

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2001
AT 1400 HRS IN STEWARTON ANNICK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE,
STANDALANE, STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young and Kathleen Hall; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson, Ashley Bell, John Douglas, John McFadden and Catherine Spicer; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Jimmy Miller and Russel Hutcheson.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; James Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Anne Fairbairn, Administrative Officer, Community Services; Eileen Brechany, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Jim Richmond and John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian McNeil and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives Carolyn Blyth and Margaret Gibbons

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND
ANSWER SESSION**

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives (Community Representative Ashley Bell having joined the meeting), Named Substitutes and officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted for information and noting, Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 5 September 2001 (circulated).

In connection with the item: Public Transport Issues (Item 12, Page 2014, 99/02) the Chair advised that a response had been received from Strathclyde Passenger Transport. It was noted that a copy of the response, together with a copy of the original letter written on behalf of the Local Committee would be issued to all members and, thereafter, discussed at the Local Committee meeting to be held on 23 January 2002.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

4. The Administrative Officer reported on dates for future meetings of the Local Committee together with proposed venues.

It was agreed to note that future meetings of the Local Committees would be held as follows:

23 January 2002 - Kilmaurs Community Centre

20 March 2002 - John Fulton Hall, Fenwick

15 May 2002 - Dunlop Public Hall

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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5. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 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 as follows:

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the applications), viz:-
- (a) Disability
 Archway PHAB Club - £103
 Cessnock Club - £337.50
- (b) Community Councils
 Dunlop & Lugton Community Council - £1,200
 Stewarton and District Community Council Lifelong Learning Committee - £140
- (c) Early Education and Childcare
 Little Angels Playgroup, Stewarton - £2,696, subject to clarification that the Group were unable to access external funding. It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- "The Group should liaise with Bob McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager, prior to purchase of the surface to ensure that it is consistent with Council standards as approved by the Member/Officer Working Group on Playparks on 13 August 2001.
- (d) Sport
 Annanhill Junior Golf Club - £113.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PILOT RECYCLING SCHEME IN FENWICK, EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S RECYCLING PROPOSALS AND THE NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY (Item 16(ii) & (iii), Page 2015, 99/02)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of progress on local and national waste management issues.

MORTON ROAD PAVILION (Item 8, Page 2013, 99/02)

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on funding opportunities for sports facilities which may be available in respect of the refurbishment of the Morton Road Pavilion including details of the qualifying criteria for accessing such funds.

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT "U" DIVISION

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

9. Sgt John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:

- (a) a person had been charged with a serious offence of snatching handbags in Stewarton and Kilmaurs;
- (b) there was an ongoing problem of fighting amongst school children from Dunlop, Stewarton and Kilmaurs; and
- (c) there was also a problem of vandalism by children in Kilmaurs.

NAMING OF STREETS/DEVELOPMENTS

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - DEVELOPMENT AT WESTFIELD NURSERIES, KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested names for two streets within a new development at Westfield Nurseries, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the names of the streets within the new development at Westfield Nurseries, Kilmarnock be Burns Way and Burns Crescent; and
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

LOCAL ISSUES

11.1 There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

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 incorporate into the Forward Planner of Local Committee business:-

- (i) a report by the Director of Community Services on the range of leisure facilities within the Northern Area, with specific reference to the number of football pitches, associated maintenance costs and how charges for the pitches are determined; and
- (ii) a report by the Director of Educational and Social Services on Lifelong Learning Funding to include details on how much funding East Ayrshire had received, how much would be allocated to the Northern Area and how this money would be spent.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hrs.

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