

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2000 IN CROSSHOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives, Charles Calman, James McClymont, John McIvor, Linda Thomson and John Donaldson; and Named Substitute Ian McVey.

ATTENDING: Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads Division); Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Officer; Joe Donnelly, Principal Trading Standards Officer; P.C. Malcolm Cowie, Strathclyde Police; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Babs Gallacher.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair referred to the recent death of Councillor Robert Stevenson, whom he had held in high regard as a member of the Local Committee and extended his sympathy to family and friends for their loss.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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4. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 25 April 2000 (circulated).

**4.1 MATTERS ARISING - KILMARNOCK SOCIAL INCLUSION TEAM - EARLY
ACTION PLAN (Item 9, Page 892 99/02)**

It was agreed :-

- (i) to note that, in relation to Item 9 (iii), John McIvor was unable to take up the position of Community Representative on the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group and it was therefore agreed that Charles Calman be appointed in his place.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001 (Item 6, Page 779 99/02)

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on current progress on the recruitment of Community Representatives for 2000/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Geraldine Garland as a rural Community Council Named Substitute for the period until 31 March 2001; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to pursue outstanding nominations for one Community Council Community Representative, one Ethnic Minority Community Representative and Named Substitute and one Elderly Interest Named Substitute.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2000 (circulated) by the Community Representative's Working Party which (i) advised of arrangements to hold the next Annual Seminar for Community Representatives in November 2000; (ii) sought the Local Committee's views thereon; and (iii) requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process which the Community Representatives would wish discussed at the Annual Seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements for the Annual Seminar in 2000 and that further information would be issued to individual Community Representatives when arrangements had been finalised; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives consult with their parent groups and submit to their Community Representative Working Group, via the relevant Local Committee Administrative Officer, any issues which they would wish the next Annual Seminar to consider.

COMMUNITY FORUM LOCAL ITEMS

7. Consideration was given to the selection of a suitable local item for the next meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum.

It was agreed that the local item for discussion at the next Community Forum meeting would be "Hospital Waiting Lists and Bed Blocking".

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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8. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2000/2001, together with the summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

Having noted that satisfactory assessments had been received in respect of the applications for Crosshouse Community Playscheme and Piersland Action Group, it was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application form), viz:-
- (a) Disability
Stewarton Riding for Disabled Club - £425
- (b) Early Education and Childcare
Crosshouse Community Playscheme - £652.98
- (c) Older People
Piersland Action Group - £500;
Springhill Support Group - £1,700; and
Gatehead Senior Citizens - £850
- (d) Sport
Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club - £290.
- (e) Women's Issues
Women's Aid - £240.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" Operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

FLY-TIPPING IN THE KILMARNOCK CENTRAL AREA

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the problem of fly-tipping and the control measures taken by the Council.

ON-STREET PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item12, Page 856 99/02)

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on a number of parking issues prior to consulting the public on a new on-street parking strategy for Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed to endorse the various parking policies set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9 of the report as a basis for public consultation.

Mr Ian McVey, Substitute Community Representative left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

LOCAL ISSUES

12.1 There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided information on the local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the practice of Community Representatives being able to raise local items on Committee Agendas for future discussion; and
- (ii) to note the existing list of Local Committee issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report.

12.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Following discussion, the undernoted items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to Committee:-

- (i) update on Flood Prevention measures in the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area following the Development Services Committee on 6 June 2000 advising that the Scottish Executive and Council have allocated funds of £160,000 for completion of projects at Glenfield, Stoddart and N S McFarlane;
- (ii) progress on re-development at John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) rationalisation of the speed limits in Western Road, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.