

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Robert Stevenson, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; and Community Representatives Charles Calman, John McIvor, Linda Thomson, John Donaldson and Geraldine Garland.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Brian Weadon, Roads Engineer; Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; Joe Donnelly, Principal Trading Standards Officer and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Police Constable Paul Clarke, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Babs Gallacher, Bryan Thompson and Jim McClymont; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Robert Jones.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting at this point.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 1 February 2000 (circulated).

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ROADS MAINTENANCE

4. The Committee received a presentation from Brian Weadon, Roads Engineer, Roads and Transportation, on the Structural Maintenance Programme for Roads and Footways.

During discussion, the Roads Engineer answered questions put, and noted points made, by Elected Members and Community Representatives.

2000/2001 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes or “desirable” options for the Structural Maintenance of Footways.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for the Structural Maintenance of Footways; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

Councillor Walsh left the meeting during discussion of this item.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001

6. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on current progress in the recruitment of Community Representatives for 2000/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appointment of the following Community Representatives for the period from 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001, viz:- Mr John Donaldson (Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association); Dr Bryan Thompson (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches); Mr Charles Calman, Mr James McClymont, Mr John McIvor and Mrs Geraldine Garland (Community Councils); Ms Linda Thomson (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); and Miss Melissa Park (Youth Representative);
- (ii) to note the appointment of the following Named Substitutes for the period from 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001, viz:- Mr Dario Tognini (Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association); Mr Arthur McNeil (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches); Mr Ian McVey, Mr Robert Jones and Mr David Milne (Community Councils); Mrs Jean Dunlop (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); and Miss Clare Reynolds (Youth Representative); and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to pursue the outstanding nominations for one Community Council Named Substitute, one ethnic minority Community Representative and one Named Substitute and one elderly interest Community Representative and one Named Substitute.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

7. There was submitted reports dated 8 March and 10 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants received for the financial year 1999/2000, together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Administrative Officer reported verbally on additional applications received from (a) Bonnyton Community Association for a grant of £900 towards the full cost of a meal and entertainment for approximately 90 senior citizens; and (b) Bonnyton Social Committee for a grant of £1,500 towards the full cost of £3,000 for a gala day, including pipe band, group for dance, tent hire, liability insurance, advertising and programmes, trade market and warehouse goods and sports trophies.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application form), viz:-
- (a) Disability
- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) - £125.00; and
- (ii) Archway PHAB - £375.00.
- (b) Older People
- (i) St Andrew's Glencairn Church Leisure Hour - £121.00;
- (ii) Gatehead Monday Club - £1,000.00; and
- (iii) Bonnyton Community Association - £879.69 from the 1999/2000 Community Grants budget and a further £20.31 to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2000/2001.
- (c) Sport
- (i) Crosshouse Boys Club - £2,000.00;
- (ii) Bonnyton Thistle Football Club - £1,000.00 for the amended purpose of the purchase of strips and the further development of the Club, including works to the pavillion.
- (d) Pre-Fives
- (i) Wee Rascals Mother and Toddler Group - £49.00
- (e) Leisure Activities
- (i) Bonnyton Social Committee - £800.00 to be met from the grant allocation to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee in financial year 2000/2001.

(ii) **Overview of Community Grants Expenditure 1999/2000**

It was agreed that a presentation be made by Corporate Services to the next meeting of the Local Committee to provide an overview of the Community Grant awards made in the course of 1999/2000.

Councillor Walsh rejoined the meeting during discussion of this item and Councillor Linton left the meeting at this point.

LOCAL COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GRANT: CHANGE OF PURPOSE

8. The Administrative Officer intimated that a request had been received for a change of purpose of grant in respect of a Community Grant awarded in April 1999 to Paxton Area Neighbourhood Watch for the purchase of neighbourhood watch signs, administration, publicity/marketing equipment and materials.

It was agreed to allow the group to extend the use of the Community Grant awarded to include expenses in connection with the purchase of a number of community alarms.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION "SPOTLIGHT"

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

LOCAL ITEMS

10. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.
No items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee had been set for 25 April 2000 at 1400 hours, with the venue to be advised.

The meeting terminated at 1502 hours.

