

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillor Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives Mr William McCulloch, Mr James Dunsmuir, Mr Allan Faulds, Mr Jim Bryan, Mrs Diane Gill, and Miss Anne McRoberts.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor David Fulton.

ATTENDING: Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Jim Clark, Principal Housing Officer; John Trakalo, Senior Engineer (Roads); John Lilley, Senior Planning Officer (Local Plans); Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5's); Ron Lavalette, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Charlie Woodward, Museum Curator; Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Mrs Margaret Shaw.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

GARDEN COMPETITION (Item 3, Page 875)

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised the Committee of results of the East Ayrshire Garden Competition.

Thereafter the Chair presented prizes to the winners and runner-up of the East Ayrshire Garden Competition for the Kilmarnock South Area.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
Overall Winner	Mrs Ross	£50 (plus sponsorship)
Runner Up	Mr & Mrs Kerr	£25 (plus sponsorship)
Window Box/Planter/ Hanging Basket	Paul Bennett	£25 (plus sponsorship)

STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS/FOOTWAYS - DAMAGE TO PAVING IN SHORTLEES, KILMARNOCK (Item 10, Page 1300)

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Local Committee of the current position concerning the damaged paving at Caprington Avenue/Loreny Drive, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position and that the works at Caprington Avenue/Loreny Drive, Kilmarnock, were now scheduled for completion by the end of November; and

- (ii) that the action proposed by the Roads Division as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report be approved.

DISABLED ACCESS TO KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 11, Page 1301)

- 3. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Local Committee of the results of discussions which had been held with the Disability Forum on various issues raised.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that a further report be submitted to the Local Committee following completion of a survey of disabled parking bays within Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) arising from a query from Jim Bryan regarding the enforcement of disabled parking bays, that the Director of Development Services investigate the feasibility of advertising the penalty payable if a vehicle other than a disabled person's vehicle is left in a parking bay which had been designated for a disabled person.

**EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - RESPONSES TO ISSUES PAPER -
CONSULTATION EXERCISE (Item 6, Page 1018)**

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 3 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Local Committee of a series of planning issues which related to the Kilmarnock South area, and which identified through consultation procedures with the Local Committee and other local organisations, as a preliminary step in the production of the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the issues raised through the informal consultation process in relation to the Kilmarnock South Local Committee area as detailed in Section 3 of the report; viz:-
 - issues which involved development or improvement of land
 - issues which were of a strategic nature
 - issues which had policy implications for the Local Plan
 - issues which required attention by other Departments
- (ii) that the issues detailed in the report 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 proposed within each category of issues as detailed at (i) above.

ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT (HOUSING)

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised the Local Committee of the background and purpose of the Annual Policy Statement and which summarised the Council's Annual Policy Statement for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that existing areas of work (as outlined in paragraph 11.1 of the report) be approved and form the basis of the Housing Department's programme for 1997/98.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS 1996/97 - SUMMARY UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised the Local Committee 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) that a further report be submitted to the Local Committee by the Director of Education regarding pre-5 admissions in due course.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised the Local Committee of the planning framework set out in National Objectives and Standards for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System, and which identified key aims for the service and provided information on the anticipated level of demand for core parts of the service expected in the financial year 1997/98.

Mrs Diane Gill left the meeting at this point.

EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Item 22, Page 1128)

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought one nomination for a Local Committee Member to serve on the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed to nominate Miss Anne McRoberts to serve on the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK (Item 19, Page 1127)

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

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

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

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which provided an up-date on progress made in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire, particularly in relation to the provision of Local Office accommodation in the Kilmarnock South area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the action taken by Officers following the findings of the Consultation Panel;
- (ii) to note that progress was being made with regard to the examination of options for the establishment of Local Offices in the Kilmarnock South Local Committee area and the establishment of a 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 the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire, particularly within the Kilmarnock South Local Committee area be submitted to an appropriate future meeting of the Local Committee.

Provost Stirling left the meeting at this point.

**DEMOLITION OF LOCK-UPS AT CRAIGIE PLACE/CAMPBELL PLACE,
KILMARNOCK (Item 2, Page 1354)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing requesting the Local Committee to consider the possible future use of the vacant site at Craigie Place following the demolition of seven lock-up garages.

It was agreed to note the report and that the Local Committee did not express a preference for the future use of the vacant site following the demolition of seven lock-up garages.

BUSINESS GRANT/LOAN SCHEMES: STATUS REPORT

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Local Committee of the loans and grants that had been given to business in the Local Committee area in the period 1 April to 30 September 1996.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

13. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted grant payments to the organisations detailed, viz:-

Applicant

Grant Award

Shortlees Netball Crèche	£710
BHARAT	£132

- (ii) to continue consideration of the application from the Buchanan Centre in order that clarification may be obtained from the group regarding their costings for the project.
- (iii) to refuse the undernoted application for the reasons detailed:

Applicant

South West Writers

Reason for Refusal

The organisation does not have premises or a secure way of storing desk-top publishing equipment and no insurance cover

CAMPBELL STREET POST OFFICE, KILMARNOCK (Item 14, Pages 1020-1021)

14. The Administrative Officer reported that a letter dated October 1996 had been received from the Retail Network Manager, Post Office Counters Limited, Glasgow:-
- (i) advising that a further review of the business levels had been undertaken at the Post Office and that there had been no significant improvement in the transaction footfall despite the change of hours of operation and that it was not viable to continue the Post Office service at Campbell Street;
 - (ii) intimating that the last date of service would be Friday 8 November 1996;
 - (iii) advising that the accommodation used within Riccarton Community Centre during the trial period would be reinstated;
 - (iv) advising also that a letter had been sent to Mr W McKelvie, MP and Mr D Walker, Secretary, Riccarton Community Council, advising them of the outcome of the extension to the trial period; and
 - (v) thanking the Council, on behalf of Post Office Counters Ltd, for the use of the premises at Riccarton Community Centre and the Council's co-operation during the trial period.

It was agreed to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.