

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2001

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW FARM LOCH

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** This paper seeks to inform Members of Kilmarnock North Local Committee of the steps that have been taken in relation to improving and supporting youth work provision in New Farm Loch.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** A survey carried out by the New Farm Loch Initiative Group identified a lack of youth facilities for young people in New Farm Loch.
- 2.2** The Initiative Group called a meeting with representatives from New Farm Loch Initiative, New Farm Loch Community Council, St. Kentigerns Church, St. Matthews Church, Strathclyde Police and East Ayrshire Council, Department of Educational and Social Services – Community Education Service.
- 2.3** This group have met on three occasions and have planned and made arrangements to hold a meeting in the near future in New Farm Loch Community Centre involving all interested parties within the New Farm Loch area. Invitations have been sent to church youth groups, uniformed youth groups, sports groups, schools, statutory youth organisations and dance groups and it is also hoped that individual young people or adults with an interest in young people's activities and welfare will attend the meeting.

The meeting has also been publicised in Loch-AI News, the local community newsletter.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1** At the meeting it is hoped to discuss and gain support for the setting up of a permanent youth provision support body. The role of this group could be:
- Continuity, as a permanent group, to deal with youth provision and play a pro-active role in planning and action in the field of youth work.

- Finance – to act as a source of raising finance through publicity, grant applications and fundraising to support youth activities in New Farm Loch.
- Training – to provide and co-ordinate training opportunities for youth work bodies in New Farm Loch.
- Inclusive support – to provide support to all young people and youth organisations irrespective of race, gender, politics or religious persuasion or learning or physical special needs.

This meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm in New Farm Loch Community Centre.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no financial commitments for the council arising from this action at the present time.
- 4.2** If a youth support body is established it is likely to seek grant aid from East Ayrshire Council and from other grant making bodies.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Support for the development of a youth support body is compatible with the Council's principles of support for Active Citizenship and Community Involvement.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that Members of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee
- (i) acknowledge the progress that has been made towards establishing a youth provision support body for New Farm Loch;
 - (ii) agree to receive regular reports from the Director of Educational and Social Services; and
 - (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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 12 January 2001

AGENDA