

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, 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, Archie McKenzie; and Substitute Kate Clannaghan.

**ATTENDING:** George Scott, Licensing Officer, Community Services; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Roads Division, Development Services; Tom Merry, Senior Policy Advisor, Development Services; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer, Development Services; Dot Grieve, Area Community Education Officer, Education; Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Technical Services; Denise Brown, Service Unit Manager, Home Care, Social Work Department; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader, Social Work Department; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Janet Smith, Lindsay Cargill and Nora McCabe.

**CHAIR:** 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 1410 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 9 November 1999 (circulated).

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1.1 National Spring Clean 1999 (Item 4, Page 467 99/02)** - Noted that the Director of Community Services would be collaborating with the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board in a high profile campaign to raise public awareness regarding disposal arrangements for unwanted medicines.

**3.1.2 Operation Spotlight (Item 5, Page 468 99/02)** - Noted that the Director of Corporate Services had invited the Procurator Fiscal Service to make a presentation to the Local Committee as the Committee had been interested in crime trends, in particular, to be informed on how the Procurator Fiscal Service progressed criminal

cases and it was anticipated that the presentation would be made at the next meeting.

- 3.1.3 East Ayrshire Childcare Partnership Audit of School Childcare and Wraparound Care (Item 7, Page 468 99/02)** - Noted that the Director of Education had confirmed that the Pre-School and Childcare Plan for the year 2000 was currently under preparation and that it would be after April 2000 when the Department would be in a position to report further on the matter.
- 3.1.4 Altonhill Traffic Congestion regarding new Housing Development (Item 10, Page 470 99/02)** - Noted that the Director of Development Services had confirmed that Kirkland Avenue, Altonhill was identified as a development site by the East Ayrshire Housing Partnership and it would be premature to report on the matter at this time.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

4. There was submitted a report dated 30 December 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 6 week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives be asked to identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation and advise the Police Liaison Officer accordingly;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services liaise with Strathclyde Police to provide, in future reports, the relative levels of detection rates in addition to crime trends; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECT : CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROJECT (Item 10, Page 542, 99/02)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which evaluated the Children's Holiday Project, for which Urban Programme Funding was due to terminate at the end of March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to endorse the work of the Project and express support that funding for the project be secured to enable the Project to continue during 2000/2001 and to request that the geographical remit of the project be extended from the Northwest area to cover the whole of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area;

- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit the views of the Local Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001**

6. There was submitted a report dated 11 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 to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation for 1999/2000 as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to acknowledge that the young person representative was recently appointed on 28 September 1999 and to request that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North consider continuing the nomination from the North West Kilmarnock for 2000/2001 and to, thereafter, identify a young person representative from the New Farm Loch area for 2001/2002; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to initiate the process for the submission for 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.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **LONGPARK IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS : PROGRESS REPORT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the progress that had been made with the Longpark Improvement Proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress to date on the Longpark Improvement Proposals; and
- (ii) to request that the Director of Development Services and the Director of Housing and Technical Services submit a joint report on progress to date regarding the Longpark Improvement proposals and associated Housing Development matters which were raised at the meeting.

### **INTERIM LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION**

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) informed that the Council had prepared an Interim Local Transport Strategy : Consultative Draft; and (b) advised of an

opportunity to comment on the Interim Strategy prior to the preparation of the full Strategy later this year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council had prepared an Interim Local Transport Strategy; and
- (ii) to request that Community Representatives participate in the consultation process by completing and returning the questionnaire which was made available at the meeting to the Head of Roads and Transportation by 29 February 2000.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **CURRENT STANDARD OF HOME HELP SERVICE**

9. The Service Unit Manager, Community Care gave a verbal update on the current standard of Home Help service provided within the Kilmarnock North area which was subject to regular monitoring to achieve the appropriate level and standard of service.

Committee members then asked questions to the Team Leader.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION - KILMARNOCK AREA TEAM**

10. 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, in particular, the creation of a Kilmarnock Area Social Inclusion Team and the links with the Council's Decentralisation Scheme.

Committee members then asked questions to the Team Leader.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000**

11. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2000 (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 relative to outstanding grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

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

- (a) Voluntary Organisations Support (Community Associations)

Longpark Community Association - noted that £250 had been awarded under delegated powers by the Director of Corporate Services.

Allies - agreed to approve in principle an award of £1,000, subject to the Director of Social Work confirming, if it would be appropriate to fund the project from within existing Social Work resources.

- (b) Older People

Over 50's Club - noted that £228 was awarded under delegated powers by the Director of Corporate Services. It was agreed to grant a further £200 towards the purchase of equipment as requested by the club.

(c) Sport

Onthank Football Club - it was agreed to make an award of £403.20 and also to request that the Director of Community Services confirm the position with regard to the Club's eligibility to be charged for lets in respect of the use of the Newlands Drive Sports Complex.

(d) Young people

New Farm Loch Playgroup - £100

**Application Continued**

Manor Avenue Millennium Group - it was agreed to continue consideration of the application for further information and to request that the Director of Corporate Services confirm the timescales for receipt of the application and the assessment process.

**Applications Withdrawn**

Knockinlaw Community Association - noted that the application had been withdrawn by the Group as an award of grant of up to £7,400 had been made by the John Fulton Trust for the project.

Onthank After School Group - noted that the application had been withdrawn by the Group.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

12. 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 current position regarding the East Ayrshire Housing Partnership be considered as a potential local item for consideration at a future Kilmarnock North Community Forum and that the Director of Corporate Services be requested to place the item on a reserve list accordingly.

The meeting terminated at 1537 hours.