

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2000 AT 1402 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre (Chair), Daniel Coffey, William Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Hugh Stirling, Archibald Pryce, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie, Norah McCabe.

ATTENDING: Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Alan Murray, Community Learning Officer; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); Alison Smith, Principal Officer (Licensing and Community Safety); Eddie Fraser, Team Leader (Social Work); Gary Toye, Community Police Officer; Tom Merry, Social Inclusion Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, Janet Smith, Lindsay Cargill and Mary Cameron.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

AYRSHIRE ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY (AEC) (Item 4.15, Page 859, 99/02)

1. The Committee received a presentation from Maureen Walker, Programme Manager, Ayrshire Electronic Community on the implementation of the Ayrshire Electronic Community Project.

During discussion the Programme Manager answered questions put and noted points made by elected Members and Community Representatives.

It was noted that a report would be submitted to a future meeting detailing the potential from all appropriate areas within the Council for Ayrshire Electronic Community type developments within the Kilmarnock North area.

ADJOURNMENT

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1430 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1445 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted for information and noting, minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2000 (circulated).

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1.1 **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001 - DEAN THISTLE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB (Item 9.3, Page 862, 99/02)** - Noted presentation from Mr Neil,

Chairperson of the Dean Thistle Youth Football Club regarding the Club's participation in a football tournament in Holland as requested by the Committee.

- 4.1.2 SOCIAL INCLUSION (Item 9.1, Page 861, 99/02)** - Noted that the Council at its meeting on 18 May 2000 had agreed that the request to the Scottish Executive would be specifically in relation to relaxing the rules to allow non-coalfield areas in East Ayrshire to qualify for additional Social Inclusion monies.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS 2000/2001

- 5.** There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of community grants for the year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for community grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

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

- (a) Sport
Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club - £180;
- (b) Environmental
Barclay Green Action Group - £500;
- (c) Pre-5s
Jelly Tots Mother and Toddler Group - £300;
- (d) Women's Issues
Kilmarnock Women's Aid - £240;
- (e) Disabled
Stewarton Riding for Disabled Club - £425;
- (f) Young People
Black Knights Youth Club (materials, games and equipment) - £300;
Black Knights Youth Club (excursions) - £642;
It was also agreed to request the Community Education Service to provide advice to the Group regarding Public Liability Insurance.
- (g) Social Inclusion
Onthank Men's Club - £500;

Application Refused

Black Knights Youth Club (drama production)

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refuse the application for the following reasons:-
 - (a) the drama production was considered to be a very ambitious project for a group with limited resources;

- (b) the organisation and production had not been finalised;
 - (c) given the groups contribution of £26, the project was considered unrealistic in comparison to the amount of grant requested; and
- (ii) to request that the Community Education Service investigate the possibility of the Black Knights Youth Club linking with the Youth Theatre Group based at the Palace Theatre on any further production proposals.

The Chair agreed to take the undernoted applications as an additional item.

It was reported and noted that an application had been received from:-

- the Evergreen Club to fund an annual outing and to purchase equipment; and
- New Farm Loch Community Initiative - to fund production of community newsletters and administrative expenses.

Due to the timescales involved, it was agreed to approve, in principle, a grant of £407 (Evergreen Club) and £530 (New Farm Loch Community Initiative) and to remit the applications to the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair to make arrangements for payment of the grants subject to receipt of satisfactory assessment reports.

ON-STREET PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 12, Page 856, 99/02)

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated 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 note the various parking policies as detailed within the report as a basis for consultation.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 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 6 week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2000 (circulated) by the Community Representatives Working Party which advised of arrangements to hold the next annual seminar for Community Representatives in November 2000; which sought the Committee's views thereon; and requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process that Community Representatives would wish discussed at the annual seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the next annual seminar be held in November 2001 and to note that further information would be issued to individual Community Representatives when arrangements had been finalised; and
- (ii) to request that Community Representatives consult with their parent groups and submit to the Community Representatives Working Group via the Local Committee Administrative Officer any issues they would wish the next annual seminar to consider.

COMMUNITY FORUM LOCAL ITEMS

9. The Administrative Officer requested suggestions for topics from Community Representatives to be considered as a local item at the next Kilmarnock North Community Forum in the Autumn.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the current position regarding the East Ayrshire Housing Partnership be considered as a local item; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives contact their Local Committee Administrative Officer with any further potential items which they would wish to be considered at the next Kilmarnock North Community Forum.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LONGPARK PROPOSALS - PROGRESS (Item 7, Page 734, 99/02)

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 12 May 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Development Services and Homes and Technical Services which informed of the up-to-date progress being made on the Longpark Improvement Proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Scottish Executive had approved the grant application for owner occupation subject to acceptance by Wimpey/CHA Housing; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the progress on the Longpark Improvement proposals.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

KILMARNOCK NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (Item 9.1, Page 861, 99/02)

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which informed of progress towards meeting the objectives of the Kilmarnock North Social Inclusion Action Plan.

It was agreed to note the progress made to date on issues identified within the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Early Action Plan.

LOCAL ISSUES

12.1 LOCAL ISSUES PROGRAMME

There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 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 Local Committee.

Councillor William Coffey left the meeting at this point.

12.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

The Administrative Officer invited Community Representatives to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

It was agreed to request that the following items be reported to a future meeting:-

- (i) North West Youth Development Fund - report back by the Director of Education specifically in relation to monitoring and implementation of projects;
- (ii) Development of a new Local Office for New Farm Loch - report back by the Director of Community Services on current progress; and
- (iii) Facilities for Young People - report back on current and proposed initiatives for the provision of community facilities for young people in the New Farm Loch area.

The meeting terminated at 1622 hours.