

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 5 FEBRUARY 2002

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW FARM LOCH

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper seeks to advise Members of the Local Committee of the progress to date in relation to establishment of a youth work support body for New Farm Loch.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Throughout 2001 a group has been meeting in New Farm Loch looking at the possibilities of establishing a body to support youth work provision in New Farm Loch. A number of meetings have been held and these meetings have included young people, 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 – Support to Communities. Local elected members have been involved in the initiative from its inception.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 A youth project has been established and the young people have chosen the name 'The Youthy', for the project.
- 3.2 A constitution has been developed and adopted and office bearers have been elected. There is good representation of young people on the committee and all of the office bearers with the exception of the treasurer are young people.
- 3.3 Voluntary organisations and community projects in New Farm Loch have an important role to play in the work of the youth project which is for all youth groups in the area as well as having a particular focus on the facilities available for young people at St. Joseph's Academy Community Wing.
- 3.4 Activities for young people are now available in St. Joseph's Community Wing on four evenings per week, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Ninety young people have registered with an average attendance of forty young people each night and four qualified youth workers each session.
- 3.5 The activities are organised and agreed in partnership between 'The Youthy' Youth Project and East Ayrshire Council Education and Social Services Support to Communities. A committee skills workshop will be developed for young people in order that information can be given on current committee procedures clarifying the roles of office bearers.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Staffing and accommodation costs are being met from existing Council resources
- 4.2 It is anticipated that the youth project 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 this youth project 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) welcome the establishment of this youth project in New Farm Loch.
 - (ii) Invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to report progress to the Local Committee; and
 - (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA