

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2001**

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

#### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise of the position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives of local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Kilmarnock Central Local Committee at its meeting on 23 January 2001 agreed to remit 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 relevant organisations, 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.
- 2.2 As Members are aware, the Local Committee agreed to retain the current community organisation representation on the Local Committee, namely:-
- (a) four members from the appropriate Community Councils;
  - (b) one member from the appropriate Elderly Interest Groups;
  - (c) one member from the Disability Forum;
  - (d) one member from the Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation);
  - (e) one member from Churches in the area;
  - (f) one member from the Business Communities; and
  - (g) one member from the Ethnic Minorities Communities.

#### **3. APPOINTMENTS FOR 2001/2002: CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 Nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 have been received so far:-
- 3.1.1 The Head of Community Support has advised that no nominations will be forthcoming from the Ethnic Minority Forum. It is reported that the problem may be that ethnic minorities do not relate to specific geographical areas such as Kilmarnock Central, but are communities of interest brought together by their cultural identity.

### 3.1.2

<u>Community Council</u>	<u>Community Representative Nomination</u>	<u>Named Substitute Nomination</u>
Grange Howard	Mr Robert Jones	Mr Maurice Ashbridge
Knockentiber	Mr Alex Allison	Mrs Flora Allison
Piersland/Bentinck	Mrs Mary Rose Muir	Mr Ian McVey
Gatehead	Mr John McIvor	No nomination
Crosshouse	Mrs Esther Caldwell	Mrs Geraldine Garland
Bonnyton and Woodstock	Mr John Tannock	Mr David Milne

Given that there will be no nomination from the Ethnic Minority communities and that the number of nominations received from Community Councils is greater than the available number of places, it is suggested that consideration be given to providing a fifth place for a Community Council Community Representative and Named Substitute. Thereafter, it is suggested that five (of the six) Community Council Community Council nominees be drawn by lot by the Chair and all five Community Council Named Substitute nominees be appointed.

**3.1.3** Nominations are still awaited from the Department of Educational and Social Services in respect of the Youth Forum or equivalent organisation.

**3.1.4** The Kilmarnock Forum on Disability has nominated Ms Linda Thomson and Ms Betty Smith as its Community Representative and Named Substitute respectively.

**3.1.5** Nominations are still awaited from Elderly Interest Groups.

**3.1.6** The Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches has nominated Dr Bryan Thompson as its Community Representative and further nominated Mr Arthur McNeil as its Named Substitute.

**3.1.7** Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association has nominated Mr John Donaldson as its Community Representative. A Named Substitute nomination is still awaited.

**4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.**

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** To consider whether it may be appropriate, since no nominations are anticipated from the Ethnic Minority Forum, to appoint a further Community Council Community Representative and Named Substitute, to be drawn by lot by the Chair of the Local Committee from the nominations received.

**5.2** To consider for appointment as Community Representatives for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, the following:-

- (i) five Community Council representatives to be drawn by lot;
- (ii) Dr Bryan Thompson (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches);
- (iii) Ms Linda Thomson (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); and
- (iv) Mr John Donaldson (Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association).

**5.3** To consider for appointment as Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, the following:-

- (i) Mr Maurice Ashbridge, Mrs Flora Allison, Mr Ian McVey, Mrs Geraldine Garland and Mr David Milne (Community Councils);
- (ii) Mr Arthur McNeil (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches); and
- (iii) Ms Betty Smith (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability).

**5.4** To remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to pursue the outstanding nominations for:-

- (i) one Elderly Interest Community Representative and one Named Substitute; and
- (ii) one Youth Forum Representative and one Named Substitute.

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Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

2 March 2001

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Correspondence to and from local organisations in respect of nominations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576094. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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**AGENDA**