

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor Jane Darnbrough and Provost Robert Stirling; and Community Representatives Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mr William McCulloch, Mr James Dunsmuir, Mr Allan Faulds, Ms Lisa Henry and Miss Anne McRoberts.

ATTENDING: Susan Mason, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Gerry Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Adviser (Strategy/Partnerships); Harry Barr, Inspector, Strathclyde Police; Ian George, Community Worker (Social Work); and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alan Campbell, Mr Jim Bryan and Mr Les Bullock, Community Representatives and Mrs Jean Dunlop and Mr William Gemmell, Substitute Community Representatives.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

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

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the presentation to the prize-winners detailed below be carried out by Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair of the Local Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CATEGORY	NAME
Overall Winner (including hanging baskets)	Mrs M Ross
Runner-up	D & N Wilson

It was also agreed that the comments made by a Community Representative regarding the poor advertising of the competition be taken on board when organising the competition for next year and that efforts be made to ensure wider publicity for the event.

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

2. A video presentation by Strathclyde Police was given to the Committee 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. Inspector Barr 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 video presentation.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 1997

3. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 1997 (circulated).

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE - SUBSTITUTE

4. It was reported that the named substitute representative for Bellfield Community Council was no longer a member of the Community Council and that a nomination was sought to fill the vacancy.

It was agreed that Mr Colin Chisholm be appointed as the named substitute Community Representative for Bellfield Community Council.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

5. It was reported and noted (a) that the next meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Community Forum would take place on Monday 1 December 1997 at 7.00 p.m. in Shortlees Community Education Centre, Blacksyke Avenue, Kilmarnock, and (b) that the local item for the Forum would be "the Role of the Liaison Police Officer" and the Council item would be "Social Work - Supporting People in the Community".

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing a summary of information relevant to and outlining the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Application refused:-

- (a) Elderly Group

Noon Bowlers

- (b) Miscellaneous

It was reported and noted that the application for Community Grant submitted by Shortlees Community Council had been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

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 of developments in the participation of young people through the Community Education Service in activities and projects throughout East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the developing commitment to young people's participation in youth activities within the Community Education Service be recognised;

- (ii) that the outline arrangements for Youth Work Week which took place from 2-9 November 1997 be noted; and
- (iii) that the Director of Education continues to publicise and promote Youth Week.

RICCARTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the position relating to the closure of Riccarton Community Education Centre.

It was also noted that the reference to the Barn, Shortlees, in paragraph 3.3 of the report be amended to read the Barn, Riccarton.

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services regarding preliminary consultations with Local Committees to obtain their views on the operation of Local Forums with a view to considering future conduct of Local Forum business.

It was agreed, following consideration of the options regarding Community Forum Meetings detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report that the local Community Representatives submit their views to the Director of Support Services no later than 31 December 1997 as part of the 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)

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

SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL COMMITTEES (Item 3, Page 2626)

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

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the arrangements for support to the Community Representatives on Local Committees detailed in the report; and
- (ii) the concern expressed by the Chair that Community Councils within the Kilmarnock South Area had not been informed by the Department of Social Work that the role previously undertaken by the Department in providing support to Community Councils had been withdrawn.

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 which advised of the Council's new Sensory Impairment Service.

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

13. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised on 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 no later than 31 December 1997 on the draft Plan and on the Council's services to children and families as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the content of the 1998/99 Planning Statement for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System.

URBAN PROGRAMME: SOCIAL WORK PROJECTS

15. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised on the range of Voluntary Urban Programme Projects which were operating within the Kilmarnock South Local Committee boundary which were supervised by the Social Work Department and advised of the projects progress in meeting their identified aims and objectives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit relevant reports for consideration at the next cycle of Local Committee meetings;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work report to the Local Committee in relation to Urban Programme reports on an annual basis; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.