

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BARR CENTRE, STATION ROAD, GALSTON

PRESENT: Councillors James Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean, and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Evelyn Mair, George Dalziel, Jim Crossan and Richard Chalton and Named Substitutes Jessie Graham, Gerard Cassidy, Hugh McLelland, Frank Donnelly and Catherine Brown.

ATTENDING: Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer (Community Services); Glenn Crotch, Team Leader (Social Work); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker (Education); Jane Overton, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer (Education); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); Charles Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Nancy Mair and Named Substitute Janice Cameron.

CHAIR: Councillor James Raymond, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted and noted Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 6 October 1999.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

INCREASED REPRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 13, page 419, 99/02)

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised the Local Committee of the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee of 21 October 1999 in relation to the request by the Local Committee to relax the number of 10 Community Representatives permitted to serve

on the Local Committee to allow representation from Crookedholm Community Association.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 21 October 1999, viz:-
 - (a) that in terms of membership of the Local Committee the status quo remain meantime; and
 - (b) consideration of Local Committee structures and operations be referred to the Member/Officer Working Group which had been established to evaluate the Council's existing structure and consider the options for improvement, which Working Group would also be able to take into account any outcomes from the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the outcome of the Irvine Valley Local Community Forum held on 2 November 1999 in Hurlford Primary School, and it was also noted that action identified therein would be undertaken by appropriate Officers of the Council.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

- 6.1 **Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified on the application):-

- (a) Older People
Age Concern Hurlford - £600;
Newmilns and Greenholm Senior Citizens Cabin - £562;
- (b) Young People
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £640;
- (c) Leisure Activities
Hurlford and Crookedholm Millennium Committee

- 6.1.1 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Raymond declared a non-pecuniary interest and left the meeting during consideration of this item. Councillor Macrae took the Chair in Councillor Raymond's absence.

6.1.2 Consideration of Item

The Administrative Officer reported on amendments to the application details.

It was agreed to award £194.29 and that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to approve payment subject to (a) the organisation submitting details of their bank account and (b) the organisation obtaining permission from Strathclyde Police in respect of the proposed procession.

Councillor Raymond rejoined the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1998/99 - GALSTON TENNIS CLUB

7.1 Additional Item

The Chair agreed that this item of urgent business be considered as an early decision was required.

7.2 Consideration of Item

It was reported (i) that Galston Tennis Club had been awarded a community grant of £800 in 1998 towards the purchase of materials for resurfacing of the courts. The Club had completed a progress report in February 1999 advising that although materials had been purchased the bad weather over the winter had prevented the resurfacing being carried out; and (ii) the Director of Corporate Services had since written to the Club requesting a timetable for carrying out the resurfacing works, and a response had been received from the Club stating that they had had problems in recruiting volunteers to carry out the necessary works and intimating the work would be carried out by the Spring 2000.

The Committee were asked whether they wished to grant the Club this extension or to recall payment of the grant.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to grant the Club an extension to the end of April 2000 to complete the works; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to write to the Club advising them of this and expressing the Committee's concerns over their failure to comply with the condition of grants which stated that grant monies must be expended within a period (not normally exceeding 12 months) from the date of approval.

Councillor Macrae left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

8. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the National Spring Clean 1999 and the nature of the events undertaken.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council wished to build on the improvements secured in 1998 and 1999 as far as National Spring Clean was concerned;

- (ii) to support the Officers' Working Group in improving communications with the Community; and
- (iii) arising from discussion of this report to request that the Director of Social Work provide a report to a future Committee advising on the type of projects which would be admissible to be carried out under the Community Service by Offenders Scheme.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding 6 week period, and advising of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to invite a representative of the Fiscal service to make a presentation at a future meeting on how criminal cases are processed after an arrest had been made by Strathclyde Police and;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP AUDIT - OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDCARE AND WRAP AROUND CARE

10. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed the Local Committee of the results regarding the audit undertaken by the Childcare Partnership in East Ayrshire regarding the need and demand for out of hours Childcare and Wrap Around Care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education provide the Committee with a further report on the need and demand for Wrap Around Care in Nursery School and classes;
- (ii) to note that Grace Scott would provide Community Representative Evelyn Mair with a note of the basis for compiling figures in respect of the current users of the Irvine Valley Out of School Care following her query as to why Gavin Hamilton Sports Centre users in Darvel did not seem to be reflected in the figures shown; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

11. The Team Leader for the Irvine Valley Social Inclusion Group gave an update on the current progress of Social Inclusion in East Ayrshire. The main points were summarised below:-
- Two projects received the support for funding from the resource budget - Kilmarnock Credit Union, whose common bond area includes Crookedholm, (£10,000) to assist the group in securing town centre premises and East Ayrshire Carers Centre (£10,600) to assist the Carers Centre to produce and deliver an East Ayrshire wide Young Carers Information Pack.

- Three Local Area Social Inclusion Partnership Teams were in the process of being established covering the Kilmarnock area, the Coalfield area (Cumnock and Doon Valley) and the Irvine Valley/Northern Area. These Teams would be multi-agency, multi-disciplinary and would consider as a priority how to ensure Local involvement in their work.
- Future progress would be presented to the Local Committee as appropriate.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note progress to date in relation to Social Inclusion Initiatives;
- (ii) to note that the three Local Area Social Inclusion Partnership Teams had yet to begin much of their work; and
- (iii) to note that the Social Inclusion Partnership Area Team Leader was available for information and advice either at meetings or at her office.

LOCAL ITEMS

- 12.** The Principal Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that Community Representatives and Substitutes could raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 13.** The Chair noted that this was the last Local Committee of the year and thanked everyone for their work on the Local Committee, while conveying his best wishes for the new Millennium.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.