

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN LONGPARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, INNELLAN DRIVE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling, Dorothy McGowan, Archibald Pryce, and Archie McKenzie; and Substitutes Nora McCabe and Cathy Mills.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Gerald Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Stuart McAdam, Planning Officer, Development Services; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Representing Strathclyde Police: Chief Inspector William Prendergast; Sergeant James Richmond, Local Authority Liaison Officer; and Constable William Jamison, Community Policeman.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Janet Smith and Maureen Brown.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow a 15 minute public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2001 (circulated).

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1.1 **Community Representation 2001/2002 (Item 6, Page 2068, 99/02)** - Noted (a) that Ian McCulloch, Substitute Representative for New Farm Loch Community Council had resigned with immediate effect; and (b) as advised by Matt Donnelly, that a nomination to fill this vacancy would be forwarded to the Administrative Officer following the next meeting of New Farm Loch Community Council.
- 3.1.2 **Longpark Improvement Proposals: Progress Report (Item 5.1.1, Page 2068, 99/02)** - Having heard the Area Housing Manager, it was agreed to note that a report on the Wider Action Survey would be submitted to the next meeting on 5 February 2002.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### MEETINGS OF KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE: PERIOD UNTIL 30 JUNE 2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period to 30 June 2002 and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period until 30 June 2002 as detailed in (ii) below;
- (ii) that the venues for the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be as follows:-

<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Tuesday 5 February 2002	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Wednesday 20 March 2002	Onthank Community Education Centre
Tuesday 28 May 2002	Longpark Community Education Centre

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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5. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

**5.1 Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Disabled
  - (i) Archway PHAB Club - £309.00;
  - (ii) Cessnock Club - £135.00;
- (b) Older People
  - (i) Glebe Old Men's Cabin - £65.00;
- (c) Sport
  - (i) Onthank Football Club Under 11's (Hunter Centre, Kilmarnock) (Item 9.2(b)(i), Page 2070, 99/02) - £400.00;
  - (ii) Onthank Football Club (Newlands Drive Sports Complex) - £350.00;
- (d) Young People
  - (i) Northwest Youth Centre - £600.00.

## **5.2 Application Refused (Item 9.2(a)(i), Page 2070, 99/02)**

### (a) Young People

- (i) Onthank Primary School Parent Teachers Association - The application proposed to utilise the unspent portion of a previous grant award (£1,450 in respect of a trip to Arran for 53 children at Easter 2001 which was cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis) for the purchase of computer software for a numeracy and literacy project for parents and children and to provide crèche facilities. The Committee at the last meeting had agreed to continue consideration of the application pending the submission of information detailing the options for alternative funding sources for the project.

Having heard the Team Leader, Educational and Social Services, who reported verbally on the other possible sources of funding for this project, and after discussion, it was agreed to refuse the application, the Committee being of the view that the application could be more appropriately funded by alternative funding sources.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT: "U" DIVISION**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of Policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and on-going initiatives over the preceding period, and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation and advise Sergeant James Richmond accordingly;
- (ii) to note that Chief Inspector Prendergast (a) would provide further information to Community Representative Beryl Graham on the "UP2U" bus; and (b) acknowledged the need to raise awareness amongst Community Representatives and representatives of other organisations within the local communities, of the existence and purpose of the bus and undertook to consider how this could be achieved;
- (iii) to request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, on behalf of the Local Committee, to seek from the Procurator Fiscal, information on action taken in respect of persons charged with "supplying offences" as referred to in the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN KILMARNOCK NORTH (Item 1, Page 1859, 99/02)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of current and planned community safety projects which would impact on the Local Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Community Services to consult with appropriate local community based organisations prior to, and in order to assist in, determining possible community safety projects for the Kilmarnock North area.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **NORTHWEST KILMARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS GROUP**

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) clarified the boundary of the Northwest Kilmarnock Environmental Improvements Group; and (b) informed of the Group's current activities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to note that the Planning Officer would liaise with the Group to regarding possible amendment to the boundary of the area which it covers, in the light of the recent change to the boundary of Northwest Kilmarnock Community Council.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **9.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted a report dated 29 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note concerns expressed by Community Representatives at the lengthy period of time taken, in some cases, by Council Departments to report back to Committee on local issues,
- (ii) note that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources would liaise with the relevant Departments with regard to outstanding issues, with a view to circulation of the requested information to Members of the Committee as soon as possible; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the report.

### **9.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

Community Representatives were invited to identify new local issues for reporting at future meetings and it was noted that there were no items suggested by Local Committee Representatives.

The meeting terminated at 1512 hours.

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