

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp, Alan Campbell and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds, Christine Nisbet and Anne McRoberts.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Jim Laing, Team Leader (Social Work); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer (Community Services); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Superintendent Alistair McKie.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1417 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 13 October 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised on the outcome of the Kilmarnock South Community Forum which had taken place on 3 November 1999 in Kirkstyle Primary School.

FUTURE VENUE FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - RICcarton

5. The Administrative Officer reported that a visit involving a representative from the Disability Forum, had been made to the Buchanan Centre, Riccarton, to determine its suitability as a venue in which meetings of the Local Committee could be held. It was ascertained that subject to completion of minor building works relating to the

entrance at the Care Centre which adjoins the Buchanan Centre, the premises could be considered suitable as a Local Committee venue.

It was agreed to note the report and that should the minor works not be completed prior to the next meeting of the Local Committee scheduled for 2 February 2000, that the meeting be held in Bellfield Community Centre.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - BLUEBELL PLAYGROUP

6. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional item as part of the Local Committee Community Grants report, as an early decision was required.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

- 6.1 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 for the financial year 1999/2000, together with a summary statement which outlined the application submitted for consideration under the Local Community Grants Scheme which had been received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decision:-

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

- (a) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £640; and

- (b) Pre-Fives

Bluebell Playgroup -

The Administrative Officer reported (i) that an application had been submitted by Bluebell Playgroup for a grant totalling £600 to cover the costs of a children's Christmas party, educational and imaginative toys and arts/crafts materials; and (ii) that an assessment report had been received in which the Director of Education recommended approval of the application for the total amount requested.

It was agreed to make a grant award of £600 to the Bluebell Playgroup.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

7. 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 improvements secured in 1998 and 1999 as far as National Spring Clean had been concerned;

- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group on improving communications with the community; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Arising from a query regarding the safe disposal of needles etc, it was agreed that the Director of Community Services make appropriate arrangements in consultation with the Police Liaison Officer for a poster to be prepared providing a contact number where advice could be obtained by members of the public in respect of this issue.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

8. 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.

EDUCATION

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

9. 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 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.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

10. It was reported and noted (i) that this item would be a standing item on future Local Committee Agendas; and (ii) that the establishment of the Local Teams for the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group was still at an early stage and that identification of Officer involvement was still ongoing.

LOCAL ITEMS

11. 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.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.