

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMAURS**

**PRESENT:** Councillors James O'Neill and Kathleen Hall and Community Representatives Mr J McFadden JP; Mr W Muirhead, Mr H Hamilton, Mr W Ferguson, Mrs K Currie, Mrs M Clark, Mr R Buchannan, Mrs C Bingham and Ms Lorna Fulton.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Alan Hasson, Library and Information Services Manager; Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Advisor; Jim Laing, Senior Social Worker; Joe Herd, Senior Community Education Worker; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Steven Dodds, Community Education Worker; Robert Pollock, Police Liaison Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Mr Rodger Alexander.

**CHAIR:** Councillor James O'Neill.

**DEATH OF COUNCILLOR BEATTIE**

1. The Committee agreed to a minute's silence in remembrance of Councillor Robert Beattie, Vice-Chair of the Northern Area Local Committee, and agreed to transmit its deepest condolences to Councillor Robert Beattie's wife and family.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There were submitted for information the Minutes of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 11 November 1997 (circulated).

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that on Page 2, Item 4 (ii) of the Minutes that the representative from the local School Boards to serve on this Committee was Mr Rodger Alexander; and
- (ii) to note that on Page 3, Item 7 (ii) of the Minutes an Officer from the Department of Social Work would facilitate arrangements for Community Representatives to attend a Pre-Agenda meeting to examine reports prior to their distribution in this Committee 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 principal 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 Safety Strategy in principle;
- (ii) to note that individual members of the Committee should submit any views in respect of the Commuting Safety Strategy to the Director of Community Services by 31 January 1998;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services would submit a further report incorporating the views of the Local Committee prior to final adoption of the Community Safety Strategy;
- (iv) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report upon the problem of 'litter in the countryside' to a future meeting; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM - 27 NOVEMBER 1997 (Item 13, Page 2676)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the third meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum of the 1997/98 year, held as part of the Council's Adopted Decentralisation Scheme.

It was agreed:

- (i) to request that Officers concerned with any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting arrange for the submission of reports on these matters to service Committees where appropriate and to report back to the Northern Area Local Committee on progress in due course; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum held on 27 November 1997.

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

5. 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 development commitment to Adult Education within the Community Education service; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**STEWARTON - PROPOSED LOADING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS (Item 14, Page 2676)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 8 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the proposed Stewarton town centre Loading and Waiting restrictions and seeking approval to proceed with initial public consultation and formal consultation to representative bodies.

It was agreed:

- (i) to agree that the layout of the proposed Stewarton town centre Loading and Waiting restrictions as detailed in a plan attached to the report be used for the

purpose of initial public consultation and formal consultation with representative bodies; and

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

### **1998/99 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 10, Page 2750)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 1998/99 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee on 25 April 1997 and seeking the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the 1998/99 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee on 25 April 1997;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footway; and
- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget for “highly desirable” schemes would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the footway resurfacing programme in an equitable manner.

### **M77 FENWICK TO MALLETSHEUGH - PHASING OPTIONS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Service on a public meeting between Fenwick Community Council and the Scottish Office held on 9 December 1997 where the Scottish Office outlined the details of its phasing review for the proposed M77 Fenwick to Malletsheugh and requested formal responses from Community Councils on the review.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the importance of both phases of the M77 for improved access to Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Scottish Office had requested formal responses from Community Councils on the assessment of phasing options by 31 January 1998; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (Item 3, Page 2430)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on how the Government’s Welfare to Work proposals were being dealt with within East Ayrshire and on the formation of the new East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that comments upon the proposals for East Ayrshire Employment Initiative in terms of its potential impact on unemployed people in the Local

Committee area should be forwarded to the Director of Development Services by 31 January 1998; and

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

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

10. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing a summary of information relative 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:

- (i) applications approved (for the purpose specified in the application):

- (A) Disabled Groups

Stewarton Rambler Chair Project - £1,700

St Marnock Youth Club - £161

- (B) Young People

Little Angels Playgroup - £1,599

- (ii) applications deferred:

- (C) Leisure/Recreation

Fenwick and Stewarton Community Transport Group - The Committee agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting of the Committee to enable the applicant, in consultation with the Department of Education, to explore other funding opportunities to assist in the acquisition of a new vehicle.

- (iii) to note that the sum available for Community grants for the Northern Area Local Committee area for 1997/98 was exhausted and that no further applications would be considered until financial year 1998/99; and
- (iv) to remit to the Director of Support Services to submit a report on the criteria for grant applications to the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1518 hours.