

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2001 AT 1400
HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp and Drew McIntyre (substituting for Councillor Darnbrough, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation); and Community Representatives Arthur Brown, Margaret Shaw, Winnie Campbell and Anne McRoberts.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Alistair Wyper, Chief Engineer, Roads Division; Margaret Phelps, Service Officer; Andy Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Alan Murray Community Learning Officer; Gerard Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector William Prendergast.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Campbell and Jane Darnbrough.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised that due to illness, Councillor McIntyre would be substituting for Councillor Darnbrough at this meeting. It was reported and noted that this was in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme of Delegation for the operation of Local Committees.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

2. It was reported that nominations had been received from the Director of Educational and Social Services to fill the vacancy for a Pre-5 Representative on the Local Committee and it was recommended that Nichola Szumlakowski and Nichola Wallace be recommended for appointment as the Community Representative and Substitute Community Representative for Pre-5 groups.

It was agreed that Nichola Szumlakowski and Nichola Wallace be appointed for the period to 31 March 2001 as Community Representative and Substitute Community Representative for Pre-5 groups.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

4. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, owing to the difficulty in obtaining a Community Representative and Substitute Community Representative for the South Kilmarnock Health Forum, the existing provision for this organisation on the Local Committee be reviewed in consultation with the Chair and that the status quo apply in respect of the undernoted community organisations, viz:-

Bellfield Community Council;

Churches;

Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association;

BASICS - Shortlees/Riccarton Before and After School Care;

Youth Representative;

South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum;

Pre-5 Representative;

East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability;

Shortlees Community Association; and

- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process of the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

MINUTES

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6. There was submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 8 November 2000 (circulated).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider item 5 on the Agenda after consideration of Item 10.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

8. The Chair agreed that a Community Grant application submitted by the Noon Bowlers be considered as an additional item of business and considered at item 6 of the Agenda.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

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9. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of the grants received for the financial year 2000/2001, together with a summary statement relevant to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) to note that awards of £54 and £180 had been awarded to Hiz Kidz and St Joseph's Retirement Club respectively in terms of the delegated authority of the Head of Administrative and Legal Services following consultation with the Chair;
- (ii) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-
- (a) Disability
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £522;
- (b) Older People
Noon Bowlers - £265
- (c) Social Inclusion
Children's Holiday Project - £1117.60
Shortlees School Board - £1,000
Kirkstyle Primary School Board - £1,000
Friends of Bellfield - £1,000
- (d) Sport
Bellfield Royals Boys Club - £536
Bellfield Royals FC - having noted that of the 30 group members involved in the trip, only 5 were not from the Kilmarnock South area, it was agreed to award a grant of £850.
- (iii) **Application Refused**
- (e) Social Inclusion
Kilmarnock South Community Profile Group - there was a need to co-ordinate such activity at a local level in addition to a need to consider the recent announcement by the Scottish Executive in respect of the "Better Neighbourhood" initiative which identified the need for a "statistics project" to provide better information on a local level
- (iv) **Application Continued**
- (f) Social Inclusion
Allies - Having heard that the group may be eligible to apply to the John Fulton Trust for funding, it was agreed to continue consideration of the application to enable all other avenues of funding to be exhausted before consideration of the application under the Community Grant Scheme.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME, 1997 - PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW

10. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the programme for the second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997.

It was agreed to note that the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 30 November 2000 had agreed to undertake a second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997 in consultation with Community Councils, local Members and the public.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed that consideration be given to addressing as a future "Spotlight" initiative, problems relating to the behaviour of youths within the Shortlees area.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2001/2002 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Programme of Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways 2001/2002 for "inescapable" schemes which had been approved by the Development Services Committee; and which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2001/2002 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) that the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways be approved; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

LOCAL ISSUES

PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR USE OF 68-70 CAPRINGTON AVENUE, SHORTLEES, KILMARNOCK (Item 11.2, Page 1061, 00/01)

13. There was submitted an interim report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which informed the Local Committee of the current proposals under consideration for the future use of the vacant properties at 68/70 Caprington Avenue, Shortlees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further report be submitted to the Local Committee on the outcome of the discussion with other Council Departments who have expressed an interest in establishing a base at Caprington Avenue in the Kilmarnock South area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPENING HOURS OF LOCAL HOUSING OFFICES

14. Arising from consideration of the above item and as a result of concerns expressed regarding the limited opening hours for the local housing office for the payment of rents, it was also agreed that the Area Housing Manager investigate what options may be available to vary the Office's opening hours and submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE'S SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS (Item 10, Page 907, 99/02)

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised the Local Committee of the outcome of the Council's review of Social Inclusion Implementation arrangements.

It was agreed that the Local Committee note the outcome of the review and the establishment of the new arrangements to secure Social Inclusion initiatives throughout East Ayrshire Council.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

16. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Following discussion and with reference to the Kilmarnock South Community Forum on 24 October 2000, it was agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a report to the next meeting of the Local Committee addressing the issues highlighted at the recent Forum and the concerns expressed regarding the absence of a Community Education Service targeted at youth work within the Kilmarnock South area.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.

AGENDA