

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 1999
AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE,
BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor Jane Darnbrough and Provost Robert Stirling; and Community Representatives Margaret Shaw and Allan Faulds.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Councillor David Fulton.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alan Campbell and Community Representative Mr Hugh Moore.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed that the following additional item of business be considered at this meeting.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 27 JANUARY 1999

2. The Chair apologised to the Community Representatives for the recent cancellation of meetings of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee. She explained that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Chief Executive had no alternative course of action but to cancel the meeting.

The Committee noted the circumstances of the cancellation and approved the arrangements the Chief Executive had made for this Special Meeting.

MINUTES**3.1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 1998**

There was submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 November 1998 (circulated).

3.1.1 DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME

It was reported and noted that Councillor David Fulton, representing the Panel of Councillors who had been scheduled to visit the Local Committee as part of a review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme was in attendance at this meeting.

The Local Committee were given the opportunity to raise any issues regarding the operation of the Decentralisation Scheme with the Consultation Panel and these are detailed as follows:-

- (i) the need to address the problem of meetings being cancelled because of the lack of a quorum;
- (ii) the practice of holding the 'Question and Answer' session at Local Committee meetings should continue; and
- (iii) the desirability of more publicity being provided in respect of Local Committee meetings.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

4. It was reported and noted that the Community Forum for the Kilmarnock South area had taken place on Tuesday 2 February 1999 at which the Council's Budget for the financial year 1999/2000 was discussed. It was also noted that a report regarding the Community Forum meeting would be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position for 1998/99 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Older People

- (i) Guild of Friendship - £400, on condition that sufficient funding would be forthcoming from this and other groups who use the St Ninian's Church Hall to complete the project; and
- (ii) Kilmarnock Old People's Welfare Committee - £386;

Application Continued

(b) Pre-Five Groups

- (i) Noah's Ark Crèche - to ascertain whether there is a local demand for the services of an additional crèche worker.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

"OPERATION SPOTLIGHT"

6. 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 which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should inform Hugh Mitchell of the presence of gangs loitering in the Shortlees area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

SOCIAL WORK

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

7. 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 which had been 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, for information, to the Local Committee regarding the finalised Strategy and Sub-Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Disabilities; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Respite Care Strategy which had been detailed as an Appendix to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to the Local Committee on the implementation of the Community Care Plan for Respite Care in twelve months time; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hours.