

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN THE ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey; and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Josie Rutherford, Hugh Stirling, and Sister Barbara Carroll.

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector Cochrane, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Wilson Bolland, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Steven Good, Area Housing Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Officer Pre-5; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Registration and Licensing; John Lilley, Principal Planner Policy; Margaret Phelps, Senior Community Worker, Social Work; John Trakalo, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Bessie Faulds, Billy Sullivan and Reverend Grant Barclay.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION 1996 - RESULTS OF JUDGING

1. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising the Committee of the results of the Garden Competition.

Thereafter, the Chair presented prizes to the winners and runner up for the Kilmarnock North Area section of the Garden Competition.

CATEGORY	NAME	PRIZE
Overall Winner	Mr D Smith	£50 (plus sponsorship)
Runner Up	Mr D Hopes	£25 (plus sponsorship)
Window Box/Planter/ Hanging Basket	Mr B Thorburn	(£25 (plus sponsorship)

HARMONISATION OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (Item 18, Page 1285)

2. There was submitted and noted report dated 21 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services advising the Local Committee on the consultation undertaken on establishing the public holidays for 1997.

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 seeking nominations from the Local Committee to the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed to continue the matter to a future meeting to allow the Director of Community Services to clarify the matter of representation on the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

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

4. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive providing an update on progress made in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire 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 from the findings of the consultation panels;
- (ii) to note that progress had been made with regard to the examination of options for the establishment of an area centre in the North West and investigation of a base for satellite services in the New Farm Loch area and establishment of the Council telephone Help-line;
- (iii) to note the criteria for, and progress being made towards the development of, a Development Plan for information and advice services; and
- (iv) that a report on further progress in respect of development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire, particularly within this Local Committee's area, be submitted to an appropriate future meeting of this Committee.

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

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

**EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - RESPONSES TO ISSUES PAPER
CONSULTATION EXERCISE**

6. There was submitted a report dated 8 October (circulated) by the Director of Development Services bringing to the attention of the Committee a series of planning issues relating to the Kilmarnock North area, identified through consultation procedures with the Local Committee itself and other organisations, as a preliminary step in the production of the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the issues raised in the report on the basis that the Director of Development Services makes minor amendments to the wording of the report;
- (ii) that these be given due consideration in the preparation of the consultative draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan; and
- (iii) that authorisation be given for the various courses of action suggested within each category of the issues detailed in the report.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS 1996/97 - SUMMARY UPDATE

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the current position relating to 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) to receive a further report by the Director of Education in due course.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

8. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the planning framework set out in National Objectives and Standards for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System, identifying key aims for the service and to provide information on the anticipated level of demand for core parts of the service expected in the financial year 1997-98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appropriateness of the planned framework with regards to the local area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

9. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of grant applications received under the community grants scheme for determination.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the sum of (£21,897) had been allocated to Kilmarnock North Local Committee in respect of community and voluntary organisations for 1996/97, and that after deducting the playscheme grants and the community grants already approved, the balance available for the community grants as at October 1996, was £13,954;
- (ii) to approve the undernoted applications:-
 - Kilmarnock Rainbow Guides - £200;
 - Playdays Playgroup - £400;
 - Onthank After School Group - £350;
- (iii) to refuse the undernoted applications for the reasons detailed:-
 - (a) Buchanan Centre - Refused on the ground that the costs appear to be insufficient to carry out the work;
 - (b) South West Writers - Refused on the grounds that the Group did not have access to suitable secure premises to store the equipment, nor had any consideration been given to provide suitable insurance cover. A business plan would need to be developed if the group wished to become self financing;

- (c) BHARAT - Councillor Knapp, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved refusal on the grounds that the application was considered burdensome in that there were other groups who would also be considered eligible to apply for funding for cultural/religious festivals.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Coffey, moved as an amendment to remit to Officers to re-assess the application and to report back to the Committee.

On a division by a show of hands there were two votes for the motion and two votes for the amendment. There being equality of votes, the Chair, exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion; and

- (iv) to continue the undernoted application for the reason detailed:-

Jack and Jill Mother and Toddlers Group and Jelly Tots Mother and Toddler Group - Continued for further information for an explanation of the running costs of both groups.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK (Item 19, Page 1127)

10. 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 to provide information on Community Projects which could be developed in the future.

It was agreed that the Committee liaise with local community groups identified in the report to develop clean-up campaigns which could be incorporated in Environment Week 1997.

ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT (HOUSING)

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

TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WESTERN ROAD, KILMARNOCK

12. Councillor McIntyre reported that Community Representatives had requested that traffic congestion in the Western Road, Kilmarnock, be placed as an item for discussion on the Agenda.

It was agreed that the Director of Development Services report back to the next meeting on further details on traffic calming measures for the Kilmarnock North area and to also include measures for Onthank Drive.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.