvel and District Community Council (Environmental Action Group) - on the grounds that the Group had agreed to undertake maintenance work associated with the hanging baskets project, in respect of which the Committee had already awarded a grant.
- (iii) **Application Deferred**
 - (a) Conservation History

The Rotary Club of Loudoun - deferred until the Club (a) have established ownership of the ground in respect of the project and obtained landowner's consent; and (b) have demonstrated their ability to fundraise for the project; and
 - (iv) to note that an award of £22.00 to St Marnock Playscheme (ENABLE) had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the relevant Chairs of the appropriate Local Committee Chairs.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - PROGRESS AND PROPOSALS FOR FINANCE FROM THE SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND 2000/2001

10. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which reported on progress with the Early Action Plan and invited the Local Committee's comments on potential schemes for finance through the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a report would be made to a future meeting on the results of the on-street youth surveys which were being carried out as part of the early action plans;
- (ii) that the Social Inclusion Team Leader would meet with Community Representative Steve Brown to address his concerns over the involvement of established youth organisations in the implementation of the pilot project;
- (iii) otherwise to approve the progress and actions reported;
- (iv) to support the proposal for potential financing from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund as outlined in Section 4 of the report;
- (v) to note that further proposals for finance from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund might be put before this Committee for consideration at subsequent meetings; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS FOR ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 September 2000 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control which advised the Committee of the implementation process for Enforcement Notices under the Building (Scotland) Act 1959, Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 in relation to buildings in a dangerous condition.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the "Forward Planner", of Local Committee business an item on:-

- (i) After School Care with the PALS Out of School Club Steering Committee being invited to give a talk to the Local Committee, as agreed under item 9(e) ; and
- (ii) Housing Benefit/Council Tax concerns with the appropriate Officers attending the Local Committee to explain their Department's responsibilities in these areas.

The meeting terminated at 1615 hours.

AGENDA