

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1401 HOURS IN THE CENTRE, STANDALANE, STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives: Ian Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Carolyn Blyth, Katherine Currie, Russel Hutcheson, Margaret Lees and Jo Graham.

ATTENDING: Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads and Transportation); James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Officer; John Laurensen, Senior Librarian; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Advisor; Eileen Brechany, Team Leader (Social Work); and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police

APOLOGIES: Alan Dickson, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM
FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC**

1. The Chair agreed to the consideration of an additional item as an early decision was required.

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 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives 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 25 November 1999 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

- 5.1 **LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1996/97 - KILMAURS TENNIS CLUB (Item 7.1, Page 525, 99/02)**

There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the current position relating to a grant awarded by the Northern Area Local Committee to Kilmaurs Tennis Club in financial year 1996/97.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that consideration of this matter be continued to a future meeting pending the outcome of negotiations on Kilmaurs Tennis Club's lease arrangements with East Ayrshire Council, and the Club's future grant applications to external agencies; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

5.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/00

There was submitted a report dated 25 January 2000 (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) Voluntary Organisation Support
 - (i) Fenwick and Stewarton Community Transport - £3,000;
 - (b) Conservation/History
 - (i) St Columba's Parish Church - £350;
- (ii) **Application Refused**, viz:-
 - (c) Older People
 - (i) Lochhead Court Residents Association - Agreed to refuse as the application was in respect of a matter within the responsibility of another agency.
- (iii) **Applications Approved (Continued)** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-
 - (d) Leisure
 - (i) Stewarton Bonnet Guild - £250.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

IRVINE VALLEY/NORTHERN AREA LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP

- 6. Jane Overton, the Team Leader for the Irvine Valley/Northern Area Social Inclusion Partnership Group, gave a presentation on the Council's approach to Social Inclusion.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations; localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives for the preceding 6 week period; and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police in the "Spotlight" initiative to Chief Inspector Colin Campbell at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

8. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that since the last Committee the Northern area had enjoyed a period of much reduced crime;
- (ii) that one serious crime of theft had occurred at Nether Robertland;
- (iii) that a prisoner in transit who had absconded from prison officer custody had been recaptured within one hour without undue incident;
- (iv) that 2 dwelling houses and 2 business premises were the subject of break-ins;
- (v) that the current predominant local crime was vandalism to motor vehicles;
- (vi) that 2 arrests had been made in respect of attempted car theft, attributable to information from members of the public; and
- (vii) that with the exception of one arrest for breach of the peace, the Millennium festivities at Stewarton, Kilmaurs and Fenwick proceeded in a good atmosphere of celebration.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001

9. There was submitted a report dated 18 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 Northern Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

Having noted that representation from the Disability Forum was not vacant, as had been stated in the report and that Margaret Lees was the current Representative, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current community organisation representation on the Northern Area Local Committee, as detailed in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) to approve the community organisation representation on the Committee for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001 as undernoted:-

Stewarton and District Community Council	Elderly Forum
Fenwick Community Council	Disability Forum
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Youth Forum
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Community/Residents Association
Kilmaurs Community Council	Local Business Community

; and

- (iii) that the Director of Corporate Services should initiate the process for the submission of nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes from the aforementioned organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001; and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate that process.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

INTERIM LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

10. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultation Draft; and which requested Committee Members 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 Committee Members should participate in the consultation process by completing the questionnaire and otherwise commenting on the Interim Local Transport Strategy, by 10 March 2000.

FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC

11. Mr Ian Finlayson, Community Representative, informed the Committee of Mr McMinn's current state of health and his extensive record of voluntary service in the Stewarton community.

It was agreed to remit to the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chair and the Local Member, to present an award, of up to £100, to Mr McMinn in recognition of his voluntary contribution to the community.

NAMING OF STREETS/DEVELOPMENTS

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ALLANVALE, DUNLOP

12. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which requested a name for a street within a proposed development at Allanvale, Dunlop.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the street within the proposed development at Allanvale, Dunlop, would be “Ryeburn Court”; and
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services should be advised accordingly.

LOCAL ITEMS

- 13.** The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that Community Representatives could raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 1507 hours.