

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, 4 KIRKLAND ROAD, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; Community Representatives: Iain Finlayson, Caroline Blyth, Katherine Currie, Russell Hutchison, Margaret Lees and Jo Graham; and Community Representative Substitute Dr Fiona Macdonald.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer; Roy Rutherford, Senior Engineer; Jane Overtoun, Senior Policy Advisor; Eileen Brechany, Team Leader, Community Care; Gerard Cairns, Library and Information Services Manager; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer (Education); Avril Harkness, Childcare Partnership (Education); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Susan McGregor, Community Education Worker; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Colin Campbell and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Watson Muirhead, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair, in order to convey information expediently to this Committee, agreed to an additional Item : The M77; and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business to allow Item 10, as it appeared on the Agenda and the additional item : M77; to be considered following Item 4.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. The Chair agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours, to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Community Representative Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 14 October 1999 (circulated).

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

FOOTBRIDGE ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: FENWICK TO GALSTON ROAD

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the structural condition of a footbridge over Fenwick Water at Skernieland, Fenwick, and possible options for its repair.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the structural condition of the footbridge;
- (ii) to note the options for repair or replacement and the associated financial implications; and
- (iii) that Fenwick Community Council would be contacted by appropriate Council Officials to examine potential external funding opportunities to repair/replace the footbridge.

THE M77 (Item 4, Page 495, 99/02)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the recent announcement by the Scottish Executive that it would proceed to construction of the M77 from Malletsheugh to the Kilmarnock bypass.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

7.1 LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1996/97

There was submitted a report dated 16 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on an award of grant to Kilmaurs Tennis Club in financial year 1996/97.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee on 3 February 2000, pending the outcome of negotiations on Kilmaurs Tennis Club's lease arrangements with East Ayrshire Council and the Club's future Lottery bid; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

7.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance, in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-
 - (a) Leisure Activities
Kilmaurs Tennis Club - £300;

- (b) Pre-Fives
Fenwick Playgroup - £310.96; and
- (c) Young People
East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £640.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note an amendment to Paragraph 3.2.2 of the report; from '5 to 0', to read, viz:- 'from 5 to 9';
- (ii) that Community Representatives should consult with the relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police on the "Spotlight" initiative to Chief Inspector Colin Campbell at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

9. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that recorded crime since the last meeting of this Committee on 14 October 1999 was broadly similar to the last report;
- (ii) that recorded crimes revealed no regular pattern and were sporadic;
- (iii) that instances of car related crime; housebreaking; theft of tools from garden sheds; and one serious assault had occurred; and
- (iv) that property from a housebreaking in Fenwick had been recovered outside the Local Authority area.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

10. Jane Overtoun, the Team Leader for the Irvine Valley/Northern Area Social Inclusion Partnership Group gave an update on the current progress of Social Inclusion in East Ayrshire. The main points are 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 progress in relation to Social Inclusion Initiatives;
- (ii) to note that the three Local Area Social Inclusion Partnership Teams had yet to begin most 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.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that East Ayrshire Council wished to build upon the improvements secured in 1998 and 1999 in National Spring Clean;
- (ii) to support the Officers Working Group in the improvement of communications with the community; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION

NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the outcome of the Northern Area Community Forum held on Tuesday 19 October 1999 at Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton.

Councillor Hall left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

EDUCATION

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

13. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the results of 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 would 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.

Councillor Hall rejoined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

LOCAL ITEMS

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

It was agreed to incorporate into a "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business, a report on the Council's responsibilities under the Disabled Discrimination Act 1995 and what actions it proposed to take to meet these in relation to Council owned property.

The meeting terminated at 1526 hours.