

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1402 HOURS IN LONGPARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, INNELLAN DRIVE, KILMARNOCK

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, William Coffey and John Weir and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling, Archibald Pryce, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie, Janet Smith, Lindsay Cargill; and Substitute Anne McKenzie.

**ATTENDING:** Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer, Development Services; Alan Murray, Community Education Officer; Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader, Social Work Department; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police and John Watt, Procurator Fiscal.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Mary Cameron, Kate Clannaghan (Substitute) and Jim Cameron (Substitute).

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre (Chair).

#### PRESENTATION BY PROCURATOR FISCAL

1. John Watt, the Procurator Fiscal gave a verbal presentation on the role of the Procurator Fiscal's office and its relationship with the Police and Courts.

Committee members then asked questions to the Procurator Fiscal.

Councillor Weir joined the meeting during the above presentation.

The Chair thanked Mr Watt for his presentation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1447 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

#### RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1455 hours, with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance with the exception of Matt Donnelly who left the meeting at this point.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noted, minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2000 (circulated).

## 4.1 MATTERS ARISING

**4.1.1 Urban Programme Terminating Project : Children's Holiday Project (Item 5, Page 595 99/02)** - Having heard that the Children's Holiday Project had received funding to allow the project to continue and to extend the geographical area of the project to the North of the authority it was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Representatives had considered the need for greater consultation on projects being considered for social inclusion;
- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Services provide the Chair of the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North with further clarification of the consultation arrangements undertaken in respect of the Children's Holiday Project funding decision; and
- (iii) to note that following feedback received at the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives, the Chair had requested that the Chief Executive review the consultation arrangements to involve Local Committees more fully in the decision making process in respect of projects funded by the social inclusion budget.

**4.1.2 Local Committee Grants Scheme 99/2000 - Allies (Item 11, Page 597 99/02)** - Having noted that a grant had been agreed in principle by the Committee at their last meeting, it was further explained that the Director of Social Work had confirmed that the application also met the broad terms of criteria for Section 10 funding and that the Depute Chief Executive had initiated a review of the most appropriate funding source with a view to advising the Group of the decision reached.

It was agreed that the Community Grant be awarded in the event the Section 10 Budget for 1999/2000 was fully committed.

**4.1.3 Local Committee Grants Scheme 99/2000 - Onthank Football Club (Item 11, Page 597 99/02)** - Noted that the Director of Community Services had confirmed that the Group were exempt from paying charges in respect of hire of football pitches at the Newlands Drive Sports Complex under Urban Programme Funding. However, since the Urban Programme Funding had terminated, the Group was currently eligible to be charged for hire of football pitches.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 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 6 week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the problem of speeding along Glasgow Road from the Southcraigs area to Beansburn be addressed by Strathclyde Police; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Weir left the meeting during discussion of the above meeting.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2000 (circulated) which advised of current progress of recruitment of Community Representatives for 2000/2001 and which advised of the arrangements for the submission of new nominations for community membership by the relevant organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations for community membership and substitutes as detailed to be appointed on an individual basis for a period of 1 year from 1 April 2000 until 31 March 2001;

<u>ORGANISATIONAL SECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE</u>
North West Community Council	Mrs Beryl Graham	Mrs Noreen Lennon
Dean Community Council	Mr Hugh Stirling	-
New Farm Loch Community Council	Mr Matt Donnelly	Kate Clannaghan
Kilmarnock Disability Forum	Mrs M Cameron	Mr J Cameron
North West Youth Project	Ms Arlene Lindsay	-
North West Drugs Project	Mr Archie McKenzie	Mrs Anne McKenzie
Kilmarnock Elderly Forum	Mrs Janet Smith	Ms Nora McCabe
Scottish Homes Tenants Group	Ms Maureen Brown	-
Young Person Representative	Ms Lindsay Cargill	-
New Farm Loch Community Initiative	Mr Archibald Pryce	Mr Jerry Coyle

- (ii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for substitute Community Representatives; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### LONGPARK IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS - PROGRESS REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 10 February 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Development Services and Homes and Technical Services on the progress that had been made with the Longpark improvement proposals.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of community grants for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

**Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Young People

Onthank After School Care Group - £1,500

29<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Scout Group - £1,000

(b) Pre-5s

Tiny Tots - £750

(c) Older People

St Andrew's Glencairn Church - Leisure Hour - £61

(d) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - Agreed, in principle, to award a grant of £1,120 subject to the Director of Corporate Services clarifying, in consultation with the Chair, the share of grant in relation to the number of members of the Group attending from the Kilmarnock North area.

**Application Refused**

Manor Avenue Millennium Group - it was agreed to refuse the application on the grounds that (i) the event was only open to those invited from Manor Avenue and was considered to be a private party event; (ii) that the activities of the group were not considered to be socially inclusive; (iii) that as the group had been set up solely to organise a millennium party for residents within Manor Avenue, it was considered that the expenditure would not benefit the wider local community; and (iv) that the materials that would need to be purchased for the temporary shelter could not be re-used for the benefit of the community.

**Additional Item**

The Chair agreed to take the undernoted application as an additional item.

It was reported and noted that an application had been received from the Northwest Kilmarnock Youth Centre (Exchange Group) to fund a programme of Easter activities and an adventure activities weekend for young people. Due to the timescale involved, it was agreed to approve in principle, a grant of £1,496 and that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair to make arrangements for payment of the grant subject to receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

## LOCAL ITEMS

9. The Administrative Officer reported that Community Representatives had been invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the Police Liaison Officer investigate the possibility of developing a community based project to reduce young people's perception of the fear of crime and to address crime issues based on the recent findings from the Northwest Youth Club survey; and
- (ii) to request that the Director of Corporate Services investigate an appropriate arrangement for Community Representatives to discuss potential local items prior to future Local Committee meetings.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.