

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representatives Mrs Jean Dunlop, Mrs Betty Mabon, Mrs Gertrude Kelly, Mr John Donaldson, Mr Robert Wilson and Mr Charles Calman.

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector John Johnston.

ATTENDING: Ian George, Community Work Assistant; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser (Strategy/Partnerships); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Wilma Doyle and Douglas Reid.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 21 March 1997 (circulated).

COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES (Item 1, Page 2085)

- 2.1 There was submitted a report dated 15 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the position relative to the appointment of Community Members to Local Committees, as agreed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 April 1997, and suggesting a possible extension of initial appointments, where appropriate, until 31 March 1998.

It was agreed to note that, in implementing the Policy and Resources Sub-Committee's decision, the Director of Support Services would write to organisations represented on the Local Committee to confirm their nominations for 1997/98, either in terms of the continued nomination of current representatives, or should they so desire, nomination of new representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Members, and also to identify nominations for named substitutes.

COMMUNITY MEMBER VACANCY

- 2.2 Consideration was given to the proposed filling of an outstanding vacancy in terms of Community Representation on the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further nomination be sought from Community Councils within the Local Committee area, on the basis that Community Council representation on the Local Committee include, where possible, a rural representative; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to appraise the Local Committee at its September 1997 meeting of nominations received.

BUS SERVICE: BONNYTON

3. The Local Committee heard a verbal report on the former and current status of the bus service between Bonnyton and the Titchfield Street area of Kilmarnock Town Centre, this matter having arisen during the question and answer session at the conclusion of the last meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 21 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Development Services to explore with the Head of Roads and Transportation, the possibility of writing to the relevant bus transport provider in connection with this matter; and
- (ii) that the outcome of such correspondence be reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

COMMUNITY FORUM: MAY MEETING

- 4.1 It was reported that the next Community Forum meeting for the Kilmarnock Central area would take place on 28 May 1997 in Gargieston Primary School, Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock, with the Council's item for consideration being its Equal Opportunity Strategy, and the local item relating to youth issues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives be provided with a copy of the Council's Equal Opportunity Strategy prior to the Community Forum meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the information provided.

COMMUNITY FORUM: AUGUST MEETING

- 4.2 It was reported that the provisional date for the August meeting of the Community Forum had been set for 28 August 1997, and the Local Committee was requested to consider an appropriate venue for the meeting, together with a local item for discussion.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the venue for the August Community Forum be the Gateway Centre, Gate Square, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) that further consideration be given at the next meeting of the Local Committee to a possible local item for discussion.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for Community Grants for the period 22 March 1997 to 6 May 1997.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

(i) Applications Approved (For the Purpose Specified on the Application) -

Helping Hands - £148;

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £200;

Buchanan Centre - £2,000, on condition that the Group demonstrated, within a period of six months, its ability to raise the remaining funding for this project;

St Marnock Playscheme (ENABLE) - £193;

21st Ayrshire Scouts - £600, on condition that the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair, was satisfied as to the Group's current financial status in terms of its intended use of existing funds within its bank balance; and

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Forum - £200.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.