

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill and Community Representatives Frank Donnelly, Isobel Loudon, Grace Laing, Janice Speirs, Jessie Graham, Sheila McNulty and Steve Brown and Named Substitutes, Bill Howie and Gerard Cassidy.

ATTENDING: Donna Chisholm, Museum and Arts Manager; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; David Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor; John D Butler, Service Officer; Glen Crotch and Eddie O'Connor, Team Leaders and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Alistair McKie and Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Bill Pattison and Nancy Mair and Named Substitutes Frank Dawson and Lilian Meikle.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 5.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider item 5 (Local Committee Grants Scheme) as the last item on the Agenda.

MINUTE'S SILENCE

2. The Committee observed a one minute silence in recognition of the recent events in the United States of America.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. 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

4. The meeting was reconvened at 1417 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 30 May 2001 and of the Special Meeting held on 17 August 2001.

MATTER ARISING (Item 6, Page 1873 99/02)

6. The Committee noted the outstanding request for nomination of a new substitute to the Community Representative's Annual Seminar Working Group.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

7. It was agreed:-
- (i) that the next meeting of the Local Committee on Wednesday 14 November 2001 be held in the Barr Centre, Station Road, Galston; and
 - (ii) to note that following approval of the Meetings Calendar at the Council meeting on 25 October 2001, a further report would be submitted giving details of times and dates and requesting approval of venues until June 2002.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION 2001/2002

8. The Committee agreed:-
- (i) to appoint Joyce McCulloch as the Named Substitute for Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council;
 - (ii) to note the resignation from the Committee of Janice Cameron, Named Substitute; and
 - (iii) to note that the Administrative Officer continue to pursue nominations of the Youth Representative and Named Substitute from Loudoun Academy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Sergeant James Richmond had replaced Sergeant Hugh Mitchell as the Council's Police Liaison Officer;
- (ii) to thank Hugh Mitchell for his input and support to the Local Committee over the last three years, and to wish him well in his new position as Section Sergeant at Galston Police Office;
- (iii) that Strathclyde Police would investigate the graffiti which had been carried out at Riccarton Road, Hurlford; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Macrae joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought the nomination of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue the matter of nomination of Community Representative and Substitute to represent the Local Committee on the Forum, to the next meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ROAD SAFETY MEASURES AT LOUDOUN ACADEMY, GALSTON

11. There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals for traffic calming measures on the A719 in the vicinity of Loudoun Academy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Development Services Committee's approval of the provision of traffic calming measures on the A719 in the vicinity of Loudoun Academy as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to arrange to publicise in the local media the success of the road safety measures achieved at this location, and the part played in this by the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004

12. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the completion, content and implementation of East Ayrshire Council's Second Children's Service Plan: "Inspiring Young People" and which sought the participation of Community Representatives in the Plan's review process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Service Officer respond direct to Community Representative, Steve Brown on the points he had raised;
- (ii) to endorse Local Committee representation on the Community Representative's Forum as part of the Plan's review process and that the Community Representatives currently on the Community Representatives' Forum be approached to ascertain if they wished to continue with their representation; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST

BACKGROUND REPORT AND MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which summarised the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest as contained in the Trust Disposition and Settlement registered on 26 October 1981, together with Minutes of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest Joint Advisory Committee of 24 August 2001 (both circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report;
- (ii) to approve the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee of 24 August 2001 annexed to the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEWMILNS CABIN (Item 4.2, Page 1872 99/02)

14. There was submitted a report dated September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which provided a progress report on the installation of a ramp for people with a disability, to improve access to the site.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the problems which had been encountered with the preparatory work for installation of the ramp, which had been compounded by vandalism to the area;
- (ii) to make urgent enquiries to the Department of Educational and Social Services with regard to completing the works as a matter of urgency, given that preparatory works were further restricting access to the building, and were attracting further vandalism;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services be asked to confirm that maintenance works to the gutters and hedging at the cabin had now been carried out; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Local Committee receive a report on playpark equipment following the Member/Officer Working Group's recommendation on this matter; and
- (ii) to incorporate into the "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business an item on the future distribution of the Local Committee Grant allocation.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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16. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 2001 and amended report dated 19 September 2001 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2001/2002 together with the summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations, and an amended summary statement relative to the Galston and District Old People's Welfare application (all circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application):-

(a) Arts and Cultural

Loudoun Musical Society - £525

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £200

(b) Environment

Darvel Improvement Group - £500 subject to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources satisfaction in consultation with the Chair, of the Group's status (having evolved from Darvel and District Community Council Environmental Action Group) and following production of the relevant bank account details and forecast of expenditure and income.

(c) Heritage

Darvel Improvement Group (Heritage Committee) - £500 subject to (i) the same conditions listed under application 15i(b) above; (ii) planning permission for the project being obtained; and (iii) maintenance arrangements for the cairn being agreed with the Solicitor to the Council.

(d) Older People

Age Concern (Hurlford) - £600

Declaration of Interest

Councillors Raymond, Macrae and MacLean declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application below.

Galston and District Old People's Welfare - £2,000

(e) Sport

Galston United AFC - £350 and that the Club be advised to apply to Awards for All for the element of their application relating to medical equipment, training nets and strips, in respect of which the Council's External Funding Advice Officer be asked to give guidance to the Club to prepare the application.

(f) Young People

1st Hurlford Boy's Brigade - £1,000

(ii) **Application Continued**

(g) Sport

Newmilns Bowling Club - for further investigation as to possible alternatives to the ramp proposed.

(iii) **Application Refused**

(h) Heritage

Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society - on the grounds that the Committee's budget was severely constrained this year but that the group be asked to re-apply at the beginning of next financial year when the new budget would be in place, at which time the application also be considered as cross-boundary one.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.

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