

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors James O'Neill and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives, Mr Ian Finlayson, Mr James McFadden (Substitute), Dr Fiona MacDonald (Substitute), Mr Alan Porter, Ms Katherine Currie and Mrs May Clarke.

ATTENDING: Gerard Cairns, Library and Information Services Manager; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation Division); Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police and George Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kathleen Hall; and Community Representatives, Watson Muirhead, Margaret Lees, Eleanor Barnett and Gabrielle Iwelumo.

CHAIR: Councillor James O'Neill, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 26 November 1998 (circulated).

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

It was reported:-

- (i) that a Substitute Youth Representative had not been nominated by St Joseph's Academy. It was noted that the Director of Education would submit a report on Youth Representation from youth organisations to the next meeting of this Committee on 11 March 1999;
- (ii) that Nether Robertland School Board had advised of their resignation from membership of this Committee. In this regard, it was agreed to approach the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to request they consider nominating a member from the business community in the Northern Area to serve on this Committee; and
- (iii) that grant applications, by Stewarton and District Community Council Resource Centre, in respect of financing a photocopier service, and by Stewarton Drama Group, which had been continued for consideration by the Northern Area Local Committee on 26 November 1998, had been withdrawn (Item 4.3.2 and 4.4, Pages 4009 - 4010).

CHAIR'S REMARKS

2. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 2.1 on the Agenda after consideration of Item 3.

The Chair also welcomed Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police, to the meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”

3. 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.

Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police, advised the Committee on the “Spotlight” operations as detailed in Paragraph 3.1 of the report and on forthcoming “Spotlight” operations as detailed in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted under the “Spotlight” initiative to Superintendent Keenan, Sub-Divisional Officer in charge of East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

- 3.2 Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing matters.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that 32 crimes had been recorded since the last meeting, four of which were for the misuse of drugs and one a crime of violence;
- (ii) to note that the recorded crime figure of 32 was an increase of 4% (19 crimes) compared to the same period last year; and
- (iii) to note that, as of 1 June 1999, “U” and “R” Divisions of Strathclyde Police would merge. The Headquarters would remain in Kilmarnock and the new Divisional Commander would be Chief Superintendent Bill Campbell.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

CONDUCT OF DRIVERS AT CONTROLLED CROSSINGS (Item 2(iv), Page 4008)

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the result of an investigation to establish whether local traffic controllers had any comments to make regarding the conduct of drivers at controlled crossings.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, would meet with the local traffic controller at Standalane, Stewarton, to ascertain the conduct of drivers at that location, the outcome of which would be reported to a future meeting of this Committee; and

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

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, COMMUNITY GRANTS

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.
- 4.1 It was agreed to note the action of the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair in granting an award of £80.00 to Lochhead Court Residents Club.
- 4.2 **20th Ayrshire (Stewarton Scout Group) (Item 4.2.2, Page 4009)**
- 4.2.1 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor O'Neill declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item in terms of Clause 12(c) of the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

As a consequence of the declaration of interest by Councillor O'Neill, the meeting was inquorate and the Administrative Officer advised that the grant application fell to be dealt with under delegated powers by the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Vice-Chair.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY FORUMS (Item 3, Page 4009)

5.1 20 OCTOBER 1998

There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised on the outcome of the second meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum for the 1998/99 year, held as part of the Council's Adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note an amendment to Paragraph 1, Page 5, of the Appendix to the report to read, viz:- Kilmarnock and Loudoun Conservative Party; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report and Appendix to the report, as amended.

5.2 DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT FORUM

It was noted that the next Northern Area Community Forum would take place on Tuesday 16 February 1999 in Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton. The Council item would be the 1999/2000 Budget Consultation.

SOCIAL WORK

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

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Ayrshire and Arran Health Board would make a presentation to the next meeting of this Committee on Respite Care Strategy and a Framework for Mental Health Services in Scotland;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work would provide an update to this Committee on the implementation of the Respite Care Strategy after 12 months;
- (iii) to note that the Northern Area Social Work Office was based at Balmoral Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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 on 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 submission date for the report by the Ayrshire and Arran Mental Health Framework Project Team, to the Scottish Office, be reported to the next meeting of this Committee;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work would submit a further report detailing the finalised Mental Health Strategy and Sub-Strategy, for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Disorders, to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

NEW DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHCRAIGS, KILMARNOCK

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting a name for a street within a new development at Southcraigs, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the street within the new development at Southcraigs, Kilmarnock, would be Southcraig Drive; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services would be advised accordingly.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS (Item 2(iii), Page 4008)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the criteria used in the assessment of locations for the siting of School Crossing Patrols.

**TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON THE B7061 AT THE SOUTHERN ACCESS AND EGRESS
TO FENWICK**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 6 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on local concerns about traffic speeds on the B7061 at the southern access and egress to Fenwick; and the promotion of a proposed Road Traffic Order to re-position the 30 mph speed limit at the B7061, southern end of Fenwick.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Roads and Transportation Division intended to apply "SLOW" road markings on the carriageway of the B7061 at the southern access and egress to Fenwick;
- (ii) to note that the Roads and Transportation Division intended to promote a Road Traffic Order to re-position the 30 mph speed limit at the B7061, southern end of Fenwick;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services would submit to this Committee on 11 March 1999:-
 - (a) a report on the possibility of providing low cost traffic calming measures in Dunlop; and
 - (b) a report on the interim studies from the trials on traffic calming in Lainshaw, Stewarton; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR - NEW DEAL (Item 10, Page 4012)

- 11.** A presentation was given by George Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative, on New Deal.

It was agreed to note the presentation on New Deal.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.