

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE JOHN FULTON HALL, MAIN ROAD, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Carolyn Blyth, Russel Hutcheson, John Douglas, George Paterson, Margaret Lees and Simon Quig; and named Substitutes Mary White, Jimmy Miller and William Gibson.

ATTENDING: Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer, Department of Development Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Gerard Cairns, Library and Information Services Manager; Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre-5s; Jane Overton, Team Leader, Irvine Valley and Northern Area SIP Team; Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer, Department of Development Services; Eileen Brechany, Team Leader, Department of Educational and Social Services and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Kenneth McKenzie, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 6 September 2000 (circulated).

In connection with the Item : Fly Tipping in the Northern Area (Item 10, Page 1195) the Chair reported, and it was noted, that the Department of Community Services had provided leaflets on the domestic refuse collection service which were available to take away at the end of the meeting.

DECENTRALISATION**REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the consultation phase of the review of the decision making structures and arrangements within the Council and which sought the Local Committee's views thereon.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and

- (ii) that the groups represented on the Local Committee would respond directly to the Department of Corporate Resources before 15 November 2000.

NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

5. The Trainee Administrative Officer gave details of the next Northern Area Community Forum meeting.

It was agreed to note that the Northern Area Community Forum would be held on Tuesday 14 November 2000 at 1900 hours in Lainshaw Primary School, Kilwinning Road, Stewarton; and that the Council item to be discussed at the Forum meeting would be "Review of Council Decision Making Structures" and that the local item would be "Rural Transport in the Northern Area".

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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6. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2000 (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.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purposes identified on the applications), viz:-

Arts and Culture

- (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £200.00;

It was agreed that the group provide details of performances in the Local Committees area.

Older People

- (i) Cessnock Club - £225.00;

Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £600.00;
(ii) Dunlop Primary School Parent's Association - £100;

Early Education and Childcare

- (i) Fenwick Playgroup - £200; and

- (ii) **Applications Refused**, viz:-

Early Education and Childcare

In connection with the applications for Nether Robertland Rascals and the Lainshaw Lions, Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre-5s advised the Committee that additional funds were now available from within the Childcare Partnership Fund from which the funding for these applications could be met.

It was therefore agreed to refuse the applications from Nether Robertland Rascals and Lainshaw Lions and refer them to the Childcare Partnership Fund.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives in the preceding 6 week period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police's "Spotlight" initiatives to Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer at Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU, or Sergeant John Ramage at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RAIL ISSUES AT KILMAURS

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 October 2000 (circulated) on Strathclyde Passenger Transport's response to two rail issues at Kilmaurs railway station.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter and to invite a representative of Strathclyde Passenger Transport to a future meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee to discuss the issues referred to within the report.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought nomination, in principal, of two Community Representatives onto a Community Representative Forum as part of the preparation for the next 3 year strategic plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Simon Quig, Youth Forum Representative onto a Community Representative Forum for the development of the next three year Children's Service Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

PROPOSAL FOR FINANCE FROM THE SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND

11. There was submitted a report dated 19 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited comments on a proposal for funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

It was agreed to support the proposal : 'Across the Age Divide', as described in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

Councillor Hall left the meeting at this point.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business an item on the Council's role and responsibilities within Designated Conservation Areas.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.

AGENDA