

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Janice Cameron, Steve Brown, Andrew Nisbet and James Crossan.

**ATTENDING:** Marlene Campbell, Area Manager (Irvine Valley) (Housing); Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Arthur West, Senior Community Worker (Social Work); Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services); and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer (Support Services).

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Eric Jackson and Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Kim Nicoll and Community Representatives Bill Pattison and Stephanie Young.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 1998 (circulated).

**1.1 MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note in relation to item 2.1, page 3939 (a) that traffic calming works at the west end of Darvel were completed; and (b) the position regarding works at the east end of Darvel and at Riccarton Road, Hurlford;
- (ii) in relation to item 9 (iii), page 3941 that the Director of Community Services provide an update on progress with the replacement recycling bank in Hurlford; and
- (iii) to note in relation to item 13 (ii), page 3943 that 6 two apartment and 2 three apartment amenity bungalows were included in the proposed development at Lomond Avenue, Hurlford. The development also included 11 apartments for low cost purchase. A late summer/early autumn 1999 start date was anticipated.

## DECENTRALISATION

### DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 2, Page 3724)

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised that as part of a review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme, a panel of Councillors would visit every Local Committee between now and the end of February 1999 to consult on developing the Scheme.

The Committee welcomed Panel Members, Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Eric Jackson.

Councillor Darnbrough invited comments on the operation of the Local Committee in relation to the Decentralisation Scheme.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation process being undertaken as part of a review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) to recommend that consideration be given to holding the 15 minute question and answer session at the beginning of the meeting and to allowing questions relevant to the Agenda;
- (iii) to recommend that further discussion take place regarding the possibility of two minutes for questions after each agenda item;
- (iv) to recommend that further discussion take place on the issue of voting rights for representatives;
- (v) to recommend that consideration be given to relaxing the maximum number of Community Representatives allowed on Local Committees; and
- (vi) to note that a report on the findings of the Consultation Panel would be presented to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

## LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1998/99 together with a summary statement relating to the outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

- (a) Music  
Newmilns and Galston Band - £400.
- (b) Leisure  
Newmilns Ladies Social Club - £275.

**APPLICATIONS CONTINUED**

- (a) 92
- <sup>nd</sup>
- Ayrshire Galston Scout Group

It was agreed to continue consideration of the above application to the next meeting for clarification by the Director of Education regarding planned frequency of use of the equipment; appropriateness of equipment size in relation to planned use; availability of equipment for hire from the Education Department; and current cost of hire.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES****“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”**

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of “Spotlight” Operations over the preceding six week period and of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to note the report given by Chief Inspector Colin Campbell on the planned restructuring of ‘U’ and ‘R’ Divisions which would merge on 1 June 1999 to form one Superdivision for all Ayrshire.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES****STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS - A71 SURFACE DRESSING CONTRACTS**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of current proposals to remedy failures in the carriageway surface dressing treatment at various locations on the A71 between Hurlford and Priestland.

**SOCIAL WORK****A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND - AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN HEALTH BOARD JOINT STRATEGY (Item 4, Page 3844)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 8 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the Draft Mental Health Strategy and the Draft Sub-Strategy for people with dementia and older people with mental health disabilities prepared by the Ayrshire and Arran Mental Health Framework Project Team.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work return to the Local Committee with the finalised Strategy and Sub-Strategy for information.

**RESPIRE CARE STRATEGY 1998/2001 (Item 2, Page 3844)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Respite Care Strategy attached as an appendix to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to provide Councillor Macrae with information on the number of houses available for daycare in Ross Court, Galston as detailed in paragraph 7.15 of the Respite Care Strategy;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work clarify whether the Respite Care Strategy would enable services to be available locally for people with dementia;
- (iii) that the Director of Social Work provide Community Representative, George Dalziel with a copy of the literature listed in the bibliography appended to the Respite Care Strategy and that copies of the literature be made available in the Local Offices;
- (iv) that the Director of Social Work provide an update to Committee on the implementation of the plan after twelve months; and
- (v) to note the contents of the report.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**CLOSURE OF CLYDESDALE BANK IN DARVEL**

**8.1 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Turnbull declared a non pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion on the above item.

**8.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a report dated 15 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of and sought the views of the Committee on the proposal by the Clydesdale Bank to close the Darvel branch.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to consider the proposal by the Clydesdale Bank to close the Darvel branch, having regard to the terms of the report and additional information submitted verbally; and
- (ii) to provide comments on this proposal which would be taken into account at the meeting with the bank to be arranged involving the local Member, Community Councillor and representatives of East Ayrshire Council.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.