

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp and Daniel Coffey; Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly and Maureen Brown.

ATTENDING: George Scott, Licensing Officer, Community Services; Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer and Michael Roonie, Team Leader - Pollution Control, Community Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Traffic, Development Services; Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Helen McGhee, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre and Gordon McCredie; and Community Representatives Hugh Stirling, Janet Smith, Archie McKenzie and Kate Clannaghan.

CHAIR: In the absence of Chair, Councillor Knapp, Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIRS REMARKS

1. Councillor Knapp informed the meeting of the progress made by Councillor Drew McIntyre during his recent illness and that he was expected to return to duties in 4 or 5 weeks time. He also informed the meeting of the recent death of Councillor Ronald Brailsford.

It was agreed to send a card on behalf of the Local Committee to Councillor McIntyre giving their best wishes for a speedy return to good health and to send a note of condolences to the late Councillor Brailsford's widow and family.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There was submitted for information and noted, minutes of meeting held on 10 November 1998 (circulated).

2.1 MATTERS ARISING

Noted that the Director of Community Services be requested to advise the Local Committee on progress in relation to the provision of recycling facilities.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

3. There was submitted a report dated 5 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 an outstanding application for community grant received from a local organisation.

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

(a) Older People

Kilmarnock Old People's Welfare Committee - £461.00

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 proceeding 6 week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that local problems at the area of the bus stop in Amlaird Road, the flats at Fraser Walk and shops at Tourhill Road and at the Charleston, Public House be addressed by a “Spotlight” Operation and that the Director of Community Services be advised accordingly;
- (ii) to request the Director of Community Services to investigate the possibility of breaking down the information on recent Spotlight Initiatives for Wards 1, 2, 14 and 15;
- (iii) to record the local Committee’s appreciation for the supportive actions of the Local Community Police Officers for the Kilmarnock North area;
- (iv) that the suggestion of inviting along the Fiscal Service and Strathclyde Police to a future Community Forum Meeting be held by the Director of Support Services on a reserve list as a potential local item; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DOG FOULING INITIATIVE – DESIGNATION OF AREAS (Item 8, Page 3767)

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the feasibility of designating areas where dog owners could walk their pets without being prosecuted.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Community Services to submit a report to a future meeting on the progress in relation to the erection of Dog Fouling signs, supply of bins and other measures for the Kilmarnock North Area
- (ii) to note that Community Representatives should contact the Environmental Health service regarding the replacement of erection of new Dog Fouling signs; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 6, Page 3582)

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on proposals for the replacement of town and village signs and sought agreement for the message on the Kilmarnock town signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Secretary of the Federation of Community Groups for Kilmarnock North notify the Director of Support Services by 15 January 1999 with the suggested messages for the road signs to comply with the criteria as set out within the report; and

- (ii) that the Director of Support Services advise the Director of Development Services in due course of the messages to be incorporated within the road signs; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the progress made to date on the replacement of town and village signs within East Ayrshire.

HOUSING

LONGPARK STRATEGY – SPECIAL MEETING

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised of the outcome of the meeting held at Longpark Community Centre on 18 November 1998 to discuss the Longpark Strategy.

During discussion of this item Community Representatives commented that given the considerable amount of land allocated for housing development in the area, that an opportunity be given for Community Representatives, Local Residents and Community Groups to be consulted on any Community Regeneration Initiative proposed for the Longpark area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to refer the comments expressed above to the Director of Housing.

ALTONHILL RESIDENTS GROUP – REQUEST FOR GRANT

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which sought approval of an application for annual operating grant by Altonhill Residents Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Altonhill Residents Group request for an operating grant of £53.60 from the Housing Revenue Account for the financial year 1998/99; and
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Director of Housing for further action.

SOCIAL WORK

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

9. 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) that the Director of Social Work provide for consultation purposes, a copy of the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board's Joint Strategy within the Combined Projects Office, Campbelltown Drive, Kilmarnock, together with an indication of the deadline for responses;

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

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

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Respite Care Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Social Work to provide a progress report within six months; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.