

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN THE NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp; and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, Beryl Graham, Billy Sullivan, Matt Donnelly, Josie Rutherford, Hugh Stirling and Reverend Grant Barclay.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Janet Smith, North West Kilmarnock Elderly Forum; Angus Cochrane and Dougie Graham, Community Policing, Strathclyde Police.

**ATTENDING:** Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer; Steven Good, Area Housing Manager; Sheila Beck, Pre-School Community Organiser; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer, Community Care; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Registration and Licensing; Margaret Phelps, Senior Community Worker; George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor Strategy/Partnerships; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Daniel Coffey and William Denim.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ELDERLY FORUM**

1. The Chair advised that the North West Kilmarnock Elderly Forum wished to nominate Janet Smith to replace Bessie Faulds as the Community Representative for the Elderly Forum.

It was agreed that the matter be continued to clarify the procedure for the appointment of a Community Representative for the elderly and that the Director of Support Services report back to the next meeting.

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

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive providing an update on progress made in respect of the results of the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Council's Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme, the proposed terms for 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.

It was agreed to:

- (i) note the Policy and Resources Decentralisation Sub-Committee's response to the results of the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) note the proposed publication of the Draft Decentralisation Scheme; and

- (iii) note that arrangements would be made for Members of the Local Committee to make an input to the Draft Decentralisation Scheme following publication.

**REQUEST ETC. FOR BANS ON LIVE PRIZES AT FUNFAIRS  
AND PERFORMING ANIMALS AT CIRCUSES (ITEM 7, PAGE 1386)**

- 3. There was submitted a report dated 20 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising that the Council had considered introducing a ban on performing animals at circuses and the giving of live fish and other animals as prizes or gifts at funfairs and to seek comment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report; and
- (ii) to submit any comments to the Director of Community Services for further consideration.

**TRAFFIC ISSUES - KILMARNOCK NORTH (Item, 12, Page 1453)**

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of the intended layout of proposed traffic calming measures in Dean Road, Kilmarnock and to provide an update on issues raised at the last meeting of the Local Committee.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the details proposed for Dean Road, Kilmarnock.

**GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - COMMUNITY GRANTS**

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications for the Community Grants Scheme for early determination.

The Chair agreed that a late Community Grant application from New Farm Loch Community Association would also be considered.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the sum of £21,817 had been allocated to the Kilmarnock North Local Committee in respect of Community and Voluntary Organisations for 1996/97, and that after deducting grants already approved, the balance available for Community Grants as at December 1996, was £13,754;
- (ii) to approve the undernoted applications;
  - (a) St Joseph's Retirement Club - £162

At this point, Councillor McIntyre declared an interest in Item 5 (ii)(b) and Councillor Knapp took the Chair.

- (b) Oakstaple Playgroup - £100

At this point Councillor McIntyre resumed the Chair.

- (c) Kilmarnock Forum on Disability - £500

- (d) Knockinlaw Community Association - £500
  - (e) Kilmarnock Tennis Club - £2,293 on the basis that the Club make a positive effort to encourage the recruitment of more members from the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area and that the award be returned if the Club do not obtain sufficient funding for the project.
  - (f) Youth Link Ayrshire - £80
  - (g) Dean Senior Citizen's - £250
- (iii) to refuse the undernoted application for the reason detailed;  
Lifeline Dog Rescue - refused on the grounds:-
- (a) that it was not clear if the animals were to be re-housed and therefore did not become strays at some point in the future;
  - (b) that the £28 recovery and boarding cost charged by East Ayrshire Council was designed to encourage more responsible dog ownership; and
  - (c) that providing the Group with funds to pay these charges would defeat the purpose of Section 149 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990;
- (iv) to continue the undernoted applications:
- (a) Jack and Jill Mothers and Toddlers Group and Jelly Tots Mother and Toddler Group - It was agreed to invite representatives of both Groups to a meeting with the Chair, a representative of the Onthank Community Association, and with appropriate Officers;
  - (b) Strathclyde Police - continued for further information; and
  - (c) New Farm Loch Community Association - continued for further information.

Councillor McCredie left the meeting at this point.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY  
CENTRE - 18 NOVEMBER 1996**

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the last meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum held in New Farm Loch Community Centre on 18 November 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the assessment of the third Community Forum Meeting;
- (ii) to note the summary of the main points raised at the meeting;
- (iii) to note that Officers would be investigating measures to improve attendance at Forum Meetings; and
- (iv) to note that the Community Representatives contact Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer with any suggestions on the distribution of publicity material for Community Forum Meetings.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 6, Page 1337)**

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

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work return and consult with Local Committees including the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North throughout the development of the Community Care Plan;
- (ii) that appropriate Officers write on behalf of the Local Committee to the Scottish Office expressing concern at the unrealistic timescales for implementation of the Community Care Plan;
- (iii) to note that the Community Care Plan might be considered as a local item at a future Community Forum; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**LOCAL ITEM FOR NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM**

8. Councillor McIntyre reported that the next round of Community Forums would be held in January/February 1997 and advised that the Local Committee should consider and identify potential items for the next Community Forum.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North and, thereafter, Beryl Graham advise Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer of the local Item for the next Community Forum.

**LONG-TERM FUTURE AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
THE HILLHEAD HOME/SCHOOL LINK PROJECT**

9. Councillor McIntyre reported that the Community Representatives had requested that the long-term future funding arrangements of the Hillhead Home/School Link Project be placed as an item for discussion on the agenda.

It was agreed that appropriate Officers arrange for the Local Committee to visit the project and that an invitation be extended to the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North and to all Elected Members on East Ayrshire Council.

**DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Item 12, Page 1569)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services updating the Committee on progress on the consultation process towards the establishment of a new scheme for Community Councils in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the progress on consultation towards the establishment of a new Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) to note that a further report would be submitted in due course.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.