

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN GRANGE ACADEMY (S&R WING), OFF BEECH ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Robert Stevenson, Iain Linton and Alexander Walsh; and Community Representatives Charles Calman, James McClymont, John McIvor, Linda Thomson, Babs Gallacher, John Donaldson, and Dr Bryan Thompson.

ATTENDING: Stuart McAdam, Planning Officer; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); Tom Merry, Project Officer; Andrew Macdonald, Service Officer (Addiction and Carers); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; Leslie Aitchison, Trading Standards Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Police Constable Paul Clarke, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Community Representative Geraldine Garland.

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 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 23 November 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001

4. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in the Appendix to the report;

- (ii) to continue with the current community organisation representation on the Local Committee; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of Community 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 as follows:-

- (i) **Application Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application form), viz:-
 - (a) Voluntary Organisation Support
Allies - £,1000 subject to receipt of further information relating to Section 10 funding eligibility and clarification on receipt of a grant from the John Fulton Trust.
- (ii) **Grant Returned**
 - (a) Young People
The Committee noted that the amount of £79.19 awarded to Kidzade Playscheme as part of a Community Grant had been returned on the grounds that it was not required by the group.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION "SPOTLIGHT"

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 January 2000 (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.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

INTERIM LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the preparation of an Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultative Draft and provided an opportunity to comment on the Interim Strategy prior to the preparation of the full Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council had prepared an Interim Local Transport Strategy; and
- (ii) that Local Committee members be invited to participate in the consultation process by completing a questionnaire and otherwise commenting on the Interim Local Transport Strategy.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 11, Page 503 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services in response to a local item raised at a previous meeting of the Local Committee on current issues and proposed actions relative to Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the Council and Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative to date with regard to the development of Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services keep the Local Committee informed of future actions with regard to Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ON-STREET PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 11, Page 386 99/02)

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services in response to a local item raised at a previous meeting of the Local Committee on the review of on-street parking regulations in Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the difficulties and issues raised by the present on-street parking regulations within Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (ii) to note the aims of the future on-street parking strategy for within Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (iii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation would undertake public consultation on these proposals; and
- (iv) to note that, after such consultation, a plan would be prepared for parking in Kilmarnock Town Centre for consideration at a future meeting of the Development Services Committee.

SOCIAL WORK

SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DRUG-RELATED PROBLEMS (Item 11, Page 386 99/02)

10. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 11 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work and the Police Liaison Officer in response to a local item

raised at a previous meeting of the Local Committee on measures taken by the Council and Strathclyde Police to address the issue of drug misuse.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION KILMARNOCK AREA TEAM

- 11.** The Team Leader for the Social Inclusion Kilmarnock Area Team gave a presentation on the progress in relation to the establishment of a Social Inclusion Strategy and, in particular, the creation of a Kilmarnock Area Social Inclusion Team.

Committee members then asked questions to the Team Leader.

LOCAL ITEMS

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

No items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.