

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1402 HOURS IN THE CENTRE, STANDALANE, STEWARTON

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Carolyn Blyth, Russel Hutcheson, John Douglas, Margaret Lees and Simon Quig; and named Substitutes Mary White, William Gibson and David Porter.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre 5s; Eileen Brechany, Social Services Team Leader; Tom Merry, Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Leader; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer; John Laurenson, Senior Librarian; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Alistair McKie and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian McNeil and Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson, Watson Muirhead and Jo Graham.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

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1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1406 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, named Substitutes and Offices present and in attendance.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE AND NAMED SUBSTITUTE (Item 2, Page 920, 99/02)

3. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the nomination of a Youth Forum Community Representative to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 5 September 2000 to 31 March 2001.

The Administrative Officer reported that a nomination for the position of Youth Forum named Substitute had also been submitted.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the nominees for the positions of Youth Forum Community Representative and named Substitute for the period 5 September 2000 to 31 March 2001, as detailed below:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>NAMED SUBSTITUTE</u>
Youth Forum	Simon Quig	John Kean

- (ii) to note the current position on outstanding nominations for named Substitutes as described in Paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
- (iii) to welcome Simon Quig, as the newly appointed Youth Forum Community Representative, to the Committee.

MINUTES

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 8 June 2000 (circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) that in respect of future Community Forum Local Items (Item 11, Page 103, 99/02), to note that as the matter had been dealt with in the interim period, the issue was withdrawn as an item for a future Community Forum;
- Following discussion it was agreed that the local issue for the next Community Forum would be "Rural Transport in the Northern Area"; and
- (ii) that in respect of the Local Issues Programme (Item 14.1, Page 1074, 99/02), that the Disabled Discrimination Act 1995 would be reported to a future meeting of this Committee, date to be determined, and that Seating/Rolling Stock Issues - Scotrail/Railtrack, would be reported to the next meeting of this committee on 1 November 2000; and in respect of the Local Issues (Item 14.2, Page 1074, 99/02), the issue be withdrawn from the Forward Planner for future Local Committee business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. The Chair, at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 9, followed by Item 10 on the Agenda, at this point.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CHILD-CARE (Item 15, Page 1074, 99/02)

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on an up-date on the position of the Out Of School

Hours Child-Care in the Northern area; and on the likely submission of a grant application from Lainshaw Lions.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that an application for community grant by Lainshaw Lions Out of School Child-Care Group would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee;
- (ii) to note progress made in the support and development of Out Of School Hours Child-Care in the Northern area; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - PROGRESS AND PROPOSALS FOR FINANCE FROM THE SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND 2000/01

7. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on progress with an Early Action Plan; and which invited comments on potential schemes for finance through the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the progress with the Early Action Plan for the Northern area, detailed in paragraph 3 of the report;
- (ii) to support the proposals for potential financing from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund, described in paragraphs 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 of the report; and
- (iii) to note that further proposals for financial support from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund might be put before this Committee for consideration at subsequent meetings.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

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8. There was submitted an amended report dated 30 August 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) to note that a grant of £283.50 had been awarded to Contact PHAB Club by the Emergency Powers Committee at a meeting held on 7 August 2000; and that an award of £22.00 to St Marnock Playscheme (ENABLE) had been made under delegated powers following consultation with the relevant Chairs of the Kilmarnock Central, Kilmarnock South and Northern Area Local Committees; and
- (ii) **Applications Approved** (for the purposes identified on the applications), viz:-
 - Sport
 - (i) Stewarton Annick Football Club - £375.00;

Arts and Cultural

- (ii) Loudoun Musical Society - £74.00; and

Social Inclusion

- (iii) Fenwick and Stewarton Community Transport Scheme - £118.00.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BENCHES**

- 9.1** There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the repair and maintenance programme for public benches in the Northern area.

9.2 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1457 hours for 5 minutes.

9.3 RECONVENTION OF MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 1502 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

9.4 CONSIDERATION OF ITEM

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Council's might take responsibility for the maintenance of benches in their areas, subject to negotiation with the Council and with reference to the advice given by the Council's Legal Manager in respect of insurance arrangements;
- (ii) to note that the Community Service Young Offenders Scheme might have potential in developing a programme of refurbishment of benches, in partnership with Community Councils;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services would contact Dunlop and Lugton and Fenwick Community Councils to facilitate and co-ordinate their proposals on the maintenance of benches in their areas in light of (i) and (ii) above; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

FLY-TIPPING IN THE NORTHERN AREA

- 10.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the problem of fly-tipping and the control measures taken by the Council.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2000 (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 of 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 "Spotlight" initiative to Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer at Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU, or to Sergeant John Ramage at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

- 12.** Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that since the last meeting of this Committee, recorded crime figures had significantly dropped;
- (ii) that the crime detection rate was good;
- (iii) that opportunist thefts from dwellinghouses had occurred during the recent spell of clement weather therefore residents should exercise vigilance; and
- (iv) that two arrests in respect of crimes of violence had been made but the general level of incidences of violence and vandalism had dropped.

Sergeant John Ramage further reported on the issue of spillage of farm detritus on local roads.

It was agreed to note that this problem was a matter for the Police and that information from the public on such occurrences should be reported to them at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters or Stewarton Police Office.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the outcome of public consultations on the East Ayrshire Interim Local Transportation Strategy : Consultative Draft; and which requested comments from the Committee on the draft implementation programmes and targets for inclusion in the full Local Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultation to date; and
- (ii) that comments on the East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy : Consultative Draft should be made to Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Roads and Transportation Division, by 30 September 2000.

LOCAL ITEMS

14. 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 Youth Issues: Provision of Local Facilities.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.

AGENDA