

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN LONGPARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, INNELLAN DRIVE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre (Chair), Daniel Coffey, and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Hugh Stirling, Archibald Pryce, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie, Janet Smith and Substitutes Norah McCabe and Anne McKenzie.

**ATTENDING:** Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer; Tom Merry, Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Leader; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader (Social Work); Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer (Roads Division); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor William Coffey and Community Representative Arlene Lindsay.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1414 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted for information and noting, minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2000 (circulated).

**4.1 MATTERS ARISING**

- 4.1.1 **AYRSHIRE ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY (AEC) (Item 1, Page 999, 99/02)** - Noted that the Council had made an outline bid to the Modernising Government Fund. Further noted that a report be made to the next Local Committee on whether the bid was successful and the implications for the Kilmarnock North area.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME****LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001**

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position

in respect of community grants for the year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

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

(a) Arts & Cultural

Loudoun Musical Society - £93;

(b) Disabled

St John's Church - £628.62

St Marnock Playscheme (ENABLE) - noted that the application was dealt with under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the appropriate Local Committee Chair and was subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report. Further noted that an award of grant of £134 was made;

(c) Sport

Onthank Football Club - agreed in principle to award a grant of £570 and to remit further processing of the application to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair to clarify the number of members of the group who attend from the Kilmarnock North area;

(d) Tenants/Residents Groups

Parklands Residents Association - £432;

(e) Young People

Northwest Playscheme - noted that the application for the summer playscheme was dealt with under delegated powers by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the appropriate Local Committee Chair and was subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report. Further noted that an award of grant of £500 was made. The Committee also agreed to make a further award of grant of £200 in respect of the October playscheme;

(f) Community Associations

New Farm Loch Community Initiative - noted that further to the meeting on 23 May 2000 where it was agreed in principle, to make an award of £550, it was reported that following receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and after consultation with the Committee Chair, a grant of £550 had been made; and

(g) Women's Issues

The Evergreen Club - noted that further to the meeting on 23 May 2000 where it was agreed in principle, to make an award of £407, it was reported that following receipt of a satisfactory assessment report and after consultation with the Committee Chair, a grant of £407 had been made.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

### **KILMARNOCK NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION EARLY ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT**

6. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which updated on progress towards meeting the objectives of the Kilmarnock North Social Inclusion Early Action Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in future reports, where possible, a verbal update on progress of issues be given;
- (ii) to request the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Manager investigate and report back on the reasons for the low level of take up of the Fun Fitness Sessions;
- (iii) to request that the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Manager reflect to existing groups the Local Committee's concern about the high level of charges for out of school care being made particularly as a high percentage of users were on low incomes; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND - PROJECT PROPOSAL**

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought the views of the Local Committee of the proposed bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for part funding for the feasibility study into the establishment of a shopmobility scheme in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to support the bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for £2,000 for a feasibility study to be carried out into the establishment of a local shopmobility scheme.

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001**

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the resignation of the Community Representative and Substitute Representative for the Disabled and advised of progress to fill the vacancies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Dorothy McGowan as the Community Representative for the disabled; and
- (ii) to request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to progress the appointment of a Substitute Representative for the disabled.

### **STREET NAMING - PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT LONGPARK, KILMARNOCK**

9. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of 4 new streets at

Longpark, Kilmarnock and requested the Local Committee's view of proposed names for the 4 streets in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the 4 streets be named as follows:-
  - Road 1 - Alexander MacLaren Gardens
  - Road 2 - Thomas Baird Gardens
  - Road 3 - John Burt Place
  - Road 4 - John Kennedy Place;
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services be advised of the outcome; and
- (iii) to approve in principle, that "Archibald Craig Place" be held as reserve street name in the event a street naming procedure was required for a new development off Ettrick Crescent as a result of demolition of the two remaining houses.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives of the preceding period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Baird Road and Baird Place be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation as local residents had reported disruptive behaviour by persons especially at weekends in the early hours; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **NEW FARM LOCH LOCAL OFFICE - PROGRESS REPORT**

- 11.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which outlined the progress made in relation to the development of a new Local Office for New Farm Loch.

### **LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Committee (a) the outcome of public consultations of the East Ayrshire Interim Transportation Strategy : Consultative Draft; and (b) consulted the Committee on draft programmes and targets for inclusion in the full Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultation; and
- (ii) that any comments should be submitted to the Director of Development Services by the end of September 2000.

### **LONGPARK IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS : PROGRESS REPORT**

13. There was submitted a joint report dated 5 September 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Development Services and Homes and Technical Services which advised of the latest progress on the Longpark improvement proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress to date on the Longpark improvement proposals;
- (ii) to request the Director of Homes and Technical Services provide specific details of when the contractor would commence on site to demolish empty council blocks; and
- (ii) to note the Local Committee would be informed of future progress at regular intervals.

### **FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEW FARM LOCH AREA**

14. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of current and proposed initiatives for young people in the New Farm Loch area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to place the development of a Youth Initiative in the New Farm Loch area as a regular item on the agenda and to request that the Department of Educational and Social Services provide progress updates; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **NORTHWEST KILMARNOCK YOUTH FUND UPDATE REPORT**

15. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of progress of projects which received awards from the above fund made available to support initiatives with young people in the North-West Kilmarnock area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of each project's development;
- (ii) to invite the Director to present a final report on completion of the projects at a future meeting;
- (iii) to request the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a report to a future meeting which identified fresh projects targeting issues of young people; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

16. The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

It was agreed to request that the following items be reported to a future meeting:-

- (i) Rolling Programme of Maintenance of existing Council Housing Stock in Kilmarnock North Area - report by Director of Homes and Technical Services; and
- (ii) current progress in processing Council Tax and Benefit claim forms - report by Director of Finance.

The meeting terminated at 1544 hours.

**AGENDA**