

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, William Coffey and John Weir and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling, Archibald Pryce, Maureen Brown, Janet Smith, Lindsay Cargill and Substitutes Anne McKenzie and Nora McCabe.

**ATTENDING:** Dot Grieve, Area Community Education Officer; Morven Buchanan, Environment Officer, Community Services; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Pre-5 Officer; Tom Merry, Team Leader (SIP) Development Services; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader, Social Work Department and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted for information and noted, minutes of meeting held on 28 September 1999 (circulated).

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**Longpark Improvements (Item 8, Page 350 99/03)** - Noted that the Director of Development Services would submit a report on further progress in relation to Longpark improvements at the next meeting on 19 January 2000.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999**

4. 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 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 National Spring Clean was concerned;

- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in improving communications with the community as detailed within the report;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services be asked to consider the feasibility of undertaking a joint campaign with the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to raise public awareness of arrangements for the disposal of unwanted medicines; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 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 proceeding 6 week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation by contacting the Police Liaison Officer;
- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Police Liaison Officer be asked 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 has been made by Strathclyde Police; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DECENTRALISATION**

#### **KILMARNOCK NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the outcome of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum of 27 October 1999 held as part of the Council's adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP AUDIT OF SCHOOL CHILDCARE AND WRAP AROUND CARE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed of the results regarding the 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) to note the disappointing response for the Kilmarnock North Area on both surveys;
- (ii) that the Director of Education be asked to investigate the reasons for the poor response including a review of the style of wording used in the survey form to determine what was the most appropriate for the respondents and whether or

not conducting a survey at the end of the school year was perhaps not the most appropriate time to do so;

- (iii) that the Director of Education be requested to provide a further report on the need and demand for wrap around care in nursery schools and classes and provide further explanation of the matters detailed at Paragraph (ii) above; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

8. The Team Leader, for the Kilmarnock Area Social Inclusion Group gave an update on the current progress with Social Inclusion in East Ayrshire Council. The main points were summarised below:-

- 2 projects received the support for funding from the resource budget - 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;
- 3 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 Committee involvement in their work; and
- future progress would be presented to the Local Committees as appropriate.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current progress in relation to Social Inclusion initiatives; and
- (ii) to request the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Social Work to arrange for appropriate representation to make a presentation to the next meeting on the links between the Social Inclusion Strategy and the Council's Decentralisation Scheme.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of community grants for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relevant to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

**Applications Approved** (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Older People

Onthank Mens' Club	-	£400
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(b) Voluntary Organisations Support (Community Associations)

Onthank Community Association	-	£1,100
New Farm Loch Community Initiative	-	£260
Knockinlaw Community Association	-	£220

(c) Young People

Knockinlaw Youth Club	-	£700
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North)	-	£640

**LOCAL ITEMS**

10. The Administrative Officer reported that Community Representatives had been invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services (Head of Roads and Transportation) be asked to report back to a future meeting on the road safety measures to be considered as a result of increased traffic movements generated from the new and proposed further housing developments at Altonhill; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work be asked to report back to a future meeting on the current standard of the Home Help Service provided especially in relation to "out-of-hours" provision.

The meeting terminated at 1548 hours.