

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 1997 AT
1400 HRS IN THE BARR CENTRE, STATION ROAD, GALSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Nancy Mair, John Boyle, Andrew Nisbet and Julie Brown.

ATTENDING: Marlene Campbell, Area Housing Manager; Bruce Gilmour, Palace Theatre Manager; Chief Inspector James Green, Strathclyde Police; Anne Jackson, Principal Officer (Community Education); Fiona McKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work Department); Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Bill Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; Charles Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted minutes of meeting held on Thursday 24 September 1997 (circulated).

The Committee also noted:

- (i) the recommendation of Newmilns Community Council that CCTV be introduced to Main Street, Newmilns to cover the area to Bridgend;
- (ii) a summarised response from the Director of Community Services to Councillor Nicoll's request for information on City of Dundee Council initiatives in respect of dog fouling and litter; and
- (iii) the recommendation of Darvel Community Council that the message for the bottom line of new road signs in Darvel be "A Lace Town" and that the Head of Roads and Transportation liaise with the local elected member and community representative regarding the issue of avoiding sign clutter in Darvel where existing road signs were to be retained.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL GARDEN COMPETITION 1997 (Item 9, Page 2148)

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised the Committee of the results of the 1997 Garden Competition.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) that the award winners for the Committee's area were:-
Overall Winner - Mr W Fingland, 4 Loudoun Avenue, Priestland
Runner-up - Mr A Carmichael, 19 Struthers Avenue, Crookedholm
Best Hanging Basket - Mr Robert Fulton, 9 Blair Crescent, Hurlford; and

- (ii) that the presentation of awards to the winners had been made by Councillor Fulton in his capacity as Chair immediately preceding this meeting.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

3. It was reported and noted that the next Irvine Valley Community Forum would take place on Wednesday 26 November 1997 commencing at 7pm in the Former Grougar Primary School, Moscow, that transport to and from the venue would be available and publicised accordingly and that the Local Item for the Forum meeting, as determined by this Committee, would be "What can be done about Anti-Social Neighbours" and the Council Item would be "Social Work - Supporting People in the Community".

LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1997/98 (Item 3, Page 2626)

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the arrangements for forward planning in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings for 1997/98, as agreed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meetings held on 27 May and 15 October 1997.

SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 5, Page 2626)

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 20 October 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work which advised of the role of Community Work staff within the Social Work and Education Departments in relation to the provision of support for Community Representatives on Local Committees.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve arrangements for support to Community Representatives on Local Committees;
- (ii) that staff from the Departments of Education, Social Work and Support Services liaise with community representatives from the Irvine Valley to identify appropriate support; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION ON THE OPERATION OF COMMUNITY FORUMS (Item 4, Page 2626)

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which sought the views of the Committee on the operation of Local Community Forums with a view to considering future conduct of Community Forum business.

Having considered the options regarding Community Forum meetings, it was agreed to ask that the Director of Support Services give consideration to:

- (i) targeting additional publicity at areas in the immediate vicinity of Forum venues and at groups having a specific interest in the Agendas;
- (ii) reviewing current publicity material to make it more reader friendly;

- (iii) retaining the existing format for three meetings per year, thereafter the fourth meeting being of a less formal seminar style; and
- (iv) deformatising the top table.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 5, Page 2569)

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised on developments in the participation of young people through the Community Education Service in activities and projects in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to young people's participation in youth activities within the Community Education Service;
- (ii) to note the outline arrangements for Youth Work Week 1997;
- (iii) to continue to publicise and promote youth work;
- (iv) to note local concern about under-age alcohol abuse in Darvel and support available from Strathclyde Police in tackling the problem;
- (v) that the Director of Education submit a further report following Youth Work Week 1997; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the report.

IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH FORUM

8. Following a verbal report by the Senior Community Education Worker on the progress of the Irvine Valley Youth Forum in identifying appropriate accommodation for youth activities in the Irvine Valley, it was agreed to note the report and that a further full joint report by the Directors of Education and of Community Services would be submitted to the next meeting on 17 December 1997.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

CONSULTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised the Committee on the Council's statutory duty to prepare, consult upon and publish a Children's Service Plan.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the arrangements for consultation and the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Plan and on the Council's services to children and families as outlined within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

URBAN PROGRAMME: SOCIAL WORK PROJECTS

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Voluntary Urban Programme Project supervised by the Social

Work Department which operates within the Committee area and of the progress of the project in meeting its identified aims and objectives.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report to Committee in relation to Urban Programme reports on an annual basis;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work investigate including information on the Citizens Advocacy Project in East Ayrshire Council's Helpline; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL SENSORY IMPAIRMENT SERVICE (Item 7 page 1823)

11. There was submitted a report dated 26 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work informing of the Council's new Sensory Impairment Service.

The Museum and Arts Manager (Community Services) took the opportunity to demonstrate magnifying sheets for the visually impaired available for purchase in all libraries throughout East Ayrshire.

Community Representative Julie Brown left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:
PLANNING STATEMENT 1998/99 (Item 4, Page 2546)**

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the content of the 1998/99 Planning Statement for Social Work services in the Criminal Justice System.

A71 ROAD THROUGH THE IRVINE VALLEY

13. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the decision by the Scottish Office not to trunk the A71 road through the Irvine Valley.

It was agreed to continue to support the Council's policy of seeking trunking of the A71 and the construction of by-passes around Hurlford, Newmilns and Darvel, in the interests of economic development and road safety and to make representation to the appropriate Minister when the matter was being considered.

**STREET NAMING - DEVELOPMENT AT REAR OF
68 EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

14. It was reported by the Administrative Officer that the developer had requested a name for the new development at the rear of 68 East Main Street, Darvel. The Local Member and the Community Council had been consulted and had proposed that the site be named "1A Causeway Road".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the development "1A Causeway Road"; and

- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, providing a summary of information relative to applications by community groups for Community Grants and outlining the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed as follows:

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Elderly Groups

Age Concern, Hurlford - £674

Galston Old Men's Cabin - £680

(b) Young Persons Groups

Newmilns Play Group - £300

(c) Leisure Groups

Newmilns and Galston Band - £1500

Stage Door Youth Theatre - A sum not exceeding £2,000 for the purchase of sound equipment including four radio microphones (exact cost to be confirmed by the Director of Community Services) on condition that the equipment be properly maintained and made available to other organisations in the Irvine Valley when not in use by Stage Door Youth Theatre.

FORCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 1998/99 PRESENTATION BY STRATHCLYDE POLICE

16. A video presentation was given to the Committee by Strathclyde Police in relation to the Force goals and objectives for the year 1998/99.

The video highlighted the support that the Chief Constable received from Central Government and other agencies. Chief Inspector Green intimated that Strathclyde Police had made a commitment to community safety and invited Committee Members as individuals or through their respective organisations to make representation on any aspect of the work of the Force.

The Committee noted the presentation.

The meeting terminated at 1656 hrs.