

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK

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

ATTENDING: Jim Laing, Team Leader (Social Work); Tom Merry, Team Leader (Social Inclusion); Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer (Roads); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Dot Grieve, Area Community Education Worker; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: PC Keith White.

APOLOGY: Councillor Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There was submitted and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 24 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 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 as detailed in Appendix I of the report;

- (ii) to review community organisation representation on the Local Committee by requesting the Director of Corporate Services to seek replacement representative organisations for those places previously allocated to Shortlees and Riccarton Community Councils and report thereon to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes from those relevant organisations, detailed in Appendix I of the report, subject to the foregoing revision, 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

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position for 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Young People

- (i) 4th Ayrshire Scout Group - £775.

(b) Older People

- (i) Bellfield Senior Citizens Club - £358.
- (ii) Leisure and Pleasure Club - £600.

(c) Voluntary Organisations

- (i) ALLIES - agreed, in principle, to award a grant of £1,000 subject to information being provided on the Group's up-to-date bank balance and confirmation of the source of the Group's financial contribution towards the costs of the Project.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

5. There was submitted 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 advising of forthcoming initiatives.

Arising from concern expressed in relation to drinking in public places, particularly in Shortlees close to the local shops and café and at organised events in the area, it was agreed to request the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Police Liaison Officer, to highlight the issues of concern raised with the Police and to address these concerns in respect of the Department of Community Services' responsibilities for parades.

It was noted that PC White would also raise these concerns directly with his superiors within the Police service.

It was further agreed:-

- (i) that consideration be given to the problems of dog fouling in the Kilmarnock South Area for inclusion in future Spotlight initiatives; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

INTERIM LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised (i) that the Council had prepared an Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultative Draft; and (ii) which provided the Local Committee with 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) that Members of the Local Committee participate in the consultation process by completing the questionnaire and otherwise commenting on the Interim Local Transport Strategy by 10 March 2000.

URBAN PROGRAMME

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS (Item 10, Page 542, 99/02)

7.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT PROJECT (CHASE)

There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which had evaluated the Community Health and Safer Environment (CHASE) Project for which Urban Programme funding was due to terminate at the end of March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the official findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to express the Local Committee's support for the work of the Project;
- (iii) that it be remitted 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.

It was noted that Councillor Knapp did not participate in the discussion of this item as he had served as a Member of the Evaluation Panel.

7.2 CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROJECT

There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised the Local Committee of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which had 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 official findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to express the Local Committee's support for the work of the Project and highlight the high level of satisfaction expressed within the local community for the project;
- (iii) that it be remitted 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.

It was noted that Councillor Knapp did not participate in the discussion of this item as he had served as a Member of the Evaluation Panel.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP - PRESENTATION BY TOM MERRY, TEAM LEADER, (KILMARNOCK) SOCIAL INCLUSION

8. The background to the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group was outlined together with its composition the key characteristics of the Officer Social Inclusion Team and the Group's remit.

Following the presentation, the Local Committee raised a number of concerns in respect of the operation of the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group which, are detailed as follows:-

- difficulties in respect of the nominated representatives attending the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group Meetings due to the timing of meetings; and
- lack of training and background information on Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership for Community Representatives and generally on the progress of the initiative to date.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that relevant information be forwarded to Anne McRoberts and Margaret Shaw, Representative and Substitute, respectively, on the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group for those meetings of the Partnership Group which they had been unable to attend; and
- (ii) to note that the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group would remain a standing item on future Local Committee Agendas.

LOCAL ITEMS

9. Community Representatives expressed concern that a joint report from the Directors of Housing and of Social Work regarding the role of the Social Work Department in relation to the Housing Service with reference to the allocation of houses to individuals who were subject to supervision by Social Work had not been submitted to the Committee.

It was agreed that the Directors of Housing and of Social Work be requested to indicate when a report regarding this local item would be submitted for the Local Committee's consideration.

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

Following discussion the following issue was identified as a potential item which could become the subject of a future report to the Local Committee:-

- the Council's proposals for leisure facilities/Games Halls within the Kilmarnock South area.

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.