

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Knapp and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives John Timpany, Joan Wark (Substitute), Winnie Campbell and Agnes McNeil (Substitute)

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Butler, Service Officer (Educational and Social Services); Gerald Cummins, Roads Safety Training Officer; Alex Fraser, Transport Manager (Educational and Social Services); Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer; Andy Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer; Sheila Beck, Pre-school Community Organiser; and Julie Thomson, Trainee Trading Standards Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives Arthur Brown, Margaret Shaw, Jim Bryan and Anne McRoberts.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (Item 4, Page 1835)**

3. It was reported that Agnes McNeil had been nominated to represent Participate in the East Ayrshire Childcare Experience (PEACE) as a Substitute Community Representative.

It was agreed to approve the appointment of Agnes McNeil as a Substitute Community Representative for the community organisation Participate in East Ayrshire Childcare Experience (PEACE).

**VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

4. It was reported and noted (i) that the next meeting of the Local Committee scheduled for Wednesday 7 November 2001 at 1400 hours would be held in Bellfield Community Centre, Whatriggs Road, Kilmarnock; and (ii) that a further report would be submitted to the Local Committee giving details of times and dates of future Local Committee meetings and which would seek approval for venues up until June 2002.

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 23 May 2001 (circulated).

#### 5.1 MATTERS ARISING

#### 5.2 Shortlees Community House, 68-70 Caprington Avenue, Shortlees - Update

Arising from consideration of the foregoing Minutes, it was reported and noted that no further proposals regarding the future use of the above property had been forthcoming, but that a further report regarding any progress on this matter would be submitted to a meeting of the Local Committee at the appropriate time.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2001/2002, together with a summary statement relevant to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Arts and Cultural

Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £326.00

Southwest Writers - £500.00

Loudoun Musical Society - £60.00

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £400.00

(b) Older People

St Michael's Friendship Club - £650.00

South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £500.00

Noon Bowlers - agreed that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair, to award a grant of up to £500, subject to receipt of further information from the group demonstrating that they would be participating in local bowling ties.

(c) Early Education & Childcare

Bellfield After School Care - £1,400.00

Bellfield After School Care - £260.00

Ladybird Playgroup - £1,270.00

Playbus Parent and Toddler Group - £950

(d) Community Councils

Bellfield Community Council - agreed (i) to award a grant of £400; and (ii) that the Community Council make arrangements to advertise the event throughout the Kilmarnock South area; and (iii) that in addition to advertising the event in Bellfield, adverts be placed in both Shortlees Community Centre and Riccarton Community Centre and that appropriate numbers of tickets be made available in both locations.

(e) Young People

St Marnock Parish Church Girl Guides - £81.00

(f) Sport

Galston United AFC - £35.30

(g) Disability

Stroke Club Outings - the Committee noted that an award of £145.16 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 August 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 period and on forthcoming initiatives.

### INITIATIVES ON LITTER AND DOG FOULING - ANGUS COUNCIL (Item 11, Page 1838)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of Angus Council's initiatives to deal with litter and dog fouling.

### MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM (Item 4, Page 905)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate John Timpany and Winnie Campbell, as Community Representative and Substitute Community Representative respectively to represent the Local Committee on the Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001-2004**

- 10.** 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 Service Plan "Inspiring Young People" and which sought the participation of Community Representatives on the Plans review process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Local Committee's continued representation by Margaret Shaw and Anne McRoberts on the Community Representative Forum as part of the Plan's review process; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **11.1 LOCAL ISSUE - ROAD SAFETY/SCHOOL TRANSPORT ISSUES (Item 12, Page 1838)**

There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services and the Director of Educational and Social Services in respect of a local issue which had been raised concerning road safety and school transport issues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a review of traffic signs on Blacksyke Avenue would be carried out shortly;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services make the necessary arrangements for an Inspector from Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to inspect the morning pick-up point at Tinto Avenue/Whatriggs Road, Bellfield; and
- (iii) to note that the situation at Whatriggs Road/Tinto Avenue would be monitored.

#### **11.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

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

It was agreed to note the no items of local interest had been forthcoming.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.

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