

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000 AT 1400 HOURS
IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds, Anne McRoberts and Sandra Brown.

ATTENDING: Andy Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Jim Laing, Team Leader (Social Work); Tom Merry, Senior Policy Adviser; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Officer; Avril McCutcheon, Pre-School Community Organiser; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads Division); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Superintendent Alistair McKie.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alan Campbell and Finvola Barnes and James Dunsmuir, Community Representative and Substitute respectively.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. The Chair agreed in terms of Standing Order 15.1 to alter the order of business and consider Item 9 of the Agenda, Out of School Hours Child Care as the next item.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CHILDCARE

4. There was submitted a report dated 31 May 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of progress in developing a finance and management structure for Out of School Hours Childcare within Kilmarnock and the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the planned bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for £15,000;
- (ii) to approve, in principle, to consider a future application from the new consortium for Local Committee funds; and
- (iii) to note the progress which was being made to ensure the continuation and development of out of school hours provision.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee held on 26 April 2000 (circulated).

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted 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 which included, in consultation with the Education Department, a "School Watch" over the summer period.

Arising from concerns expressed regarding the response to callers providing information to the Police, it was noted that this matter was being reviewed and that any concerns should be directed to Chief Superintendent McKie.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that consideration be given to addressing as a future "Spotlight" Initiative, problems relating to the numbers of burned out stolen vehicles which were being abandoned within the Shortlees area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

7. 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 and which sought the Local Committee's views thereon and 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) that the Local Committee note the arrangements for the Annual Seminar in November 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 the Community Representatives Working Group via the relevant Local Committee Administrative Officer, any issues which they would wish the next Annual Seminar to consider.

COMMUNITY FORUM LOCAL ITEM

8. The Local Committee was invited to suggest a topic for consideration as a local item at the next Kilmarnock South Community Forum in the Autumn.

It was agreed that the following item be considered as a Local Item for the next Community Forum meeting, viz:-

Service Level Provision from the Community Education Service with Regard to Youth Work within the Kilmarnock South Area.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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9. There was submitted a report dated 2 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Early Education and Child Care

- (i) BASICS - £1,000;
- (ii) Bellfield After School Care - £790;
- (iii) Bellfield After School Care - £1,400;

(b) Young People

- (i) Shortlees Youth Netball Club - £860.15 - It was agreed that representative(s) from the Group be invited to attend a future meeting of the Local Committee to recount their experiences on the trip to Malta;
- (ii) Bellfield Bowling Club - £469;

(c) Disabled

- (i) Stewarton Riding for Disabled Club - £214;

(d) Women's Issues

- (i) Kilmarnock Women's Aid - £240; and

(e) Sport

- (i) Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifting Club - £150.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

10. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated the Local Committee 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 that the Local Committee endorse the various parking policies set out in Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9 of the report as a basis for consultation.

LOCAL ISSUES

11.1 LOCAL ISSUES PROGRAMME

There was submitted 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 the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

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

11.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

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

- Community Safety Branch - Service Provision; and
- Shortlees Community House - Future Use.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.