

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN JOHN FULTON HALL, FENWICK

**PRESENT:** Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Carolyn Blyth, Katherine Currie, Russel Hutcheson, Margaret Lees and Jo Graham.

**ATTENDING:** Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer; Eddie O'Connor, Community Learning Officer; Paul McVey, Housing Manager; Gerard Cairns, Library and Information Services Manager; Avril McCutcheon, Pre-School Community Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Eileen Brechany, Social Work Team Leader; Matthew Glover, Senior Engineer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Alan Dickson.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

#### RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

### MINUTES

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 3 February 2000 (circulated).

### HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

#### REQUEST FOR GRANT

##### 4.1 LAINSHAW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

There was submitted a report dated 15 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which recommended that the Local Committee agree Lainshaw Residents' Association request for a grant of £250 from the Housing Revenue Account.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve Lainshaw Residents' Association request for a grant of £250 from the Housing Revenue Account; and

- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services would be advised accordingly.

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

### **5.1 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1998/99 - 1999/00 - DUNLOP SCHOOLS OUT (Item 7(a), Page 4364, 99/02)**

#### **5.1.1 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Brian McNeil declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in its consideration.

#### **5.1.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the current position relating to a grant awarded to Dunlop Schools Out by the Northern Area Local Committee on 11 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to retrospectively approve Dunlop Schools Out action relating to the prioritisation of the grant received for equipment, virement of a proportion of which was used to meet wage costs and hall rental charges; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **5.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/00**

There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance, in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

Following discussion, it was agreed to introduce an 'Assessing Departments' recommendation column to the Local Community Grants Scheme Financial Position report.

Thereafter, the Committee took the following decisions:-

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

#### (a) Conservation/History

- (i) Dunlop and Lugton Regeneration Group - £500.00;

It was also agreed an additional Condition to read, viz:- 'Upon conclusion of the photographic exhibition the Director of Community Services would liaise with the group to make appropriate arrangements for the safe custody of the photographs, in the public domain.

Councillor Stephanie Young, having supported the Assessing Department's recommendation of £800.00,, intimated her dissent.

#### (b) Community Councils

- (i) Kilmaurs Community Council - £600.00;

Councillor Stephanie Young, having supported the Assessing Department's recommendation of £750.00, intimated her dissent.

(c) Disability

- (i) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £250.00;

(d) Pre-Fives

- (i) Wee Rascals Mother and Toddler Group - £21.00;

(e) Young People - Dunlop Schools Out.(i) **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Brian McNeil declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in its consideration.

(ii) **Consideration of Item**

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

- (i) Dunlop Schools Out - £2,200.00.

It was also agreed an additional Condition to read, viz:- 'That the Director of Development Services would liaise with this group on its financial and business management structure with a view to making appropriate recommendations to the group';

(e) Young People (Continued)

- (ii) Lainshaw Lions - £1,000.00.

It was also agreed that the Director of Education would encourage this group to apply for funding for expansion, to the New Opportunities Fund.

- (iii) Waterside Playscheme - £650.00;

Councillor Stephanie Young having supported the Assessing Department's recommendation of £1,115.00, intimated her dissent.

- (iv) Kilmaurs 25th Ayrshire Scouts - £300.00; and

- (v) 1
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- Kilmaurs Guide Company - £822.06.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations; localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives for the preceding six week period; and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives would consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police in the "Spotlight" initiative to Chief Inspector Colin Campbell at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### POLICE REPORT

Councillor Kathleen Hall left the meeting.

7. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that, in general, the Northern Area had enjoyed a further period of reduced crime;
- (ii) that isolated acts of vandalism and housebreaking had occurred in Kilmaurs;
- (iii) the success of intelligence-led drug related operations; and
- (iv) that additional Police resources would be drafted in to the Northern Area for the "Spotlight" - Safer Streets Initiative.

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### 2000/2001 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

Councillor Kathleen Hall re-joined the meeting.

#### 8.1 PRESENTATION BY CHIEF ENGINEER (ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION) ON THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

A presentation was given by Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer, Roads and Transportation, on the 2000/2001 Programme of Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways.

The Chief Engineer agreed to respond to roads issues raised, directly to the questioners.

Thereafter, it was agreed to note the presentation on the 2000/2001 Programme of Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways.

#### 8.2 1999/2000 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 9, Page 584, 99/02)

There was submitted a report dated 3 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways 2000/01 for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of roads and footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2000/01 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 further reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by the reduction of the programmes in an equitable manner.

### **NAMING OF STREETS/DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT FORMER FACTORY SITE, OLD GLASGOW ROAD, STEWARTON**

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which requested a name for a street within a proposed development at former factory site, Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the street within the proposed development at former factory site, Old Glasgow Road, Stewarton, would be Burnbridge Wynd; and
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services would be advised accordingly.

### **LOCAL ITEMS**

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

It was agreed to incorporate into a "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business, a report on Scotrail's/Railtrack's position on the lack of passenger seating for customers embarking from Kilmaurs Station, travelling to Glasgow and whether the length of the platform at Kilmaurs Station precluded the introduction of additional passenger rolling stock.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 11. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on Thursday 27 April 2000 at 1400 hours in Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop.

The meeting terminated at 1516 hours.