

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 10 MAY 1996 AT 1430 HRS
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid and Ronald Brailsford.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Robert McLeary, Head of Property; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Claire Darby, Kilmarnock Central Housing Manager; George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser; Brian Weadon, Department of Roads and Transportation; Janie Allan, Principal Administrative Officer, Pre-5's Education; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Anna Gallagher, Solicitor; Jean Dunlop, Disability Forum; and E Mabon, Elderly Forum.

APOLOGY: Councillor Wilma Doyle.

CHAIR: Councillor Cree, Chair.

**PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE
LOCAL COMMITTEE**

1. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 1996 (circulated) by Director of Support Services giving proposals for the composition of the community representation on the Local Committee.

Having heard the Senior Administrative Officer, agreed:

- (i) to seek two nominations for representatives from the Community Councils;
- (ii) to agree to the nominations received from Mrs B Mabon, the Elderly Forum, and Mrs Jean Dunlop, Kilmarnock Forum on Disability;
- (iii) that a place be reserved for a representative from the Youth Forum;
- (iv) that a nomination be sought from the Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches subject to information being received on which denominations were covered by the organisation;
- (v) to authorise the Director of Support Services to make contact with the pre-5 groups within the area and Kilmarnock Retail Traders Association in order that they each may nominate a representative;
- (vi) to note that in the case of Kilmarnock Women's Aid the contact for the organisation should be through the Social Work Committee and that liaison

arrangements had been established through the Development Services Committee with the Chamber of Commerce; and

- (vii) to leave two vacancies in the event that other groups/organisations had been omitted.

COMMUNITY FIRST SURVEY: FINAL REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the results and survey findings of the Community First Survey carried out by East Ayrshire Council during December 1995.

LOCAL AREA POPULATION PROFILE

3. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by Director of Development Services advising of statistical information relating to the Kilmarnock Central area.

1996/97 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Director of Development Services giving details of structural maintenance programmes for roads and footways for comment.

It was agreed:

- (i) that any comments on the basis that amendments would be considered if possible without impeding the flow of work within the overall limits, be submitted to Brian Weadon, Department of Roads and Transportation; and
- (ii) to note that the Programme for 1997/98 would be delegated in part to Local Committees.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by Director of Development Services on proposed changes in public transport services and on action being taken to maintain current service levels.

Following discussion, the Committee made the following comments in relation to the cutbacks in the following Services, viz:-

- (i) Kilmarnock to Bonnyton - There was a strong need to retain this service due to the number of elderly people who would be using the route for access to the Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (ii) Kilmarnock to Kirklandside Hospital - There was a strong social need to retain this bus route, again for the number of elderly people who would use the service;
- (iii) Kilmarnock Local - There was uncertainty as to what areas this route covered.

It was therefore agreed:

- (i) to note the possible service improvements; and

- (ii) that the Director of Support Services inform the Director of Development Services of the comments detailed above in relation to the bus services.

Following a question raised regarding the service provided by the Dial-a-Bus facility, it was agreed that the Director of Development Services would monitor service provision and take appropriate action as required.

GARDEN WASTE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND LOCAL COMMITTEES

7. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by Director of Community Services outlining objectives of the Environmental Strategy for East Ayrshire and identifying the role of the Local Committees in achieving these aims.

It was agreed to note the report and to participate fully in the implementation of the Environmental Strategy.

LOCAL SPORTS COUNCIL - PROGRESS REPORT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by Director of Community Services giving an update on the progress made in relation to the formation of East Ayrshire Sports Council.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK 1996

9. It was reported that the Director of Community Services had donated a tree to each of the seven Local Committees within East Ayrshire in order to mark Environment Week 1996.

Agreed that the proposed location of the tree be remitted to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Chair.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS POLICY

10. There was submitted a report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by Director of Education giving advice on the progress in respect of the pre-five admissions policy for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the details of the pre-five admissions policy and the implementation arrangements; and
- (ii) that a further report by the Director of Education be submitted in due course giving details of the number of children given placements.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

11.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

There was submitted a report by Chief Executive dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) advising the Committee of

- (i) the sum available to the Local Committee for distribution in order to support community and voluntary organisations;
- (ii) the process whereby the sum was arrived at; (iii) the scheme of grants and conditions; and

- (iv) the application forms for local grants and playschemes.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) that the sum of £21,141 had been allocated to Kilmarnock Central Area Committee for the support of community and voluntary organisations;
- (ii) the contents of the paper describing the process of disbursement of finance and the Local Committee grants scheme including conditions of grants; and
- (iii) the application forms.

11.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 10 May 1996 (circulated) by Chief Executive requesting consideration of appropriate playscheme applications for financial year 1996/97.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve in principle a grant being given to Crosshouse Playscheme based on last year's base figure for the summer playscheme;
- (ii) in the case of Enable, approve in principle an award based on last year's figure for the summer playscheme which the Local Committee considered corresponded with the level of service provided by the organisation in the Kilmarnock Central area; and
- (iii) that the above be subject to:
 - (1) the Director of Education being satisfied that any requirements in terms of the Children Act 1989 were met;
 - (2) financial and programming information being submitted by the organisations, the information to be included in the respective assessment forms to be submitted by the Director of Education; and
 - (3) consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

VENUES FOR MEETINGS FOR 1996/97

- 12.** The Committee were requested to decide venues for the Local Committee meetings to be held in 1996/197, dates for which were as follows:-

Friday 21 June 1996
 Thursday 19 September 1996
 Friday 1 November 1996
 Friday 13 December 1996

Friday 7 February 1997

Friday 21 March 1997

The following venues were identified:

Grange Academy, Beech Road, Kilmarnock; Council Headquarters, Kilmarnock; Bonnyton Community Centre, Garner Place, Kilmarnock; Glebe Road, Kilmarnock; Grand Hall, London Road, Kilmarnock; Community Centre, Playingfield Road, Crosshouse; London Road, Glebe Centre, Crosshouse

It was agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting identifying agreed venues for the above list for each of the scheduled meetings.

LOCAL FORUM MEETING

14. It was reported that the first Local Forum meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 May 1996 at 1900 hrs in the S&R Wing, Grange Academy, Beech Road, Kilmarnock, and the Committee were asked to consider a local item to be placed on the Agenda. The Agenda item identified by East Ayrshire Council had been the Economic Strategy.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the local item would be general parking problems within the area.

The meeting terminated 1520 hrs.