

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 MAY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN
KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMAURS**

PRESENT: Councillors James O'Neill, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives Ian Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Alan Porter, Katherine Currie, Kit McLaren (Substitute) and Margaret Lees (Substitute).

ATTENDING: Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Roads and Transportation Division; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer, Roads and Transportation Division; John Laurenson, Senior Librarian; Jim Laing, Senior Social Worker; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Tom Merry, (Acting) Senior Strategy Officer; Ian George, Community Work Assistant, Social Work Department; Avril McCutcheon, Pre-School Community Officer, Education Department; Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative William Ferguson.

CHAIR: Councillor James O'Neill, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 16 April 1998 (circulated).

It was reported:-

- (i) that a report by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the Northern Area Community Forum held at Kilmaurs Primary School on 27 May 1998, would be circulated to Community Councils within the Northern Area and submitted to this Committee on 3 September 1998;
- (ii) that reports on future Northern Area Community Forums would be circulated to Community Councils within the Northern Area;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services had agreed to extend the date for submission of comments on the contents of the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan until 31 July 1998 (Item 6, Page 3265);
- (iv) that the grant applications for Contact PHAB Club and Kilmarnock Volunteer Services, which had been continued for consideration by the Northern Area Local Committee on 16 April 1998, had been withdrawn (Item 11(ii)(a) and (b), Page 3267); and
- (v) that Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police had returned to duty.

MISCELLANEOUS**POLICE REPORT**

2. It was noted that this item had been withdrawn as a consequence of current Strathclyde Police operations within the Northern Area.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

3.1. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relevant to applications for Community Grants by local organisations in respect of financial year 1998/99.

The Committee considered the undernoted applications and took the following decisions:-

3.2 Galas and Associated Events

It was agreed:-

(i) to set aside an fixed annual grant towards the cost of Galas in the Northern Area as undernoted:-

Stewarton	£250
Dunlop	£150
Fenwick	£150
Kilmaurs	£150
Waterside	£50

(ii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to identify and advise the local groups which organised Galas, accordingly; and

(iii) that grant applications, which combined Gala and other elements would have the non-gala element of the applications continued for further consideration, to enable re-assessment of these applications.

3.3 Applications Approved (for the purpose of funding Galas), viz:-

Fenwick Community Association	£150
Dunlop Parents Association	£150
Waterside Community Association	£50

3.4 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Older People

The Fulton Club - £800;

(b) Pre-Fives

(i) Fenwick Playgroup - £264; and

(ii) Westpark Squirrel Club and Playgroup - £500.

The Local Committee expressed strong concern that this grant award would co-fund capital works on Council property.

(c) Young People

(i) Rascals Out of School - £250;

(ii) Dunlop Playscheme - £362;

- (iii) Waterside Playscheme - £350; and
- (iv) Westpark Rascals - Agreed, in principle, to award start-up grant of £500 subject to the provision of suitable accommodation in Kilmaurs.

3.5. Applications Continued

- (a) Kilmaurs Photographic Club - to await the outcome of the group applying for alternative sources of funding.

The Chair advised the Committee that he had concerns regarding the level of grant allocation to the Northern Area Local Committee and he had requested consideration of the criteria upon which grant funding is distributed between the seven Local Committees.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1998: PROGRESS REPORT (Item 13, Page 2494)

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on work carried out within East Ayrshire during National Spring Clean 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to thank the groups from the Northern Area for their participation;
- (ii) to actively support the Council's target of increasing the number of events/projects within East Ayrshire during National Spring Clean 1999;
- (iii) that the report on the National Spring Clean 1999 to be submitted by the Director of Community Services should include suggestions on how this Committee could assist local groups to participate; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Hall left the meeting during discussion of this item.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - NOMINATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (Item 3, Page 3229)

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's intention to establish an East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum to replace the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee and which invited the Committee to nominate a Community Representative to serve on the Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mr Watson Muirhead, Chair of Fenwick Community, to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum, subject to the timetable of meetings being suitable for him to attend; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Hall rejoined the meeting during discussion of this item.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY PLAN (Item 13, Page 2217)

6. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the East Ayrshire Council Draft Road Safety Plan and which invited the Committee to comment on the Draft Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Members of the Committee would advise the Director of Development Services of any comments the East Ayrshire Council Draft Plan Road Safety Plan as soon as practicable and in any event by 31 July 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

1998/99 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 7, Page 2842)

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to reschedule the carriageway resurfacing of Kilmaurs Main Street to accommodate the proposed traffic calming measures approved for financial year 1999/2000.

It was agreed to approve the re-scheduling of the carriageway resurfacing from Main Street to Townhead, Kilmaurs.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hours.