

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 1996 AT 1435 HOURS IN THE FULTON HALL, FENWICK

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall and Bob Beattie; Community Representatives Mr J McFadden, JP, Mr W Muirhead, Mr H Hamilton, Mrs M Clark, Mrs C Bingham, Ms E McKay and Ms J Fulton.

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Social Work); Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Social Work); Alan Hasson, Chief Librarian; Anne Jackson, Principal Officer (Community Education); Catrina Barr, Home Care Organiser (Social Work); Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer; and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Councillor Jim O'Neill welcomed Ms Joyce Fulton, as the Community Representative for Pre-Five Groups, to the meeting.

REQUEST ETC FOR BANS ON LIVE PRIZES AT FUNFAIRS AND PERFORMING ANIMALS AT CIRCUSES (Item 7, Page 1386)

1. 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 when circuses and fairgrounds were held on Council-owned property.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the report to the Director of Education for action as appropriate; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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

2. 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) to note that the Director of Social Work would consult with the Local Committees throughout the development of East Ayrshire's Community Care Plan;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Social Work to circulate the "Caring Into The Future" Community Care Plan for Ayrshire and Arran 1995-1998 to Northern Area Community Representatives;

- (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to consider holding a Special Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee for consultation on this matter; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ORDERS

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 December 1996 (circulated) by the Acting Director of Social Work on the criteria and scope of Community Services by Offender's Scheme and the nature and range of work placements which the scheme undertook.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that community representatives would seek the views of their local communities on potential projects that may be undertaken under the criteria of Community Services by Offenders Scheme;
- (ii) that any proposed projects would be submitted to the Social Work Department Criminal Justice Section; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Hall left the meeting before consideration of the undernoted item.

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

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the results of the monitoring and evaluation of East Ayrshire Council's Preliminary Scheme of Decentralisation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Policy and Resources Decentralisation Sub-Committees response to the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) to note the proposed publication of the Draft Decentralisation Scheme;
- (iii) to note that arrangements would be made for Members of the Local Committee to make an input to the Draft Decentralisation Scheme following publication; and
- (iv) that the issue would be considered at the next meeting of the Local Committee.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT IRVINE ROAD, KILMAURS

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting consideration be given to the naming of a street within a new housing development at Irvine Road, Kilmaurs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name for the housing development at Irvine Road, Kilmaurs be "The Brae"; and
- (ii) that the Department of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM: MEETING - 27 NOVEMBER 1996

6. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the third meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum which had been held on Wednesday 27 November 1996 at Fenwick Primary School.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Officials concerned to follow up any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting and to arrange for the submission of reports to the appropriate Service Committee where necessary; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the Northern Area Community Forum held on 27 November 1996.

LOCAL ITEM FOR NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM

7. The Administrative Officer invited the Committee to identify a local item for the next Community Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the local item for the next Community Forum would be "Provision of Secondary Education" in the Northern Area which would include the present proposal regarding the delineation of Stewarton Academy; and
- (ii) that the venue for the next Community Forum would be Stewarton.

Catherine Bingham joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

DRAFT SCHEME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services 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 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.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

9.1 Declaration of Interest

Mrs C Bingham, Community Representative from the Kilmarnock Forum Disability declared an interest in the grant application and took no part in its consideration.

9.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted grant payments to the organisations detailed viz:-

APPLICANT	GRANT AWARDED
Strathclyde Police	£60
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability	£500
Ayrshire Youth Link	£160
Kilmarnock Tennis Club	£966
Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Centre	£1500

and;

- (ii) to refuse the undernoted grant application for the reason detailed:-

APPLICANT	REASON FOR REFUSAL
Lifeline Dog Rescue	The people receiving re-homed dogs could refund the group for each animals recovery, board and inoculation fees.

POLICE REPORT

10. Sergeant John Ramage of Strathclyde Police reported on local policing matters and on Strathclyde Police's Spotlight Initiative.

It was agreed to note that there was no particular pattern of crimes in the area, crimes being sporadic and for the most part isolated.

DATES FOR THE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1997

11. Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer within the Department of Support Services gave a verbal report on the dates agreed by the Director of Support Services in consultation with Councillor O'Neill for the Northern Area Local Committee and Northern Area Local Planning Committee in February and March 1997.

It was agreed that the Northern Area Local Committee and Northern Area Local Planning Committee would be held on the undernoted dates:-

12 February 1997 - Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop

26 March 1997 - The Cottage, John Knox Church, Stewarton

The meeting terminated at 1640 hours.