

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ORCHARD STREET, GALSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae; George Turnbull and Robert McDill and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Frank Dawson, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Janice M Cameron and Mary Bowie.

ATTENDING: Marlene Campbell, Area Housing Manager; Andrew MacDonald, Service Manager (Social Work Department); Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic and Transportation); Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Five's) Education Department; Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Advisor (Development Services); Charles Woodward, Museums Curator (Community Services); Tommy Burns, Project Manager, The New Start Project; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Ronald Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kim Nicoll and Community Representative Andrew Nisbet.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

NEW START PROJECT (Item 15, Page 1478)

1. In accordance with the Local Committee's decision at their last meeting, Tommy Burns, Project Manager, The New Start Project, gave a short presentation on the Project's involvement in the communities of Gilfoot, Newmilns and Crookedholm.

Following questions from Members at the conclusion of the presentation, the Chair thanked Mr Burns for his presentation.

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS**2.1 IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: MEETING OF 21 NOVEMBER 1996**

There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum held on 21 November 1996 at Loudoun Academy, Galston.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to instruct the Director of Support Services to report to the next meeting with a list of organisations who were given prior notice of Community Forum meetings in the Irvine Valley Area, to enable the Committee to consider further how publicity for future Forum meetings could be improved;
- (ii) to note that a report would be made at the next Forum, following the Special meeting to be held at Loudoun Academy involving young people, teachers and representatives from the Council; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the assessment of the Community Forum meeting.

2.2 IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM: FEBRUARY 1997 MEETING

The Committee was asked to select a Local Issue for consideration at the February 1997 Meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum.

It was agreed that East Ayrshire Council's Garden Scheme should be the local topic for the next meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum.

PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST - PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 1, Page 1588)

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on progress made in respect of the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the Council's Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme, the proposed terms of the Council's Draft Scheme, and the forthcoming consultation, as reported to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 26 November 1996.

The Committee noted :-

- (i) the Policy and Resources Decentralisation Sub-Committee's response to the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the preliminary Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) the proposed publication of the Draft Decentralisation Scheme; and
- (iii) that arrangements would be made for Members of the Local Committee to make an input to the Draft Decentralisation Scheme, following publication.

DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Item 3, Page 1308)

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the consultation process towards the establishment of a new scheme of Community Councils in East Ayrshire.

REGENERATION OF THE IRVINE VALLEY (Item 7, Page 1309)

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services highlighting the outcome of a consultation exercise with businesses, Community Councils and voluntary organisations on the Council's Regeneration Strategy in the Irvine Valley, and making recommendations for future action based on the results.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the general approach to regeneration in the Irvine Valley described in the report to this Committee on 25 September 1996, and contained in the consultation discussion paper;
- (ii) that all the communities in the Local Committee's area should be included in the regeneration process;
- (iii) that a local Irvine Valley regeneration partnership be established to co-ordinate and maximise participation in the overall regeneration activity within the framework set out in the discussion paper and that reports on progress be submitted to this Committee as appropriate; and

- (iv) to instruct the Director of Development Services to report to the next Committee's cycle on how the Local Regeneration Partnership should be developed, with reference as to how the views expressed by respondents should be addressed.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CARE PLAN

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed outline of East Ayrshire Council's Community Care Plan.

It was agreed to request the Director of Social Work :

- (i) to consult with the Local Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan;
- (ii) to consider making representations to the Scottish Office concerning the current lack of funding for Community Care; and
- (iii) to submit a further report to this Committee on Community Care, highlighting changes which had taken place in the service and future changes in the level of service as a consequence of the reduction in government funding.

DRY-DASH PROPERTIES - MASONRY PAINTING (Item 9, Page 1476)

7. Following the decision at the last meeting, there was submitted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the feasibility of painting dry-dash exterior roughcast finishes on general needs houses.

Having noted the cost and technical difficulties involved in carrying out painting work to dry-dash exterior roughcast, it was agreed that the feasibility of providing "low pressure washing" of this type of roughcast finish in general needs houses in the Local Committee's Area, be considered by the Director of Housing during preparation of the capital programme public consultation process and would be submitted to the Housing Capital Sub-Committee for consideration of the capital programme.

REQUESTS ETC FOR BANS ON LIVE PRIZES AT FUNFAIRS AND PERFORMING ANIMALS AT CIRCUSES

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, advising the Local Committee that the Council had introduced a ban on the giving of live fish and other animals as prizes or gifts at funfairs; had taken steps to assure the conditions in which performing animals were kept; and had determined that operators with previous convictions for cruelty would not be permitted to stage animal circuses within East Ayrshire.

PELICAN CROSSING - DARVEL (Item 14, Page 1478)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services, (i) informing the Local Committee of the intended layout of the pelican crossing in Darvel; and (ii) updating the position regarding the assessment of communities on through traffic routes.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals for the provision of a pelican crossing in Darvel; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

TRAFFIC CALMING - MOSCOW

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 26 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Local Committee of the intended traffic calming measures on the A719 in Moscow.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the details of the proposed traffic calming layout in Moscow; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

DARVEL NURSERY/IRVINE VALLEY TRANSPORT SERVICE (Item 10, Page 1476)

- 11.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education to advise the Local Committee of the outcome of discussions which had been held between the Head Teacher of Darvel Nursery and the representative of the Irvine Valley Transport Service regarding the provision of transport to children attending the Darvel Nursery under the Irvine Valley Transport Scheme.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS

There was submitted a report dated 4 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the undernoted applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme, in respect of which the following decisions were made:-

12.1.1 CROOKEDHOLM SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE COMMITTEE

That a grant of £400 be made.

12.1.2 KILMARNOCK FORUM ON DISABILITY

That a grant of £500 be made.

12.1.3 STRATHCLYDE POLICE SCHOOL PROJECT

That a grant of £60 be made.

12.1.4 HURLFORD YOUTH CLUB

That a grant of £890 be made.

12.1.5 YOUTH LINK AYRSHIRE

That a grant of £40 be made.

12.1.6 KILMARNOCK TENNIS CLUB

That a grant of £1,388 be made.

12.1.7 LIFE LINE DOG RESCUE

That the application be refused for the reason that it was inappropriate for grant funding being used to pay fees which were levied by the Council, in this case recovery fees for stray dogs.

12.1.8 FRIENDS OF LOUDOUN KIRK

To refuse the application for the reason that it was not competent under the Council's Community Grants Scheme, but to refer to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Development Services Committee the request for funding, with a recommendation that favourable consideration be given to providing financial assistance towards the refurbishment of the Loudoun Kirk.

The meeting terminated at 1605 hours.