

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lillian MacLean, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Charles Calman, James McClymont, John McIvor, John Tannock, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Robert Jones.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads); Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer; Melvin Griffin, External Funding Support Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Hugh Carswell, Support Services Manager (New Community Schools); Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; Andrew Davidson, Technician (Traffic); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector William Prendergast, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Geraldine Garland and Named Substitute Jean Dunlop.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional item at the end of the Agenda as an early decision was required.

The Chair also agreed that the two further applications for Community Grant received from Bellfield Royals Boys Club and Crosshouse Nursery Parents Group be considered under terms of Item 4 on the Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a maximum of fifteen minutes to allow for a public question and answer session

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

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4. There was submitted for information and noted the minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 31 October 2000 (circulated).

## **4.1 MATTERS ARISING**

### **4.1.1 Kilmarnock Central Social Inclusion Early Action Plan - Progress Report**

It was agreed to note that arrangements had been made for Community Representative Linda Thomson to meet with the Social Inclusion Manager to discuss her concerns.

### **4.1.2 Kilmarnock Central Community Forum**

It was agreed to note that the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum on 8 November 2000 had been cancelled due to lack of attendance.

### **4.1.3 Children's Service Plan 2000/2004**

It was agreed to note that a nomination had been received from Community Representative Charles Calman to serve on the Community Representative Forum for the development of the next three-year Children's Service Plan.

## **DECENTRALISATION**

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002**

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation detailed within the Appendix to the report, namely Community Councils, Disability Forums, Elderly Forums, Ethnic Minority Groups, the Business Community and Local Churches;
- (ii) to note the interest expressed by Crosshouse Community Council in being represented on the Local Committee and agreed to continue the current community organisation representation in the meantime;
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the organisational sectors currently represented on the Local Committee, 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;
- (iv) that the availability of remuneration for travelling expenses incurred in attending Local Committee meetings and related events be drawn to the attention of the nominating organisations; and
- (v) following the receipt of notice of her resignation, the Local Committee's thanks be extended to Mrs Babs Gallacher of the Elderly Forum for her service to the Local Committee.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 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 2000/2001, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was further reported that Community Grant applications and positive assessments had been received in respect of Bellfield Boys Club for funding in connection with alterations to the football changing pavilion and from Crosshouse Nursery Parents Group in connection with funds for a programme in support of parents, including the purchase of 10 practical parenting books and crèche facilities for those attending the programme.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) to release the £2,000 which had been ring-fenced for community grant applications for youth initiatives to meet current mainstream applications;

- (ii) **Applications approved (for the purpose identified in the application)** viz:-

- (a) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £348.00;

- (b) Older People

Glebe Old Men's Cabin - The Committee noted that an interim award of £250.00 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

It was remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee, to make a further award of up to £400 to the group dependent upon the level of funding required following further enquiries by Officers.

St Joseph's Retirement Club - The Committee noted that an award of £200.00 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

- (c) Social Inclusion

Children's Holiday Project - £117.60;

- (d) Sport

Annanhill Junior Golf Club - The Committee noted that an interim award of £368.00 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

It was agreed that a further award of £54.00 be made.

Bellfield Royals Boys Club - £190.00; and

- (e) Early Education and Childcare  
Crosshouse Nursery Parents - £205.00.
- (iii) **Application Continued**
  - (a) Social Inclusion  
Allies - Continued to allow all other avenues of funding, such as the John Fulton Trust, to be exhausted prior to consideration of the application under the Community Grant Scheme.
- (iv) **Application Refused**
  - (a) Heritage  
Crosshouse Parish Church -  
Councillor Reeves, seconded by Councillor Walsh moved approval of the application in the amount of £2,500.  
Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor MacLean moved that the application be refused on the grounds that it did not represent a significant benefit to the community when considered in the light of the available budget.  
On a division by a show of hands, the amended was carried by 3 votes to 2.

## **CORPORATE RESOURCES**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME, 1997 - PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW**

7. There was submitted and noted 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.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

### **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROJECT**

8. There was submitted a joint report dated 9 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which sought endorsement for funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to promote healthier lifestyles among the pupils of Hillhead Primary School and Kilmarnock Academy.

It was agreed to support the proposal for potential financing in the amount of £10,000 from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund as outlined in section three of the report.

### **REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE'S SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

9. 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 to note the outcome of the review and the establishment of the new arrangements to secure social inclusion initiatives throughout East Ayrshire Council.

## **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

### **EXTERNAL FUNDING SUPPORT OFFICER (Item 10, Page 1191, 99/02)**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Head of Corporate Development and Communication on the role, responsibilities and initial workplan of the Council's External Funding Support Officer. This matter was raised as a local issue by the Local Committee on 5 September 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that, in section 4.1 of the report, Community Councils would be included in the groups to receive information on new or existing funds and changes in policy or practice;
- (ii) to note that an update report on funding gains within East Ayrshire would be provided to the Local Committee on an annual basis;
- (iii) that the Head of Corporate Development and Communications consider the feasibility of reporting on funding gains within East Ayrshire on a more regular basis; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 8 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 which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appointment of P.C. Greg Dinnie, the new Community Police Officer for Bonnyton, Gatehead, Grange and Crosshouse, and P.C. Alan Morley, the Drugs Liaison Officer; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

### **FLY-TIPPING AND VANDALISM (Item 10, Page 1345, 99/02)**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 27 December 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the extent and nature of fly-tipping and vandalism within the Committee area and, in particular, within the Kay Park. This matter was raised as a local item on 31 October 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to convey to Refuse and Cleansing personnel the Local Committee's appreciation of the efforts made to keep pavements and roads clear during the winter period and clear the backlog of refuse due to snow; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Community Representative Charles Calman left the meeting during discussion of this item.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **2001/2002 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

13. There was submitted a report dated 8 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2001/2002 Roads and 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; and
- (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.

### **RATIONALISATION OF SPEED LIMITS ON GLASGOW ROAD AND WESTERN ROAD, KILMARNOCK (Item 12.2, Page 1046, 99/02)**

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals to rationalise the speed limits currently in force on Glasgow Road and Western Road, Kilmarnock. This matter was raised as a local issue by the Kilmarnock Central Committee on 6 June 2000.

Named Substitute Ian McVey left the meeting during discussion of this item.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND (Item 11, Page 4154, 96/99)**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made in implementing the Mental Health Strategy for Adults and the Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Difficulties, both covering the period 1999 to 2004.

Community Representative James McClymont left the meeting during discussion of this item.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

- 16.1 There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed to approve the submission dates of the list of Local Committee item issues as detailed within the appendix to the report.

**16.2 New Local Issues**

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

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

**CLOSURE OF GATEHEAD POST OFFICE**

- 17.** The Administration Manager reported and it was noted that a letter dated 15 January 2001 had been received from the Post Office to advise of the closure, from 6 January 2001, of Gatehead Post Office.

It was further reported that to date no applications had been received by the Post Office to take over the service, but that the further advertisements seeking applications would be made.

The meeting terminated at 1534 hours.

**AGENDA**