

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE FORMER GROUGAR SCHOOL, MOSCOW

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll and Robert McDill and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Frank Dawson, Steve Brown, William Pattison and Janice Cameron.

ATTENDING: Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation) Anne Currie, Assistant Housing Manager; Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer, Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer (Support Services); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); George Scott, Licensing Officer; Sergeant Ronald Thomson, Strathclyde Police, Jim Worley, Principal Planning Officer; Andy Warnock, Senior Community Education Worker; Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor George Turnbull and Community Representatives John Boyle, Andrew Nisbet and Julie Brown.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton (Chair)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5 November 1997 (circulated).

COMMUNITY SAFETY (Item 19, Page 2611)

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 30 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services and Police Liaison Officer which outlined the key issues relating to community safety and recommended adoption in principle of a draft Community Safety Strategy to improve the quality of life in East Ayrshire and make it a safer place to live, work and visit.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the draft Community Safety Strategy in principle;
- (ii) that community organisations refer any views on the Community Safety Strategy to the Director of Community Services at the earliest possible date;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report incorporating the views of Local Committees prior to final adoption of the Community Safety Strategy; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH FORUM (Item 8, Page 2659)

3.1 MINUTES

There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the Irvine Valley Youth Forum meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 1997 (circulated).

3.2 ACCOMODATION FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There was submitted a report dated 13 November 1997 (circulated) by the Irvine Valley Youth Forum which advised of the progress made by the Forum relating to the availability of suitable premises for youth activities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the facilities at Morton Hall and Darvel Town Hall were available for youth activities;
- (ii) to note that the Gavin Hamilton Sports Centre was identified as being the ideal location for contact sports;
- (ii) to note the availability of facilities at Newmilns Ski Slope;
- (iii) to note that the Irvine Valley Transport Scheme mini-buses could be used to provide transport for groups attending the Gavin Hamilton Sports Centre and Newmilns Ski Slope;
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services investigate the issue of storage facilities within the Morton Hall and Darvel Town Hall as highlighted within the Minute of the Youth Forum;
- (v) that the Irvine Valley Youth Forum having now completed their remit be thanked for their contribution and be disbanded; and
- (vi) that the Director of Education report to a future meeting on the activities summarised in paragraph 3.5 of the report.

YOUTH WORK WEEK (Item 7, Page 2659)

4. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed of the participation of young people in the activities of Youth Work Week during 2 – 9 November 1997.

It was agreed

- (i) to commend the work and partnership of Youth Work Week; and
- (ii) to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Nicoll joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

5. It was reported by the Chair and noted that Mr Douglas Macrae, 14 Barward Road, Galston had been nominated as named substitute on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1998.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

6.1 LAST MEETING

There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum held at the Former Grougar School, Moscow on 26 November 1997.

6.2 RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED:

(A) CONDITION OF LAND AT 13 – 17 TITCHFIELD STREET, GALSTON

There was submitted a report dated December 1997 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control updating the Committee on the situation regarding the condition of land at 13 – 17 Titchfield Street, Galston.

It was noted that the Head of Planning and Building Control would contact the land owner (a) to tidy the site and continue maintenance to control the growth of weeds on the site; and (b) to discuss the future development of the site.

(B) ROAD SAFETY AT LOUDOUN ACADEMY

The Committee, having heard Sergeant Ronald Thomson report on recent short term action by Strathclyde Police to address the problem of pedestrians walking on the road at Loudoun Academy, Galston, agreed to arrange an early site visit and subsequent meeting involving all interested parties to further explore the problem and make recommendations for its long term resolution.

6.3 NEXT MEETING: VENUE

It was agreed that the venue for the next meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum to take place during February 1998 would be St Sophia's Primary School, Galston, subject to its availability.

EAST AYRSHIRE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (Item 3, Page 2430)

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of how the Government's welfare to work proposals were being dealt with within East Ayrshire and of the formation of the new East Ayrshire employment initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposals for East Ayrshire employment initiative in terms of its potential impact upon unemployed people within the Local Committee area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report

REGENERATION OF THE IRVINE VALLEY – THE LOCAL REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP AND STRATEGY (Item 10, Page 1793)

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services reporting on progress with the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership.

It was agreed to note the report and support the Partnerships work.

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY (Item 10, Page 2717)

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in adult education through the Community Education Service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to adult education within the Community Education Service;
- (ii) to recommend that the Director of Education address the issue of decline in uptake of adult education in the Irvine Valley area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**PROBLEM HOUSE AREA – IRVINE VALLEY – TENEMENTED FLATS,
LOCHORE TERRACE, DARVEL (Item 2.2, Page 2378)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised on a problem house area at Lochore Terrace, Darvel and sought agreement on options relevant to the area.

Having considered the options, it was agreed to recommend to the Housing Committee:-

- (i) that the tenemented flats at Lochore Terrace, Darvel be demolished; and
- (ii) that the flats be replaced by low cost housing.

PROPOSED RELOCATION OF GALSTON POST OFFICE

11. There was submitted correspondence dated 13 November 1997 (circulated) by Post Office Counters Ltd on the proposed relocation of Galston Post Office arising from the sub post master relinquishing the contract to provide post office service at 21/23 Cross Street, Galston.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the details of the proposal to relocate the Post Office to 7/9 Cross Street, Galston and that the Director of Support Services advise the Post Office Counters Limited accordingly;
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services clarify the duration of the new contract; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the correspondence from Post Office Counters Ltd.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

12. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided a summary of information relevant to applications by community groups for community grants and outlined the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed as follows:-

APPLICATIONS APPROVED (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Elderly Groups

Galston Old Peoples Welfare Committee - £5000.00;

(b) Disabled Groups

Archway Phab Club- £367.00;

(c) Leisure Groups

Darvel Playgroup - £600;

(d) Miscellaneous Groups

Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council - £1,523.00

Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council - £1,213.64

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.