

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN RICCARTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CAMPBELL STREET, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Jane Darnbrough; Provost Robert Stirling and Councillor Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mr W McCulloch, Mr Donald Walker, Mr James Dunsmuir, Mr J Bryan and Mrs Anne McRoberts.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Advisor (Strategy/Partnerships); Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Anna F Gallacher, Solicitor; Janie Allen, Pre-School Principal Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Mr A Faulds.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

1. The Administrative Officer reported the current position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee.

The Committee noted that nine of the ten organisations had appointed a representative, a nomination being awaited from Shortlees Community Association.

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 a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing a population profile relating to the Kilmarnock South Local Committee Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services should report to a future meeting with clarification on two topic definitions used in the population profiles ie vacant dwellings and second/holiday homes; and
- (ii) otherwise to 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) to note that the public would have the opportunity to express their views in respect of the proposals during discussion on the Council's Economic Regeneration Strategy at the Community Forum meeting to be held on 23 May 1996;
- (ii) 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; and
- (iii) that, following the consultation process, appropriate representations be prepared by the Director of Development Services for submission to the Scottish Office in June 1996; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1996/97

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing details of the roads structural maintenance programmes within the Kilmarnock South Area for 1996/97.

The Area Roads Engineer explained that since preparation of the report there had been a number of amendments to the maintenance programme.

It was noted that the programme for 1997/98 would be delegated in part to Local Committees and agreed to instruct the Director of Development Services to prepare a revised schedule of the proposed work, for submission to 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.

Having noted that the changes referred to had no direct effect on the Kilmarnock South Area, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND LOCAL COMMITTEES

7. 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 the relevant objectives.

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 the Director of Community Services updating on the progress made in relation to the formation of an East Ayrshire Sports Council.

GARDEN WASTE

9. 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.

THE ROLE OF LIAISON COMMITTEES: RICCARTON/SHORTLEES AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

10. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising the Local Committee of decisions taken by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 7 March 1996, regarding arrangements for a review of the Riccarton/Shortlees Area Liaison Committee in the 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 position regarding the Riccarton/Shortlees 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 considered at the next meeting of the Local Committee in order that recommendations can be made to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting in September 1996.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS POLICY

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education, providing the details of the pre-five admissions policy for East Ayrshire.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

There was submitted a report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive providing details 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 £18,310 had been allocated to the Kilmarnock South Local Committee for the support of community and voluntary organisations;
- (ii) the contents of the paper describing the process of distribution of finance and the Local Committee Grants Scheme, including conditions of grants; and
- (iii) the application forms.

12.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 14 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive requesting consideration of appropriate grant applications in respect of playschemes for the financial year 1996/97.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve, in principle, grants being made to Bellfield Before and After School Care and Shortlees and Riccarton Before and After School Care, based on last year's base figure for the summer playschemes; and
- (ii) 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 organisations;
- (c) consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee, and the local member concerned.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

13. The Depute Chief Executive reported that the first Community Forum meeting would be held in Shortlees Community Centre on Thursday 23 May 1996, and requested the Committee 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 topic of anti-social behaviour should also be considered at the forthcoming Community Forum meeting.

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

14. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting consideration of venues for future meetings of the Kilmarnock South Local Committee and Local Planning Committee.

The Committee agreed to schedule future meetings of the Local Committee and Local Planning Committee as follows, provided that the Chair may determine an alternative venue in the event of difficulty arising in booking accommodation:-

- (i) Tuesday 25 June 1996 - Bellfield Community Centre;
- (ii) Tuesday 24 September 1996 - Riccarton Community Centre;
- (iii) Tuesday 5 November 1996 - Shortlees Community Centre;
- (iv) Tuesday 17 December 1996 - Bellfield Community Centre;
- (v) Tuesday 11 February 1997 - Riccarton Community Centre; and
- (vi) Tuesday 25 March 1997 - Shortlees Community Centre.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hours.