

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey and Community Members Arlene Lindsay, Bill Denim, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Hugh Stirling and Janet Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Ian Vlemmiks, Western Stagecoach.

ATTENDING: Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Helen McGee, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work (North); Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Allison Smith, Principal Officer (Registration and Licensing); Eddie Butler and Margaret Phelps, Social Work Service Officers; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Community Education Officer; Christine Baillie and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistants.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Green, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Billy Sullivan, Community Representative

CHAIR: Councillor Andrew McIntyre, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted minutes of meeting held on Thursday 18 September 1997 (circulated).

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

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

It was agreed to note:

- (i) that the award winners for the Committees' area were:-
Overall Winner - Mr D Hopes, 12 MacAndrew Place, Kilmarnock
Runner-up - Mr D Smith, 4 Murray Place, Kilmarnock
Best Hanging Basket - Mr Thulborne, 15 Kilmaurs Road, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) that the presentation of awards to the winners had been made by Councillor Andrew McIntyre; and
- (iii) that Mrs Thulborne attended the meeting in place of her husband.

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

- 2.A** 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 asked the 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.

Councillor Knapp joined the meeting during the presentation.

**RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE -
SISTER BARBARA CAROLL**

- 3.** It was intimated that Sister Barbara Carroll had tendered her resignation as Drugs Forum Representative from the Local Committee.

The Chair welcomed Archie McKenzie to the meeting as the Committee's new Drugs Forum Representative.

The Committee also noted that due to change of circumstances, Ronnie Caldwell, Church Representative was able to continue his appointment as Community Member (Item 1, Page 2504).

KILMARNOCK NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM : NEXT MEETING

- 4.** It was reported that the next Kilmarnock North Community Forum would take place on Thursday 20 November 1997 commencing at 7pm in the New Farm Loch Community Centre and that the Local Item of the Forum Meeting as determined by the Committee would be "Child Care Provision in the Northwest" and that the Council Item would be "Social Work - Supporting People in the Community".

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

- 5.** There was submitted a report dated 10 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising members of the Committee on developments in the participation of young people through the Community Education Service in activities and projects throughout 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; and
- (iii) to continue to publicise and promote youth work.

WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE SEMINAR

6. The Principal Community Education Officer provided an update on the seminar and it was confirmed that the seminar would take place on Thursday 6 November 1997 in the Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock. The format of the seminar would be a brief introduction by the Chair, the youths would be divided into workshops to discuss what they liked and disliked about living in East Ayrshire, what they wanted and also to draw up an action plan.

It was agreed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the seminar.

LONGPARK STRATEGY INCLUDING PROBLEM HOUSING AREAS AND REMEDIAL WORKS (Item 2.2, Page 2378)

- 7 & 8 The Chair agreed that Items 7 and 8 on the Agenda be discussed together.

There was submitted two reports (circulated) by the Director of Housing identifying options available to the Council for the future of the areas of Longpark and Northwest Kilmarnock and to identify problem housing areas throughout the Kilmarnock North Area.

It was agreed that public meetings during which problems relating to matters other than housing were raised should be held in the relevant areas involving all appropriate Departments.

CONSULTATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCILS CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the Council's statutory duty to prepare, consult upon and publish a Children's Service Plan, and seeking the Committee's views on the 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 in this report; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT NEW FARM LOCH

10. Councillor McCredie intimated that due to other Council business, he required to leave at this point but expressed his desire to be included in the discussion of this issue which appeared as item 18 on the agenda, and in this connection it was agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting.

Councillor McCredie then left the meeting.

URBAN PROGRAMME: SOCIAL WORK PROJECTS

11. 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 operated within the Committee's area and advising of the Projects progressed in meeting their identified aims and objectives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the Director of Social Work forward relevant reports on the Kilmarnock Car Project and CSV Befriending Project for consideration at the next cycle of Local Committees, and that the reports include the Supervising Officers comments;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work report to Committee on an annual basis in relation to Urban Programme reports; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL SENSORY
IMPAIRMENT SERVICE (Item 7, Page 1823)**

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

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

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

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

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve arrangements to support Community Representatives on Local Committees; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Community Representative Beryl Graham thanked both the Department of Social Work and the Department of Education for all the help given to Community Representatives.

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

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

It was agreed that the Committee consider the options regarding Community Forum meetings and submit its views to the Director of Support Services as part of a preliminary consultation exercise and to assist in the compilation of a good practice guide which would be the subject of a separate consultation exercise.

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

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Committee of 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 meeting on 27 May and 15 October 1997.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

17. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing a summary of information relative to applications for Community Grants, received from local organisations, and outlining the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed as follows:

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

- (a) Disabled Groups
Cessnock Club - £358.20
- (b) Young Persons Groups
AJSC Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group - £54
Onthank Boys Club - £740.20
- (c) Elderly
North Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £600

It was noted that the application by Stagedoor Youth Theatre had been withdrawn in light of new information. The application would be considered by Irvine Valley Local Committee.

BUS SERVICES TO ONTHANK AFFECTED BY YOUTH DISTURBANCES (Item 12, Page 2507)

18. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Committee of the outcome of the informal meeting held on 9 October 1997 regarding bus services to Onthank.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.