

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2000 AT 1405 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM

PRESENT: Councillors James Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean, and Robert McDill and Community Representatives Steve Brown, Nancy Mair, William Pattison, Evelyn Mair, Jim Crossan, Isobel Loudon and Richard Chalton and Substitutes Jessie Graham, Gerard Cassidy and Catherine Brown.

ATTENDING: Glenn Crotch, Team Leader (Social Work); Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads Division); Avril McCutcheon, Pre School Community Organiser (Education); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker (Education); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives George Dalziel and Andrew Nisbet and Substitute Janice Cameron.

CHAIR: Councillor James Raymond, Chair.

PRESENTATION BY PROCURATOR FISCAL

1. It was agreed to receive this presentation by Mr John Watt, Procurator Fiscal, at a later stage on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1418 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and attending.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted and noted Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 26 January 2000.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2000 (circulated) updated by supplementary information (also circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services

which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

Applications approved (for the purpose as specified on the application):-

(a) Conservation/History

Darvel Millennium Association Heritage Trust - £1,125

Loudoun Valley Trust - £2,000 subject to the grant being returned to the Local Committee should the Trust be unsuccessful in obtaining match funding from the Scottish Arts Council.

(b) Community Councils

Irvine Valley Joint Community Councils Group - £1,900

(c) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £500

Cessnock Club - £800

Archway PHAB - £313 subject to the Group, under the guidance of Social Work staff establishing and maintaining up-to-date proper financial book-keeping systems.

(d) Leisure Activities

Newmilns Ladies Social Club - £300

(e) Pre-Five's

Newmilns Pre-Fives Group - £1,000

Wee Rascals Mother and Toddler Group - £483

(f) Sport

Galston United AFC - £1,112

Loudoun Valley Trust - £2,500 subject to the Director of Education's permission for the Trust carrying out the feasibility study over the ski slope at Newmilns.

(g) Young People

Darvel and Newmilns Girls' Groups - £754.42

16th Newmilns Scout Group - £1,027.48

Application refused

(h) Sport

The Principal Administrative Officer reported on an application received from Irvine Valley Kilmarnock Football Club Supporters Club requesting a community grant of £1,000 towards the full project cost of £2,330 in respect of player sponsorship, match travel costs for the season, player of the year ticket subsidy and printing and delivering of promotional leaflets prior to the new season.

It was agreed to refuse the application on the grounds that the application had limited impact on the Community.

PRESENTATION BY THE PROCURATOR FISCAL (Item 9, Page 485)

6. The Committee heard a presentation by John Watt, Procurator Fiscal, which presentation had been requested at an earlier meeting. Thereafter, the Committee took the opportunity to raise various questions with the Procurator Fiscal before the Chair thanked him for the presentation.

Councillor Macrae left the meeting during the question time on this item.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001

8. It was reported by the Administrative Officer that nominations had been received from (i) Nancy Mair and Janice Cameron as Community Representative and Substitute respectively for the Disability Forum and (ii) Evelyn Mair for Pre Five Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the above nominees to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2000 - 31 March 2001; and
- (ii) that further nominations would be reported to the Committee as they were received.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SOCIAL INCLUSION

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 February 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which notified the Local Committee of decisions made by the Policy and Resources Committee on expenditure under its Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Resource Budget.

LOCAL ITEMS

ROAD SAFETY IN THE VICINITY OF LOUDOUN ACADEMY

10. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated the Local Committee (i) on the effectiveness of the Road Safety measures which had been introduced at Loudoun Academy and (ii) the background surrounding the proposal to introduce a speed limit there.

The Chair reported the receipt of a letter received from the Head Teacher, Loudoun Academy, Galston, pressing for the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit at Loudoun Academy which he had passed to the appropriate Department for attention.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the results of the safety measures introduced in the vicinity of Loudoun Academy;
- (ii) to note that a scheme would be prepared for the introduction of a lower speed limit for consideration for future Road Safety funding; and
- (iii) to advise the Director of Development Services that the Committee were of the opinion that the preparation of a scheme for the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit in the vicinity of Loudoun Academy should be considered as a priority in the Council's Road Safety budget; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL ITEMS

11. The Committee identified the implementation process of Enforcement Notices issued by the Council in respect of dangerous buildings as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted:-
 - (i) that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 19 April 2000 in Moscow Leisure Centre; and
 - (ii) that a report on future meeting dates and venues would be submitted to the next meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.