

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS AND FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives: Finvola Barnes, Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds, Christine Nisbet, Anne McRoberts and Nick Kewney.

ATTENDING: Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Social Work); Jim Laing, Team Leader (Social Work); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Tom Merry, Kilmarnock SIP Team Leader; Gerald Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Derek Spence, Community Recreation Officer; Sheila Beck, Pre-School Community Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 2 February 2000 (circulated).

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

Tom Merry, Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Leader informed the Local Committee that a proposal would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee that the premises at 15 Shortlees Crescent, Shortlees, (which formerly housed the Community Health and Safer Environment Project (CHASE)), could be used as the base for the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion team and sought the Local Committee views for this proposal.

The Local Committee expressed its support for the proposal and intimated that a report detailing the remit of the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team and preparing an action plan for endorsement would be submitted to this Committee on 26 April 2000.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 2000 (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 Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Voluntary Organisations

- (i) Bellfield 2000 - £890;

(b) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £500;
- (ii) Archway PHAB - Agreed to remit to the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair, to award £500 upon confirmation of the ratio of membership of the Group from the Kilmarnock South Local Committee area.

It was also agreed an additional condition, to read, viz:- 'That the Group, under the guidance of Social Work Department staff, establish and keep up-to-date proper financial book-keeping systems'.

(c) Young People

- (i) Bellfield After School Care - £490.

It was also agreed that, should the Group fail to gain bus passes from the West of Scotland Playscheme Forum, that the grant should be used for similar playscheme activities to those detailed in the grant application form.

(d) Older People

- (i) Noon Bowlers - It was agreed to defer consideration of this grant application, for further information to be submitted.
- (ii) St Andrews Glencairn Church - Leisure Hour - £318;
- (iii) Bellfield Senior Citizens Club - £250; and

(e) Pre-Fives

- (i) Wee Rascals Mother and Toddler Group - £73.50.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 8.1 at this point.

LOCAL ITEMS

THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT IN THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS PROCESS

6. A presentation was given by Jim Laing, Team Leader, on the Role of the Social Work Department in the Housing Allocations Process.
- Following the presentation, there followed a question and answer session.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1615 hours and reconvene at 1400 hours on Friday 31 March 2000.

RE-CONVENTION OF MEETING

8. The meeting was re-convened on Friday 31 March 2000 at 1400 in Shortlees Community Education Centre, Blacksye Avenue, Kilmarnock with the undernoted Members and Officials present and in attendance.

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives: Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds, Anne McRoberts and James Dunsmuir (Substitute Community Representative).

ATTENDING: Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Jim Laing, Team Leader, Social Work; Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Ron Murray, Environmental Health Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer; and James Crawshaw, Trainee Environmental Health Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

10. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 5 of the Agenda - Exposure to Power - Frequency Magnetic Field and the Risk of Childhood Cancer at the end of the Agenda.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2000/2001 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

12. There was submitted a report dated 3 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which included a presentation by Brian Weadon, Area Engineer of the Roads Division on the background to the Roads Maintenance Programme for the Council's area and which advised (i) of the 2000/2001 roads and footways structural maintenance programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was reported and noted that in relation to the section of the report headed Carriageway Surface Dressing "Townhead Road" should read "Townend Road".

It was agreed:-

- (i) arising from a suggestion from the Community Representatives that priority consideration be given to including resurfacing works at Caprington Avenue and Mosshead Road within a future roads and footways structural maintenance programme;
- (ii) to note the 2000/2001 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (iii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iv) 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.

LOCAL ITEM

13. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed to note that no items of local interest had been forthcoming for inclusion on a future Local Committee Agenda.

It was also noted that, to date, the Director of Community Services was not in a position to submit a report in relation to the local item proposed at the meeting of the Local Committee held on 2 February 2000, viz:- The Council's Proposals for Leisure Facilities/Games Halls within the Kilmarnock South Area.

EXPOSURE TO POWER - FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELD AND THE RISK OF CHILDHOOD CANCER

14. There was submitted a report dated 24 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Local Committee of the outcome of an independent study of potential links between overhead power cables and childhood cancer.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report and that the Director of Community Services would make the necessary arrangements to forward copies of Sir Richard

Doll's study on UK Childhood Cancer to the Secretary of the South Kilmarnock Health Forum.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

15. There was submitted a report dated 21 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided an updated summary statement in respect of the application for grant by Noon Bowlers which had been deferred at the meeting on 15 March 2000, together with a request for an application for financial assistance which had been submitted by Shortlees Whizz Kids.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Older People
 - (i) Noon Bowlers - £1,226.00; and
- (b) Young People
 - (i) Shortlees Whizz Kids - £439.00.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 26 April 2000 and that the venue was to be agreed.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.