

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 1996 AT
1430 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE,
GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Tumbull and Robert McDill and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Andrew Nisbet, Janice M Cameron, Alexander Barrie and Mary Bowie.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation Division); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Advisor; Iain Edenborough, Senior Surveyor; Janie Allen, Principal Officer - (Pre-School); C J Woodward, Museum Curator; Anna F Gallacher, Solicitor and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae and Community Representative Ian Morton.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

1. There was submitted report dated 8 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Local Committee of the undernoted nominations received in respect of Community Representatives who would serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for a period of one year, viz:-
 - (a) Darvel and District Community Council - Mr George Dalziel;
 - (b) Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council - Mr Steve Brown
 - (c) Galston Community Council - Mr William Pattison;
 - (d) Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council - Mr Andrew Nisbet;
 - (e) Moscow and Waterside Community Council - Mr Frank Dawson
 - (f) Disability Forum - Mrs Janice Cameron and
 - (g) Local Business Association - Mr A Barrie.

It was further reported by Administrative Officer (i) with regard to the elderly and youth representatives, nominations had now been received in the names of Mary Bowie, Galston Old People's Welfare Association and Ian Morton, Loudoun Academy; and (ii) that in respect of the parent representative as nominated by a local pre-five group, the nominee Mrs H Bates, Hurlford Playgroup had now intimated that she was unable to take up her nomination.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint as Community Representatives to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for one year, those nominees as detailed in the Director of Support

Services report and as reported by the Administrative Officer;

- (ii) in respect of the vacancy for the parent representative as nominated by a local pre-five group, that the Director of Support Services be authorised to seek a replacement representative, and report the outcome to next meeting; and

- (iii) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY FIRST SURVEY: FINAL REPORT

2. There was submitted report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services outlining the final results of the Community First Survey carried out during December 1995 and discussing the survey findings.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the final Community First Survey report; and
- (ii) to give consideration to the implications of the report in respect of the Committee's work/priorities.

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE AREA - POPULATION PROFILE

3. There was submitted and noted report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of essential statistical information relative to the Irvine Valley Local Committee area.

Arising from discussion of this item it was agreed that the Director of Development Services substitute the term "community" for the term "settlement" in any such future reports.

PRE-FIVES ADMISSIONS POLICY

4. There was submitted report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising the Local Committee of progress in respect of the Pre-Fives Admissions Policy for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the details of the Pre-Fives Admissions Policy and the implementation arrangements thereof; and
- (ii) that following a point raised about priority being given to the placement of children with disabled parents, the Director of Education highlight on the application form for pre-five places he was reviewing currently, that such family circumstances were taken into account when allocating places.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

5. There was submitted report dated 19 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the role of Local Committees in the East Ayrshire

Regeneration Partnership.

It was agreed:

- (i) that in respect of the consultation arrangements for the Local Community Regeneration Strategy the Director of Development Services forward the draft strategy to the Local Committee Members for perusal/comment as soon as the strategy had been prepared and thereafter prepare a report for submission to next meeting incorporating any responses received from Committee Members; and

- (ii) that following this consultation exercise and his further report to next Committee, the Director of Development Services be authorised to prepare a submission to the Scottish Office for their consideration.

Following a point raised it was agreed that the Director of Development Services re-draw the plan of Gilfoot, Newmilns to incorporate in the proposed priority area those houses at the front of Gilfoot which had been omitted.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1996/97

- 6. There was submitted report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the proposed programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways for 1996/97.

It was agreed;

- (i) to note the proposed programme;
- (ii) to note that the programme for 1997/98 would be delegated in part to Local Committees; and
- (iii) to note that road safety/calming would be the subject of a future report to Committee by the Director of Development Services, and that meanwhile the Area Roads Engineer examine the current status of the proposed traffic calming scheme for Darvel which had been considered by the former Strathclyde Regional Council.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

- 7. There was submitted report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of proposed changes in Public Transport Services and inviting the Local Committee to indicate their views on the value of these services to assist the Director of Development Services in preparing his response to the Passenger Transport Authority (PTA) before a decision was taken on any service reductions.

It was agreed:

- (i) that as part of his response to the PTA, the Director of Development Services indicate that the Local Committee did not consider a twice daily service from Muirkirk to Fenwick via Sorn, Galston, Moscow, Waterside and Kilmarnock sufficient and that a three times daily service or alternatively an increase in the existing twice a day in each direction Galston to Fenwick service would be

better; and

- (ii) to otherwise remit it to the Director of Development Services to respond to the PTA on the new services proposed and on the services which the PTA may be considering for cutbacks.

- (iii) Arising from discussion of this report it was agreed that the Director of Development Services investigate the matter raised by Community Representative, A Barrie, about the operational arrangements in respect of school buses picking up children in Newmilns and advise Mr Barrie accordingly.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 8. There was submitted report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining the objectives of the Council's Environmental Strategy and identifying the role of the Local Committees in achieving the aims of the strategy.

It was agreed;

- (i) that the Committee participate in the implementation of the Environmental Strategy; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

Arising from discussion of this item it was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Director of Community Services would submit to a future meeting a report on the allocation of a budget of £500 to each Local Committee in respect of the provision of skips for use by community groups if required in the Local Committee area; and
- (ii) to note that the Director of Community Services had donated a tree to mark environment week to each of the Local Committees and that Members would forward suggestions for the location of the tree to next meeting.

GARDEN WASTE

- 9. There was submitted and noted report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Local Committee of changes to arrangements for the collection of household garden refuse.

LOCAL SPORTS COUNCIL - PROGRESS REPORT

- 10. There was submitted and noted report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services updating the Local Committee on the progress made in relation to the formation of the East Ayrshire Sports Council.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

11.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

There was submitted and noted report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising the Local Committee (i) that the sum of £33,410 had been allocated to the Irvine Valley Local Committee for distribution in order to support Community and Voluntary Organisations; (ii) of the process whereby that sum had been arrived at; (iii) of the scheme of grants and conditions; and (iv) of the availability of application forms for Local Grants and Playschemes.

11.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 9 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive requesting consideration of appropriate playscheme applications for financial year 1996/97.

It was reported that the application from Enable Playscheme was a cross boundary application covering more than one Local Committee area.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve in principle a grant being given to Galston Summer Playscheme based on the application of the formula previously applied by Strathclyde Regional Council;
- (ii) to approve in principle a grant being given to Enable Playscheme (a) based on the application of the formula applied previously by Strathclyde Regional Council and (b) corresponding with the level of service provided by the organisation in the Irvine Valley Area; and
- (iii) that the above be subject to;
 - (a) the Director of Education being satisfied that any requirements in terms of the Children's Act were met
 - (b) financial and programming information being submitted by the organisations; and
- (iv) thereafter it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to approve the grants following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

12. There was submitted report dated 8 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services considering venues for future meetings of the Irvine Valley Local Committee and Local Planning Committees.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed rotation and locations for future meetings of the Local Committee for the forthcoming year as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to Director of Support Services to arrange alternative venues

for Local Committee meetings should any of the "first choice" venues be unavailable.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING -27 MAY 1996

13. It was reported by Chair that the forthcoming Irvine Valley Community Forum meeting to be held in Darvel Town Hall on Monday 27 May 1996 would begin with the item the Council had determined for discussion - The Council's Economic Strategy. The Committee were then asked to identify an issue/issues it wished discussed at the forthcoming Forum.

It was agreed that the Committee's issue for discussion at the Forum be Law and Order (including Management Rules in Parks).

The meeting terminated at 1605 hours.