

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 1999 AT 1400 HRS
IN THE RECEPTION ROOM, GRAND HALL, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid and Wilma Doyle; Community Representatives, Mr John McIvor, Mr James McClymont, Mrs Jean Dunlop, Mrs Babs Gallacher and Mr John Donaldson.

ATTENDING: Ian Gemmell, Head of Anti-Poverty Unit (Social Work); Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Alison Smith, Principal Officer (Registration and Licensing); Andrew Davidson, Technician (Roads and Transportation); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Lesley Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Colin Campbell.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Charles Calman and Named Substitute Mr Ian McVey.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information, the Minutes of meeting of Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 24 November 1998 (circulated).

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that, in relation to Item 2 (ii), Mr Arthur McNeil had been nominated by the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches as its Named Substitute;
- (ii) to note that, in relation to Item 4 (ii), a satisfactory assessment had been received in respect of the Henderson Church Mother and Toddlers (Scalliwags) Community Grant application, an award of £700.00 made accordingly and a subsequent letter of thanks received; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the Minutes.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 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 the summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-
- (a) **Older People**
- (i) Springhill Gardens Support Group - £100, on condition that the Group:-
- (i) worked with a Social Work Community Worker to improve its financial record keeping; and
- (ii) demonstrated effectively that the award had been expended for the purposes specified in the application, with the exception of the mobile step which would not be purchased using Community Grant funding.
- The Committee noted that an interim award of £250 (based upon the same conditions outlined above) had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee.
- (ii) Kilmarnock Old People's Welfare Committee - £453;
- (b) **Voluntary Organisation Support (including Community Associations)**
- (i) Knockentiber Community Association - £5,000; and
- (ii) Bonnyton Community Association - £800, subject to the submission of satisfactory bank records and financial statement.
- (ii) **Applications Continued**
- (a) **Information and Advice**
- (i) Kilmarnock Citizen's Advice Bureau - continued for further advice from the Assessing Department; and
- (ii) Crosshouse Community Association - continued to the next meeting of the Local Committee to allow the Assessing Department (Education) to be invited to be present at the meeting for further information on the nature and extent of the group's committed expenditure.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - 8 FEBRUARY 1999

3. The Local Committee noted that the next Kilmarnock Central Community Forum would take place in the Grange Academy S&R Wing, off Beech Avenue, Kilmarnock on Monday 8 February 1999 and that the Council item would be the budget consultation exercise.

STREET NAMING - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT FULLARTON STREET, KILMARNOCK

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of a proposed new development at Fullarton Street, Kilmarnock and requested the Local Committee's view on a proposed name for the street in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street in the new development Fullarton Court; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

"OPERATION SPOTLIGHT"

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, if possible, the Grange-Howard and Bonnyton areas of Kilmarnock be highlighted in connection with tackling the consumption of alcohol by minors;
- (ii) to note that, as of 1 June 1999, "R" and "U" Divisions of Strathclyde Police would merge, with its new Divisional Commander being Chief Superintendent Bill Campbell;
- (iii) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Committee detailing plans for the future of Community Policing; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LICENSING OF FAIRGROUNDS (Item 9, Page 3980)

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's procedures for licensing fairgrounds.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter, pending a further report on the matter and on the possibility of advertising applications for public consultation in the local press; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

7. The Principal Officer (Registration and Licensing) highlighted a current vacancy in the Local Committee's representation on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum and requested nominations.

It was agreed that Community Representative Jean Dunlop be appointed to represent the Local Committee on the Community Safety Forum.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 12, Page 3980)

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the outcome of the consultation and which sought agreement on the wording of the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the proposed new town signs in the Kilmarnock Central area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the results of previous consultation exercises and the progress made to date in the replacement of town and village signs; and
- (ii) that the message "Kilmarnock Welcomes Careful Drivers" be used on the town signs in the Kilmarnock Central area.

ROAD SAFETY AT GARGIESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

9. There was submitted a report dated 22 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an investigation into road safety at Gargieston Primary School and which detailed the issues and proposals for improving road safety in Dundonald Road in the vicinity of the school.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the provision of an additional "School Children Crossing" sign and "School Keep Clear" road markings; and
- (ii) that a progress report be submitted to the Local Committee within the period of six months, subject to the relevant sign and road markings having been in place for at least two months prior to that.

HOUSING

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR JOHN FINNIE STREET AREA, KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on plans for the proposed development of the John Finnie Street area of Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further report on progress be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Committee following completion of the option appraisal exercise being undertaken on the proposed development of the area;
- (ii) that the Local Committee be included in any subsequent consultation exercise on this matter; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

SOCIAL WORK

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

11. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1999 (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) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to a future meeting of the Local Committee detailing the finalised Strategy and Sub-Strategy, for information; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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

12. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Respite Care Strategy attached as an appendix to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Support Services provide an update report to the Local Committee on the implementation of the Plan after a period of 12 months; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1521 hours.