

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN GRANGE ACADEMY (S&R WING), BEECH ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid and Wilma Doyle; and Community Representatives Mrs Elizabeth McCall, Mr Charles Calman, Mr John McIvor, Mr James McClymont, Mrs Jean Dunlop, Mrs Betty Mabon and Mr John Donaldson.

ATTENDING: Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser; Margaret Phelps, Social Work Service Manager; Bob Pollock, Strathclyde Police Liaison Officer; Ailsa Graham, Planning Officer (Policy and Projects); Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer; Andy Warnock, Senior Community Education Worker; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Torrance Dempsey.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Irene Reeves and Ronald Brailsford.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of Meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 4 November 1997 (circulated).

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL COMMITTEES

2. The Chair intimated that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

COMMUNITY SAFETY (Item 19, Page 2611)

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

It was agreed:

- (i) to adopt the draft Safety Strategy in principle;
- (ii) to note that individual Members of the Committee should submit any views in respect of the Community Safety Strategy to the Director of Community Services;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report incorporating the views of the Local Committee prior to final adoption of the Community Safety Strategy; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Community Representative Jean Dunlop joined the meeting during discussion of the following item.

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

4. 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; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (Item 3, Page 2430)

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the ways in which the Government's Welfare to Work proposals were being met within East Ayrshire and which advised of the formation of the new East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE STATUE (Item 7, Page 2511)

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the outcome of a site visit to consider the proposed location of the Kilmarnock Industrial Heritage Statue.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised location for the Industrial Heritage Statue within John Dickie Street, as indicated on the map appended to the report;
- (ii) that the Head of Planning and Building Control undertake any necessary consultations in respect of this matter;
- (iii) that the Head of Planning and Building Control write to United Distillers expressing the Local Committee's gratitude for agreeing to provide the additional funding required to make this amendment possible; and
- (iv) to recommend that the former Member of Parliament, William McKelvey be invited to attend the unveiling ceremony in connection with the erection of the statue, in recognition of his involvement in bringing the project to fruition.

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7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the third meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum of the 1997/98 year, held as part of the Council's adopted Decentralisation Scheme.

Community Representative Charles Calman left the meeting during discussion of the following item.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

8. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing a summary of information relative to applications by

Community Groups for Community Grants and outlining the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

Having agreed that, in future, all applications submitted to the Local Committee should contain up-to-date information on the financial position of each group, including details of any funds already committed, it was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application)
 - (a) Disability Groups
Archway PHAB Club - £733
- (ii) **Applications Continued**
 - (a) Young People's Groups
Kilmarnock Academy Dance Club - continued for further information on the nature of the group and geographical spread of its members;
 - (b) Elderly Interest Groups
Glebe Old People's Cabin - continued for further information on the group's current financial position;
Springhill Support Group - continued for further information on the group's current financial position; and
Bentinck Elderly Social Club - continued for further information on the group's current financial position.

Councillor Gordon Cree dissented from the decisions in respect of the continuation of applications from Glebe Old People's Cabin, Springhill Support Group and Bentinck Elderly Social Club.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- 9. The Chair agreed that this item of urgent business be considered as an early decision was required.

NAMING OF THE NEW HOSTEL FOR THE HOMELESS IN ST ANDREW STREET, KILMARNOCK

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1997 (tabled) by the Director of Housing which requested the Local Committee's views upon a proposed name for the new homeless hostel at 33 St Andrew Street, Kilmarnock, due to be opened officially in early 1998.

It was agreed to recommend to the Housing Committee that the hostel be named either St Andrew Street Hostel or, subject to the approval of the family in question, named in memory of one of the homeless persons who had died within Kilmarnock Town Centre in recent years.

The meeting terminated at 1512 hrs.