

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HRS  
IN BONNYTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF WARWICKHILL ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Robert Stevenson, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Charles Calman, John McIvor, James McClymont, Babs Gallacher, Bryan Thompson and Geraldine Garland; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Jean Dunlop.

**ATTENDING:** Arvil Harkness, Childcare Partnership Officer; Angus Spankie, Community Worker; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer; Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Linda Thomson and John Donaldson; and Named Substitute Dario Tognini.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

**EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP AUDITS - OUT OF SCHOOL  
CHILDCARE AND WRAP AROUND CARE**

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed of the results of an audit undertaken by the Childcare Partnership in East Ayrshire regarding the need and demand for Out of School Hours Childcare and Wrap Around Care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education provide a further report on the need and demand for Wrap Around Care in Nursery School and Classes; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of Meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 13 October 1999 (circulated).

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

5. It was reported verbally and noted that the Community Representation from the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches had altered and that the organisation would now be represented by Dr Bryan Thompson (Community Representative) and Mr Arthur McNeil (Named Substitute) until 31 March 2000.

### KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the outcome of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum which took place on Monday 25 October 1999 in Gatehead Community Centre.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the necessary actions identified in the report would be undertaken by appropriate Officers of the Council; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 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 grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-
  - (a) Conservation/History  
Crosshouse Parish Church - £1,400.00 on condition that the church set up a separate account for this particular project and assumed responsibility for the future maintenance of the garden.
  - (b) Community Councils  
Gatehead Community Council - £1,000.00
  - (c) Older People  
Piersland Action Group - £700.00; and  
Crosshouse Friendship Club - £600.00
  - (d) Young People  
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £640.00

## **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 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 improvement secured in 1998 and 1999 as far as the National Spring Clean was concerned;
- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in improving communication with the community; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

9. There was submitted and noted 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 six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

10. The Administrative Officer provided a summary on the current progress with Social Inclusion in East Ayrshire Council. The main points are summarised below:-
- Two projects received the support for funding from the Members of the Strategic Partnership Group:-
    - Kilmarnock Credit Union (£10,000) to assist the Group secure town centre premises; and
    - East Ayrshire Carers Centre (£10,600) to assist the Carers Centre to produce and deliver a Young Carers information pack.
  - Three Local Social Inclusion Area Teams had been established which would be multi-agency, multi-disciplinary and would consider as a priority how to ensure community involvement in their work.

It was agreed to note the information provided.

### **LOCAL ITEMS**

11. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Following discussion, the undernoted items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to Committee:

- (i) bus services in the local area; and
- (ii) the Town Centre Strategy.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hrs.