

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 1996 AT 1415 HOURS IN
THE ARDBEG CENTRE, 13 ARDBEG AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Bessie Faulds, Billy Sullivan, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Josie Rutherford, Hugh Stirling and Reverend Grant Barclay.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Gordon Cree.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services, John Crawford, Head of Protective Services, Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing, Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer, George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser, Steven Good, Area Housing Manager, Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Registration and Licensing, Gwen Barker, Service Manager (Social Work), Brian Weadon, Area Engineer, Janie Allan, Pre-School Principal Officer, Anna Gallacher, Solicitor and James Lally, Administrative Officer.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Coughtrie, Acting Chief Inspector and Alan Franks, Community Constable representing Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Sister Barbara Carroll.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

COMMUNITY FIRST SURVEY: FINAL REPORT

1. 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.

KILMARNOCK NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING

2. Councillor McIntyre reported that the first Community Forum Meeting would be held in New Farm Loch Community Centre on 21 May 1996 and requested the community representatives to identify an appropriate local issue for debate at the first Community Forum.

It was agreed that in addition to the Council's Economic Strategy, the Council's Garden Scheme should also be considered at the Community Forum Meeting

to be held on 21 May 1996.

LOCAL AREA POPULATION PROFILE

3. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of statistical information relating to the Kilmarnock North Area.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Development Services should prepare further statistical reports, based on updated information for consideration at future Meetings of the Committee;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services should prepare a specific report on the impact of recent housing developments within the Kilmarnock North Area on the population profile of the Area; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the role of Local Committees in the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership and the consultative process for the submission of bids under the new urban programme procedures now called "Programme for Partnership".

It was agreed:

- (i) that George Fraser, Senior Policy Officer, should meet with local organisations to seek their views on proposed bids under the "Programme for Partnership".
- (ii) to note that the public would have the opportunity to express their views in respect of the proposals during discussion of the Council's Economic Regeneration Strategy at the Community Forum Meeting to be held on 21 May 1996; and
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services report to the next meeting of the Committee, details of the proposed bids prior to submission to the Scottish Office.

1996/97 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development

Services providing details of 1996/197 roads structural maintenance programmes within the Kilmarnock North Area.

Brian Weadon, Area Engineer, explained that since preparation of the report there had been a number of amendments to the maintenance programme.

It was agreed that a revised schedule of the proposed work should be sent to Members and Community Representatives serving on the Committee.

5.1 Onthank Community Education Centre - Resurfacing of Car Park

During discussion of the above item concern was expressed regarding the condition of the car park at Onthank Community Education Centre and it was agreed that a report be prepared by the Director of Education in consultation with the Director of

Development Services on this matter for consideration at a future Meeting of the Committee.

5.2 Road Safety

Concern was expressed regarding the speed of traffic in the Kilmarnock North Area and it was agreed that the Director of Support Services should prepare a report on general road safety issues for consideration at a future Meeting of the Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

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

The Committee welcomed the possible improvements in public transport however, concerns were expressed regarding the proposed service reductions in the Northern Area.

It was agreed:

- (i) that community representatives on the Committee be invited to submit representations regarding the proposed service reductions to the Director of Development Services; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services forward any representations received together with representations made by the Committee, highlighting the high social need of the services under threat, to the Passenger Transport Authority.

PRE 5 ADMISSIONS POLICY

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education providing the details of the Pre 5 Admissions Policy and the implementation arrangements thereof.

GARDEN WASTE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND LOCAL COMMITTEES

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

The Committee noted the report and agreed to participate fully in the implementation of the Environmental Strategy.

LOCAL SPORTS COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT

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

NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

11. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 7 March 1996 regarding arrangements for a review of the North West Kilmarnock Area Liaison Committee in light of the Council's decentralisation plans.

It was agreed:

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to arrange for appropriate Officers and Members of the Area Liaison Committee to review the North West Kilmarnock Area Liaison Committee in the context of decentralisation and its implications; and
- (ii) to note that a report on the outcome of the review would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Local Committee in order that it could be considered by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting in September 1996.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK 1996

12. Councillor McIntyre reported that the Director of Community Services wished to donate a tree to each of the seven Local Committees within East Ayrshire in order to mark Environment Week 1996.

It was agreed to accept the tree and that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Chair to make arrangements for the tree to be planted in the Park School, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

13.1 Community Grants Scheme

There was submitted a report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive 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 that 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 £22,274 had been allocated to the Kilmarnock North Area Committee for the support of community and voluntary organisations;

- (ii) the content 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

13.2 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 agreed:

- (i) to approve in principle a grant being given to Onthank After School Group Playscheme based on last year's base figure for the Summer Playscheme;
- (ii) in the case of Enable and Kidzsade, to approve in principle an award based on last year's base figure for the Summer Playscheme which the Local Committee considered corresponded with the level of service provided by the organisation in the Kilmarnock North 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) the financial and programming information being submitted by the organisation
 - (c) consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair; and
 - (d) the other Members of the Committee being advised of the decisions taken in respect of the above grants.

PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

- 14.** Councillor McIntyre invited discussion regarding procedures for community representatives requesting consideration of items by the Local Committee.

It was agreed that James Lally the Administrative Officer responsible for servicing the Kilmarnock North Local Committee should meet with Bill Denim and Beryl Graham as representatives of the Federation of Community Groups

in North Kilmarnock to discuss procedures for community representatives requesting consideration of items by the Local Committee.

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

15. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting consideration of venues for future Meetings of the Kilmarnock North Local Committee and Local Planning Committee.

Councillor McIntyre seconded by Councillor Knapp moved that the venue for the Kilmarnock North Local Committee and Local Planning Committee should alternate between the New Farm Loch Community Centre and Onthank Community Education

Centre; and that where these venues were unavailable, the Ardbeg Centre and Longpark Community Centre be considered as alternative venues.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McCredie, moved that the venues for the Kilmarnock North Local Committee and Local Planning Committee should be rotated between the venues at New Farm Loch Community Centre, Onthank Community Education Centre, Longpark Community Education Centre and the Ardbeg Community Centre.

On a division by a show of hands there were two votes for the motion and two votes for the amendment. There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.