

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE ARDBEG COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, ARDBEG AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Hugh Stirling and Archie McKenzie.

**ATTENDING:** Tom Harris, Public Relations Manager; Joe Cassidy, Principal Housing Officer; Fiona Dickson, Play Officer, Community Services; Karl Dorozenko, Policy and Projects Manager; George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor, Development Services; Joe Herd, Area Officer, Community Education; Inspector Bob Pollock, Strathclyde Police; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer, Support Services; Margaret Phelps, Senior Community Worker, Social Work; George Scott, Licensing Officer, Community Services; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer, Development Services; Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant, Support Services and Andy Warnock, Senior Community Education Worker, Community Education.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative, Kate Clannaghan.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted for information and noted minutes of meeting held on Thursday 30 October 1997 (circulated).

**RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE MR SULLIVAN**

2. It was intimated that Mr Sullivan had tendered his resignation as Community Council Representative from the Local Committee due to work commitments.

The Chair intimated that a letter would be sent to Mr Sullivan thanking him for all his hard work and participation on the Local Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that the new Community Council Representative was Mrs Kate Clannaghan.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

3. The Chair agreed to amend the order of business and considered the next two items as follows.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY (Item 19, page 2611)**

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 30 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services and Police Liaison Officer outlining the key issues relating to community safety and recommending adoption, in principle, 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) following consideration that community representatives refer any views on the Community Safety Strategy to the Director of Community Services;
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to submit a further report incorporating the views of Local Committees prior to final adoption of the Community Safety Strategy; and
- (iv) to otherwise note the report.

**ALTONHILL RESIDENCE GROUP - REQUEST FOR  
GRANT (Item 5, page 739)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Housing seeking approval for an application for an annual operating grant by Altonhill Residence Group.

It was agreed to approve the Altonhill Residence Groups request for an operating grant of £85.60.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT NEW FARM LOCH (Item 10, page 2649)**

6. There was submitted a revised report dated 4 December 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Development Services, Community Services and of Support Services indicating findings of the survey of local facilities at New Farm Loch and asking the Committee to note the actions taken on the letting of Community and Education facilities, housing needs, health and children's play facilities.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to endorse the recommendation that Officers meet with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to discuss the possibility of applying more detailed methods of health assessment in New Farm Loch, the results of which would be reported to a future meeting of this Committee;
- (iii) to note the weekday availability of the Community Centre's main and lesser halls for activities and groups and request that the Community Services Department hold discussions with the Community Association to seek ways of improving day-time hall usage;
- (iv) to note the proposals for an East Ayrshire-wide Letting Plan, details of which would be forthcoming;
- (v) to note that consideration would be given to the housing needs of the elderly in the Housing Plan being prepared by the Housing Department; and
- (vi) to note that the Community Services Department would consult with appropriate local groups on the type and level of play and informal recreational facilities need, subject to available resources.

Councillor McCredie intimated his appreciation to the Departments involved for all the hard work and effort that had went into compiling the report.

**YOUTH SEMINAR (Item 6, page 2649)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education informing of the Youth Seminar held on 6 November 1997 in the Council Headquarters by the Community Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to thank the Community Representatives for their participation; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The Chair intimated his thanks to the Members of the Committee who participated in the seminar and to the staff involved.

**ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY (Item 10, page 2717)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of developments in adult education through the Community Education Service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the development commitment to adult education within the Community Education Service; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (Item 3, page 2430)**

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of how the Governments Welfare to Work proposals were being dealt with in East Ayrshire and of the formation of the new East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

**URBAN PROGRAMME (Item 11, page 2649)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work providing details on the Kilmarnock Car Project and Community Services Volunteer Befriending Project which are voluntary Urban Programme projects supervised by the Social Work Department, operating within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee Area.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report to the Committee in relation to Voluntary Urban Programme Projects within the Committee's area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE,  
KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK (Item 18, page 2651)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the public meeting held in respect of disruptions to bus services within the Kilmarnock North Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a copy of the report, outlining the issues raised at the meeting, be forwarded to Stagecoach to ensure that the issues were followed up by its Head Office; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the public meeting.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING AT THE NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK (Item 4, Page 2648)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Committee of the outcome of the third meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the publicity arrangements be looked at, and where necessary creche facilities and transport would be made available; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the meeting.

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL COMMITTEES**

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

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME : CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

14. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grant received so far during the financial year 1997/98 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

**Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Miscellaneous

New Farm Loch Community Association - £800 (subject to investigations being carried out in relation to the outstanding charge for hiring the hall)

Knockinlaw Community Association - £600

Longpark Community Association - £900

- (b) Young People

**Declaration of Interest**

Community Representative Bill Denim declared an interest in relation to the Northwest Youth Exchange Community Grant application and took no part in its consideration.

Northwest Youth Exchange - £2,000

- (c) Disability

Archway PHAB Club - £428.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.