

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1996 AT 1515 HOURS
IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYING FIELD ROAD,
CROSSHOUSE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representatives Mrs B Mabon, Mrs Jean Dunlop, Canon Kenneth Stephen, Mr Robert Wilson, Mr John Donaldson and Mr Andrew McCann

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector Angus Cochrane.

ATTENDING: Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; John Lilley, Principal Planning Officer - Policy; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre-Fives; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer - Trading Standards; Martin O'Rourke, Senior Planning Officer - Projects; George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser - Strategy/Partnerships; Roy Rutherford, Senior Engineer (Roads and Bridges); Gwen Barker, Social Work Service Manager; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Irene Reeves and Community Representatives Mrs Bharati Bundhoo and Mr Charles Calman.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION (Item 8, Page 1012)

- 1 There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the results of the 1996 East Ayrshire Garden Competition.

It was agreed to note the following results of judging in respect of the Kilmarnock Central Local area:-

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
Overall Winner	Mr Hugh Fulton Crosshouse	24 Playingfield Road	£50 (plus sponsorship)
Runner Up	Mr Jim Moore Crosshouse	35 Craiglea Avenue	£25 (plus sponsorship)
Window Box/Planter/ Hanging Basket	Mr James Brown	38 Thorntoun Avenue Crosshouse	£25 (plus sponsorship)

Thereafter, the Chair made a formal presentation of prizes to Mr Fulton and Mr Brown and congratulated them on their success.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Item 2, Page 1290)

2. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on further developments in respect of the proposed composition of the community representation on the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Andrew McCann, Head Boy of Kilmarnock Academy, be appointed as the Youth Representative on the Local Committee;
- (ii) to note that a meeting to bring forward nominations for a Joint Rural Representative had not yet taken place; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to pursue the nominations which remained outstanding, including that of the Rural Representative on the Committee.

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

3. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on progress made in respect of the development of information and advice services within the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area, as reported to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 October 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the action taken by Officers following the findings of the Consultation Panel
- (ii) to note that Housing Surgeries would commence in early November 1996 at Gatehead and Crosshouse Community Centres;
- (iii) that progress was being made with regard to the examination of a possible freephone service for the communities of Gatehead and Knockentiber;
- (iv) to note the establishment of a Council Telephone Help-line providing 24 hour access to the Council;
- (v) to note the criteria for, and progress being made towards, the development of a Development Plan for information and advice services;
- (vi) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to investigate the feasibility of introducing a PAT (personal access terminal) service within Crosshouse Library or Community Centre; and
- (vii) that a report on further progress in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire and specifically, within the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area, be submitted to an appropriate future meeting of the Committee.

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

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of

Community Services seeking a nomination to the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Committee to allow for clarification of the type of nomination sought.

BUSINESS GRANT/LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT (Item 1.3, Page 1394)

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the loans and grants made to businesses in the Local Committee area in the period 1 April to 30 September 1996.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - RESPONSES TO ISSUES PAPER CONSULTATION EXERCISE (Item 7, Page 1012)

6. There was submitted a report dated October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a series of planning issues relating to the Kilmarnock Central area, identified through consultation procedures with the Local Committee itself and other local organisations, as a preliminary step in the production of the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the issues raised in the report be given due consideration in the preparation of the consultative draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
- (ii) that authorisation be given for the various courses of action suggested within each category of issues detailed within the report;
- (iii) that the additional issue of Environmental Improvements, relating in particular to the Cross, Crosshouse, also be included for consideration in the preparation of the consultative draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan; and
- (iv) that the Director of Development Services submit a report to the Local Committee in due course on measures to alleviate parking problems in respect of the town centre of Kilmarnock, including Grange Street, Lindsay Street and Sturrock Street.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1996/197 - SUMMARY UPDATE (Item 3, Page 1011)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the summary report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Education submit a further report on this matter to the Local Committee in due course.

8. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on 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 in the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK (Item 19, Page 1127)

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

It was agreed;-

- (i) the Director of Community Services investigate feasibility of gearing the Environment Week initiative to target a small number of longer term environmental projects; and
- (ii) that, in the meantime, the Committee liaise with local community groups to investigate possible clean-up campaigns which could be incorporated in Environment Week 1997.

ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT (HOUSING)

10. 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) that the following existing areas of work form the basis of the programme for the Kilmarnock Central Local area in 1997/98, namely;-
 - central heating
 - window replacement
 - masonry painting
 - cavity insulation
 - home security
 - internal refurbishment
 - door entry systems
 - homeless accommodation; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS - SIGNAGE

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services, seeking the views of the Local Committee regarding proposals for signage within Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the following recommended changes be approved, namely:-
 - (a) replacement of the reference to Civic Centre by reference to East Ayrshire Council Offices;
 - (b) deletion of the reference to parking as people referring to the signs would be on foot;
 - (c) indication of directions to Laigh Kirk on a sign within The Cross;
 - (d) indication of East Ayrshire Council Offices on the sign for Croft Street;
 - (e) clarification of the directions on the sign relating to The Foregate, The Cross and toilets; and
 - (f) clarification of the location of the signs on John Dickie Street as Restrictive Zone signs were located on the lampposts;
- (ii) that the following be added to the recommended changes:-
 - (a) indication of directions to the Palace Theatre and Dick Institute;
 - (b) inclusion of a further sign at St Marnock Street giving directions to the Police Station; and
 - (c) addition of further signs indicating the direction of public conveniences;
- (iii) that Officers have regard to the needs of users with a sight impairment when considering the colour scheme and size of lettering to be used in respect of signage; and
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Officers of the Planning Division to agree a final scheme of signposting within Kilmarnock Town Centre, with the Project Architects having regard to the comments received from the Committee and the financial constraints highlighted within the report.

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM -19 NOVEMBER 1996
(Item 17.2, Page 1295)**

12.1 It was reported that the venue originally selected for the next Community Forum, namely the Glebe Centre, Kilmarnock, was no longer available for this purpose.

It was agreed that an alternative venue of Woodstock School, Kilmarnock, replace the original venue for the Forum meeting to be held on 19 November 1996 at 1900 hours.

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM -
FEBRUARY MEETING (Item 17.2, Page 1295)**

12.2 Consideration was given to a possible local issue and venue in respect of the next meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum to be held in February 1997.

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It was agreed:-

- (i) that the venue for the next meeting of the Community Forum be Kilmarnock Academy; and

- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to compile a list of suggestions for a possible local issue for the Community Forum in February and submit these for consideration at the next meeting of the Local Committee.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1996/97 -
FINANCIAL POSITION (Item 18.2, Page 1295)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by community groups for community grants for the period 20 September 1996 to 1 November 1996.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application) -
- (a) Elderly Groups
Rosebank Senior Citizens Club - £300;
Piersland Action Group - £300;
Bonnyton Old People's Cabin - £300 (subject to the further condition that the group take advice from Officers on the maintenance of its financial records);
and
Witch Road Old People's Cabin - £300
- (b) Miscellaneous
CHAIN - £136; and
BHARAT - remit with powers to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair to determine amount of award.
- (ii) Applications Refused
- (a) The Buchanan Centre - refused on the ground that the estimated cost of the project had been under estimated by the applicant;
- (b) Crosshouse Parish Church - refused on the ground that the project had been completed and retrospective applications were not valid; and
- (c) South West Writers - refused on the grounds that the organisation did not have premises and, consequently, that there was no secure way of storing the desk-top publishing equipment in connection with which the application had been made; no insurance; and as the application was considered premature.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.