

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1403 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Dorothy McGowan, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie and Janet Smith; and Substitutes Anne McKenzie, Nora McCabe and Cathy Mills.

ATTENDING: Matthew Lowther, Health Development Manager; Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager, Community Schools; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling and Archibald Pryce.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair agreed, in terms of Standing Order 15.1 to take Item 13, New Community Schools Annual Report as Item 2 on the Agenda.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed Jamie McLennan and Nicole Anderson from Hillhead Primary School who gave a short presentation on the Breakfast Club Project funded from the Health Improvement Fund.

2.2 NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted a report dated 13 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Second Annual Report on the New Community Schools Initiative for Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to record the thanks of the Committee to young people, parents and staff involved in the New Community Schools Initiative for the work that has been undertaken to make it a success; and
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services keep the Local Committee informed of future developments in the New Community Schools Initiative.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1415 hours to allow a 15 minute public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting reconvened at 1425 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2001 (circulated).

5.1 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1.1 **Longpark Improvement Proposals: Progress Report (Item 15, Page 1724, 99/02)**
- Noted that a report from the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the Wider Action Survey was anticipated to be submitted to the next meeting.
- 5.1.2 **Northwest Kilmarnock Environmental Improvements Group (Item 7, Page 1861, 99/02)**
- Noted that the Director of Development Services be requested to clarify the boundary of the Northwest Kilmarnock Environmental Improvements Group and to report back on progress to the next meeting.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION 2001/2002

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the current position of community representation on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Mrs Cathy Mills as the Substitute Community Representative for the East Ayrshire Housing Tenants' Group;
- (ii) to note the current vacancies for community representation on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee; and
- (iii) to invite relevant organisations to submit nominees to the vacant positions and that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources facilitate this process.

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

7. The Administrative Officer reported that the next meeting of the Local Committee be held on Tuesday 13 November 2001 at 1400 hours within Longpark Community Education Centre, Kilmarnock. It was also noted that following approval of the Meetings Calendar at the Council Meeting on 25 October 2001, a further report would be submitted giving details of times and dates and requesting approval for venues up to 2002.

**STREET NAMING: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT LONGPARK,
KILMARNOCK**

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of a street name for a new development at Longpark, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to homologate the action of Officers with regard to action taken to name the street James Johnston Place; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services be advised of the outcome.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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9. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 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:-

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

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Loudoun Musical Society - £75.00;
- (ii) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £400.00;

(b) Community Association

- (i) Onthank Community Association - £850.00;

(c) Disability

- (i) Stroke Club Outings Travel Scheme - The Local Committee noted that an award of £48.39 having been already granted under delegated authority;

(d) Older People

- (i) New Farm Loch Over 50's Group - £500.00;

(e) Women's Issues

- (i) The Evergreen Club - £300.00;

(f) Young People

- (i) Pulse Youth Group - £450.00;
- (ii) St Kentigern's Parish Church - The Local Committee noted that an award of £450.00 had been made under delegated powers; and
- (iii) 6th Kilmarnock Guide Company - £54.00.

9.2 **Applications Continued**

(a) Young People

- (i) Onthank Primary School Parent Teachers Association - The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the project proposal and to request that a joint report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services be submitted to the next meeting detailing the options for alternative funding sources for the project; and

(b) Sport

- (i) Onthank Football Club Under 11's - It was agreed to continue consideration of the application and to request a report back from the Director of Community Services (a) to provide clarification on the number of football clubs operating with the same name of "Onthank Football Club"; (b) to further provide an assessment of the practicalities for re-naming the clubs to ensure that individual clubs who shared the same name can be more easily identified in any future community grant applications; and (c) to clarify assessment criteria in respect of funding for football strips from youth football clubs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

10. The Health Development Manager gave a presentation on the East Ayrshire Healthy Living Centre Project which received 5 year funding and would target 17 areas across East Ayrshire Council including a programme for the Local Committee's area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the presentation and to recognise that the use of a Mobile Healthy Living Centre would assist in targeting a number of communities within the Kilmarnock North area; and
- (ii) to note that the Health Development Manager would make appropriate arrangements for a further presentation to New Farm Loch Community Council.

LOCAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT (Item 5(f), Page 1860, 99/02)

11. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which responded to a request that the Director of Community Services investigate the possibility of a football tournament being held locally for teams of children and young people.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council itself could not organise the local football tournament;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services make appropriate arrangements to invite local youth football clubs from the Kilmarnock North area to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of identifying a local youth football club to run a football tournament and to advise them of the various forms of assistance that could be obtained; and

- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nomination of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Matt Donnelly as the Community Representative and Archie McKenzie as Substitute to represent the Local Committee on the Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

13. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by "Spotlight" operations; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

KILMARNOCK CYCLEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

14. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of proposals for the provision of cycleways and pedestrian facilities in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to endorse the provision of cycleways and pedestrian facilities proposed for the Kilmarnock North local area.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001-2004

15. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the completion, content and implementation of East Ayrshire Council's Second Children's Services Plan, "Inspiring Young People" and which sought the participation of Community Representatives in the Plan's review process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that no nominations were received in respect of the request for Representatives to the Community Representatives Forum and Community Representatives were invited to submit any nominations direct to the Head of Community Support; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

16.1 LOCAL ISSUES FORWARD PLANNER

There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on items reported to Committee and to be reported.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the last local issue highlighted was in relation to crime and fear of crime and what measures could be put in place to reduce this and not as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services submit a report back to the next meeting of this matter and;
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

16.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.

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