

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2001 AT 1405 HOURS
IN MOSCOW LEISURE CENTRE, MOSCOW**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; Community Representatives, William Pattison, Jessie Graham and Isobel Loudon; and named Substitutes George Dalziel, Gerard Cassidy, Frank Dawson, Bill Howie and Janice Cameron.

ATTENDING: John Pickering, Area Manager; Eddie O'Connor, Community Learning Officer; Donna Chisholm, Museums and Arts Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer; Denise Brown, Service Unit Manager; Glenn Crotch, Team Leader; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae; Community Representatives Steve Brown, Grace Laing, Frank Donnelly, Nancy Mair and Janice Speirs.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

**COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - HURLFORD AND CROOKEDHOLM
YOUTH PROJECT**

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional community grant application from Hurlford and Crookedholm Youth Project as part of Item 7.1 (iv) of the Agenda as an early decision was required.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1 There were submitted and noted the Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 4 April 2001.

MATTER ARISING

NEWMILNS CABIN

- 4.2 It was agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services be asked to provide a report to the next meeting confirming the up-to-date position regarding a

timescale for installation of a new ramp, following a similar request by the Committee at the previous meeting.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - 2001/2202 (Item 4, Page 1732, 99/02)

5. The Committee were invited to appoint the following Community Representatives/named Substitutes:- (1) Steve Brown as Community Representative and Gerard Cassidy as named Substitute for Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council; (2) Sheila McNulty as Community Representative for Crookedholm Community Association; (3) Frank Donnelly as Community Representative and George Dalziel as named Substitute for Darvel and District Community Council; and (4) Jessie Graham as Community Representative for Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint the above-mentioned Community Representatives and named Substitutes to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

The Committee also noted that Loudoun Academy and Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council would be submitting their nominations for Community Representative and named Substitute respectively to a future meeting.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Jessie Graham be nominated as Community Representative; and
- (ii) to continue the matter of nomination of named Substitute to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2001/2002

- 7.1 There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2001 (circulated) 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 a summary statement 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) Community Councils

Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 1466) - £1,200.00, subject to (a) the Director of Corporate Resources/Depute Chief Executive receiving evidence of satisfactory insurance for the hanging baskets project and (b) the Director of Development Services (Roads Division) being consulted on the siting of the hanging baskets;

(b) Environment

Galston Community Council - £1,500.00 subject to (a) the Director of Corporate Resources/Depute Chief Executive 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;

(c) Leisure

Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council (CG 1468) - £976.00;

Darvel Old Folks Trip Committee - £1,000.00 and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make payment following receipt of a satisfactory report from the Assessing Department; and

Newmilns and Greenholm Senior Citizen's Cabin - £95.00, in addition to an amount of £500.00 which it was noted had been awarded to the organisation under Delegated Powers following consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

(ii) **Application Continued**(d) Environment

Darvel and District Community Council (Environmental Action Group)

Councillor Raymond seconded by Councillor Wilson moved that whilst expressing support for the application that it be continued to a future meeting in order that alternative avenues for funding for the project be explored, in particular the Bessie C Roxburgh bequest.

Councillor McDill seconded by Councillor MacLean moved as an amendment an award of £1,200.00.

There being an equality of votes the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which accordingly became the decision of the meeting.

Councillor McDill dissented from this decision.

(iii) **Application Refused**(e) Leisure

Henderson Church Cyber Café - on the grounds that it would not make economic sense to subsidise this project which was only a short distance from the Dick Institute, which facility would provide free internet access, as opposed to the application project which would impose charges on its customers, and for the other reasons as detailed in the Assessing Officer's report.

(iv) **Additional Item**(f) Leisure

Hurlford and Crookedholm Youth Project - that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to consider an award of up to £500.00 subject to receipt of satisfactory reports.

**COMMUNITY GRANT - HURLFORD BOYS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB
2000/01**

- 7.2** There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of a request from Hurlford Boys and Girls Football Club to use an unspent portion of a Community Grant which was awarded by the Local Committee in financial year 2000/01 in order to purchase further equipment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request by Hurlford Boys and Girls Football Club to use the remaining unspent portion amounting to £275.51 from their original Community Grant award of £1,800.00, to purchase new balls and training equipment; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY GRANT - BARR CASTLE MILLENNIUM HERITAGE MUSEUM
SOCIETY**

- 7.3** The Administrative Officer reported that an invitation to the Committee had been received from this organisation to view the Museum and observe how the grant money had been spent. It was noted that the Local Committee had awarded the organisation £2,650.00 in September 2000 for heating and rewiring.

It was agreed that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make the necessary arrangements for an evening visit by the Committee to the Museum.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

- 8.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives in the preceding six week period, and on forthcoming initiatives.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

HOME HELP SERVICE

- 9.** There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the changing pattern of home care in the East Ayrshire Council area, and in particular the number of home helps employed since 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Service Unit Manager having noted the views of the Community Representatives relay these views on the report to the Director of Educational and Social Services; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH PROJECT (Item 10, Page 1277, 99/02)

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the findings of a youth survey reported at the Committee on 21 September 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the project referred to in Paragraph 2.1 of the report should be the "Developing Access, Information and Resources for Youth";
- (ii) that the Project Development Officer consider the Committee's suggestion that the group look at the use of the Irvine Valley Community Bus; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

NAMING OF PUBLIC GARDEN AREA ADJACENT TO LOUDOUN CHURCH, NEWMILNS

11. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider recommending to the Community Services Committee a name for the small public garden area adjacent to Loudoun Church, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the Community Services Committee that the public garden area adjacent to Loudoun Church, Newmilns be named "Kirkgate Gardens"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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 proposals for the extension of the 30 mph speed limit on the A71, west of the roundabout at Galston.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.