

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN MORTON HALL, NEWMILNS**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Andrew Nisbet, Janice M Cameron, Alex Barrie, Ian Morton, Mary Bowie and Lorna Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Inspector Cochrane, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5); Marlene Campbell, Area Manager (Housing); Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); Matt Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads); Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; John Lilley, Principal Planning Officer (Policy); Andrew MacDonald, Service Manger (Social Work); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Officer (Development Services); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Charles Woodward, Museums Curator; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Kim Nicoll.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION 1996 - RESULTS OF JUDGING (Item 10, Page 1034)

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the results of the East Ayrshire Garden Competition for the Irvine Valley Area.

The Chair then presented prizes to the winners and runner-up as follows:

Overall Winner:	Otto Cyl	3A Kermuir Avenue Hurlford
Runner Up:	W Finland	4 Loudoun Avenue Priestland
Window Box/Planter Hanging Basket	A Carmichael	8 Seright Square Crookedholm

DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES (Item 3, Page 1428)

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive summarising details of the report relevant to the Irvine Valley, considered by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee on 15 October 1996 on the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire as a whole.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the action taken by Officers following the findings of the consultation panel established to examine issues relating to the development of information and advice services in the Irvine Valley (communities visited were Crookedholm and Moscow).
- (ii) to note that progress was being made with regard to the establishment of a Council telephone Helpline;
- (iii) to note the progress in relation to the enhancement of information services through the use of mobile libraries;
- (iv) to note the criteria for, and progress being made towards development of a Development Plan for information and advice services;
- (v) that a report on further progress in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire, particularly within the Irvine Valley Local Committee Area be submitted to an appropriate future meeting of the Committee; and
- (vi) that when the Newmilns Local Office was being upgraded, the Director of Community Services be requested to investigate the possibility of re-introducing a registrar's service there.

EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Item 8, page 907)

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the establishment of the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee, and seeking a nomination from the Local Committee for one Community Representative to serve on the Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Community Representative William Pattison to serve on the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee; and
- (ii) to recommend that the Director of Community Services arrange for representatives from Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade to be represented on the Committee.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - RESPONSES TO ISSUES PAPER (Item 3, Page 1033)

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the planning issues relevant to the Local Committee's Area which had been identified through consultation with the Committee and other local organisations as a preliminary step in the preparation of the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the issues raised in the report and that these should be given due consideration in the preparation of the consultative draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan subject to the first paragraph of Item 3.4 of the report being altered to read "it was accepted that there was a sewerage problem at Newmilns and Darvel and in the Irvine Valley in general which should be addressed in the plan";

- (ii) that the Director of Development Services progress the various courses of action suggested within each category of issues identified in the report; and
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services be asked to investigate the possible uses for the derelict land at Blair Avenue, Hurlford.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK (Item 19, page 1127)

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Local Committee of the positive effect of Environment Week 1996 and providing information on community projects which could be developed in the future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee liaise with Local Community Groups to develop clean-up campaigns which could be incorporated in Environment Week 1997; and
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services make available to Local Community Groups during Environment Week 1997, skips for a period of two weeks.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Local Committee of the planning framework set out in the National Objectives and Standards for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System, identifying key aims for the service and providing information on the anticipated level of demand for core parts of the service expected in the financial year 1997/98.

BUSINESS GRANT/LOAN SCHEMES - STATUS REPORT (Item 1.3, page 1394)

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the loans and grants which had been made to business in the Local Committee area in the period 1 April to 30 September 1996.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS 1996/97 - SUMMARY UPDATE

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the current position relative to the allocation of places within pre-5 establishments in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that a further update report by the Director of Education be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT (HOUSING)

9. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising of the background and purpose of the Annual Policy Statement and summarising the Council's Annual Policy Statement for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that existing areas of work (as outlined in the table at paragraph 11.1 of the report) form the basis of the Capital Programme for 1997/98;
- (iii) that the Director of Housing investigate the suitability of Dry-dash render for painting with a view to such properties being included in masonry painting programmes, and report to the next meeting; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - ST SOPHIA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,
GALSTON - 10 OCTOBER 1996**

10. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Local Committee of the outcome of the re-run of the second Irvine Valley Community Forum Meeting held on 10 October 1996 at St Sophia's Primary School, Galston.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that paragraph 6.1 of the report be amended to reflect (a) that the enquiry as to the introduction of traffic calming measures at Galston Road, Hurlford, led to a discussion about possible traffic calming measures at Riccarton Road, Hurlford, and (b) the complaint about the approach to Loudoun Academy, Galston, included the footpath being on the wrong side of the road; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the assessment of the Forum.

Arising from discussion on a point which had been raised at the Forum regarding the Irvine Valley Transport Scheme service to Darvel Nursery dropping children home early, it was agreed that the Director of Education arrange a meeting between the Nursery Head Teacher and representatives from the Transport Scheme to discuss the matter.

STREET NAMING - DEVELOPMENT OFF BARR STREET, GALSTON

11. It was reported by Administrative Officer that the developer had requested a street name for the new development off Barr Street, Galston. The Local Member and the Community Council had been consulted and had proposed that the street be named "Barr Castle Gardens" as suggested by the developer.

It was agreed to name the street "Barr Castle Gardens".

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

12. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for community grants for the period 26 September to 6 November 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the sum of £33, 410 had been allocated to the Irvine Valley Local Committee in support of community and voluntary groups within the local area for the period 1996/97 and that after deducting grants already approved the balance now available for community grants was £22,251.42; and
- (ii) to approve the undernoted grant awards for the purpose specified in the applications:-
 - (a) Youth Groups - Galston Playgroup - £127.15
 - (b) Leisure Groups - BHARAT - £200 and that the Director of Support Services submit a report to a future meeting on the success of the Divali Festival.

NEWMILNS GIRL GUIDES LOCAL CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME

13. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education seeking financial support for Newmilns Girl Guides Local Capital Grants Scheme Application.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that East Ayrshire Council had been invited to submit bids for the Local Capital Grants Scheme for Community Facilities (Village Halls Scheme) which attracted 50% funding for projects through the Rural Partnership Initiative with the remaining 50% being divided equally between the applicant and their local Council;
- (ii) to note in respect of Newmilns Guides the Scottish Office had indicated their willingness to support their application to re-roof and refurbish the lean-to part of their building and to landscape the exterior grassed area while lowering the ground level and discouraging internal damp problems, to the amount of £21,000. The Guide Company were able to raise £10,500 (25%) with the Council being expected to contribute 25% (£10,500);
- (iii) to note that the Education Committee capital budget was almost exhausted and as a result support was being sought for funding from the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme; and
- (iv) to contribute from the Community Grants budget 50% of the Council's share of £10,500 (£5,250) towards the project valued at £42,000, on condition that the Education Committee agree (a) to support the remaining balance of the application (£5,250) and (b) that all future Category B applications would be submitted to Local Committees requesting community grant funding of 50% of the Council's share of the applications.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

14. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of various Roads and Transportation issues which had been raised at the last Irvine Valley Forum meeting held on 10 October 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position with regard to the issues contained in the report; and
- (ii) that arising from discussion of this report, the Director of Development Services advise Councillor McDill about the timing of the public consultation on the pelican crossing and lay-by proposed for Darvel.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PRIORITY AREAS (Item 5, Page 1309)

15. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising the Committee of the possibility of extending the New Start Project into Crookedholm and Gilfoot, Newmilns, and on the potential to extend other training programmes into these areas.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the New Start Project that they publicise their services in Gilfoot, Newmilns, and Crookedholm by leafleting residents in these areas;
- (ii) to invite the New Start Project to give a short presentation at the next Local Committee meeting with regard to its involvement in the Gilfoot and Crookedholm areas; and
- (iii) that as proposals were developed, reports be presented to future meetings detailing proposals on employment training and education developed under the auspices of the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership.

MANAGEMENT RULES FOR MORTON PARK, DARVEL (Item 21, Page 1314)

16. There was re-submitted proposed Management Rules for the use of Morton Park, Darvel, (circulated) by the Director of Community Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that at the last meeting it was agreed that Community Representatives submit to this meeting any proposed amendments to the Management Rules; and
- (ii) that no changes be made to Management Rules.

UPDATE REPORT ON ITEMS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Items 13 & 15, Page 1311)

17. There was submitted report dated 29 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising on the latest position in respect of two items previously considered by the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position with regard to the survey of play facilities in the Irvine Valley and that the Director of Community Services submit a further report to the Local Committee following the Leisure Sub-Committee's consideration of the East Ayrshire wide survey of play facilities;

- (ii) to note the position with regard to the Draft Participation Policy, and that the Director of Housing submit a further report to the Local Committee following the Housing Committee's consideration of the Draft Participation Policy report as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - LOUDOUN ACADEMY - 21 NOVEMBER 1996

- 18.** It was reported by Administrative Officer on the arrangements to date in respect of the next Forum Meeting to be held in Loudoun Academy, Galston on 21 November 1996 when the Council item for discussion was "The Social Strategy" and the local item was "Youth Facilities".

The meeting terminated at 1610 hours.

