

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS

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

ATTENDING: Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; Ganes Dunlop, Acting Area Housing Manager; Mike Rooney, Team Leader - Environmental Health; Eileen Brechany, Team Leader - Educational and Social Services; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: George Heaney, Head of Operations, Buses - Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive; and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Mr Brian Purdie, Head of Customer Services at Inverclyde Council to the meeting, as an observer.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1408 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 24 January 2001 (circulated).

In connection with the item: Local Items (Item 14, Page 1490, 99/02) it was reported and noted that Youth Issues: Provision of Local Facilities; and the Council's Role and Responsibilities within Designated Conservation Areas would be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES (NORTHERN AREA)

5. A presentation was given by George Heaney, Head of Operations, Buses, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive on local public transport issues raised by

Elected Members and Community Representatives on the Northern Area Local Committee.

Mr George Heaney, responded to questions from the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the presentation; and
- (ii) to invite a representative of Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to attend this Committee to respond to questions on rail issues affecting the Northern area.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME 2000/2001

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 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 Grant Scheme.

The Administrative Officer reported upon the outstanding assessments on Community Grants.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purposes identified in the applications), viz:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
Kilmarnock Gateway Writers - £374.00, subject to the group being awarded sufficient funds from other sources to enable the event to take place;
 - (b) Community Associations
Fenwick Community Association - £750.00
 - (c) Community Councils
Kilmaurs Community Council - £1,200.00, subject to the award being ring fenced in the group's accounts until confirmation of equipment specification and supplier, by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources;
Stewarton and District Community Council Resource Centre - £1,200.00, subject to the award being ring-fenced in the group's accounts until confirmation of equipment specification and supplier, by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources;
 - (d) Early Education and Child Care
Fenwick Playgroup - £911.95;
The Committee also agreed to request that appropriate financial management assistance be made available to Fenwick Playgroup.
Fenwick Walking Train - £180.00;
Dunlop Mother and Toddler Group - £293.00;

(e) Leisure Activities

Stewarton Bonnet Guild - £450.00;

(f) Older People

The Team Leader, Educational and Social Services, updated the Committee on the financial resources of Kilmaurs Senior Citizens Association.

Kilmaurs Senior Citizens Association - £700.00

(g) Sport

Crosshouse Boys Club - £267.00, subject to the group being awarded sufficient funds from other sources to enable the event to take place.

(h) Young People

Kilmaurs Guide Company - £484.15; and

Kilmaurs Rainbow Guides - £400.00.

ADJOURNMENT

7. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1503 hours to enable the Administrative Officer to calculate the out-turn figures for Community Grants awarded in 2000/2001.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

8. The meeting reconvened at 1517 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the Community Grant allocation for 2001/2002; grant spend during the last 2 financial years; and which provided an opportunity to set local priorities for grant funding within the Northern Area.

The Administrative Officer circulated an amended Appendix to the report which detailed out-turn figures for Community Grants awarded in 2000/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Northern Area Local Committee in financial year 2001/2002 was £18,234.00;
- (ii) not to set local priorities in respect of the grant allocation for the forthcoming year, but to consider each application on its merits;
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

CONTROL OF DOG FOULING

10. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on measures available to the Council for dealing with dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the locality in which dog fouling control measures would be carried out in the Northern Area be Stewarton; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

11. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives in the preceding eight week period and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations on forwarding ideas which could be highlighted as Strathclyde Police "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.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

12. It was agreed to defer the report by Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, on local policing matters to the next meeting of this Committee.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - 2001/2002

13. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

The Administrative officer reported that the nomination for Church Forum Representative had been amended to read Mrs Cathy Spicer.

It was agreed to appoint nominees to the position of Community Representatives and named Substitutes of Local Community Organisations, for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 as detailed below:-

ORGANISATION	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	SUBSTITUTE
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Ms Carolyn Blyth	Mr Jimmy Miller
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Watson Muirhead	Dr Fiona Macdonald
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mrs Margaret Gibbins	Mr Russel Hutcheson
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Mr John Douglas	Mrs Lorna Beattie
Stewarton and District Community Council	Mr Iain Finlayson	Mrs Mary White
Church Forum	Mrs Cathy Spicer	Vacant
Community/Residents Associations	Mr John McFadden, JP	Mr William Gibson
Disability Forum	Mrs Margaret Lees	Mr David Porter
Elderly Forum	Mr George Paterson	Vacant
Youth Forum	Mr Simon Quig	Mr John Kean

Simon Quig, Community Representative, Youth Forum, informed the Committee he would be unable to accept his nomination and tendered his resignation from the Committee, effective immediately.

The Chair thanked Simon for his contributions to the business of the Committee.

It was then agreed to remit to the Director of Educational and Social Services to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of the outstanding nomination for Community Representative, Youth Forum, in light of Simon Quig's resignation.

Councillor Ann Hay left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CONSERVATION AREAS

14. A presentation was given by Mr Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Officer, Planning and Building Control Division, on the Council's role as a Planning Authority in relation to Conservation Areas.

Mr Doroszenko responded to questions from the Committee.

It was agreed to note the presentation.

Mr George Paterson, Community Representative, left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DRAFT CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON'S CHARTER OF RIGHTS

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the history and development of East Ayrshire Council's Draft Child and Young Person's Charter of Rights; and which sought views thereon, as part of the community consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives would consult with their relevant organisations to provide consultation comments, suggestions and recommendations on the proposed Charter of Child and Young Person's Rights to John Butler, Service Officer, Quality and Planning, Educational and Social Services, Civic Centre South, John Dickie Street, Kilmarnock KA1 1BY, by 23 April 2001; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Kathleen Hall left the meeting at this point.

A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND: PROGRESS REPORT ON JOINT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made in implementing the Mental Health Strategy for Adults and the Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health difficulties, both covering the period 1999-2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the funding arrangements for further developments in Local Authority services for people with mental health difficulties would be reported to this Committee in due course; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004

- 17.** There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to consult on the contents of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 and the overall strategic direction of Community Care services in the next three years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the strategic direction of the plan as being relevant to the needs of service users and carers in the local area;
- (ii) that the current and proposed provision of barrier-free and sheltered housing in the Northern Area would be reported to this Committee in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

LAINSHAW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR GRANT

- 18.** There was submitted a report dated 26 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which sought agreement on an application by Lainshaw Residents' Association for an annual operating grant.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve Lainshaw Residents' Association request for a grant of £100.00 from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 19.** 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 current position on licensing arrangements as provided under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as they relate to Community Associations which operate community-based facilities.

The meeting terminated at 1645 hours.

AGENDA