

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS
IN HURLFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CESSNOCK ROAD, HURLFORD**

PRESENT: Councillors James Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill and Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Steve Brown, Nancy Mair, Bill Pattison, Hugh McLelland, Evelyn Mair, George Dalziel and Cathie Brown.

ATTENDING: Fiona McKinnon, Service Unit Manager (Social Work); Jim Maitland, Depute Executive Director (Homes and Technical Services); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); Charlie Woodward, Museum and Arts Manager (Community Services); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Isabel Loudoun.

CHAIR: Councillor James Raymond, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors and Community Representatives and Officers present and attending.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

3. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider the following item at this point.

MISCELLANEOUS**MAINTENANCE ISSUES RAISED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON 3 MARCH
1999 - HASTINGS SQUARE, DARVEL AND MORTON HALL, NEWMILNS
(Item 10, Page 4282)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services regarding the discussions which took place at the Irvine Valley Local Committee on 3 March 1999 concerning the maintenance of Hastings Square, Darvel and roof/gable end problems with the Morton Hall, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that work would be undertaken to rebuild the damaged flowerbeds at Hastings Square, Darvel;

- (ii) to note in relation to the poor condition of the gable end and storm damage to the roof of the Morton Hall, Newmilns that priority was given to maintenance work where a property was not wind and watertight. In relation to stone cleaning of the frontage of Morton Hall, that this work would be considered when funds were available;
- (iii) that the Director of Corporate Services in conjunction with the Director of Homes and Technical Services make arrangements for site visits to Hastings Square, Darvel and the Morton Hall, Newmilns by the Chair and local Members and Community Council Community Representatives for Darvel and Newmilns, with a view to the Director of Homes and Technical Services compiling a report for the next meeting identifying issues to be prioritised/progressed by the Local Committee;
- (iv) that the Director of Corporate Services investigate and report back on responsibility for maintenance of War Memorials in the Irvine Valley; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which updated the Local Committee on the position relative to the identification of nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Local Committee for one year from 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by local organisations as detailed below:-
 - Mr George Dalziel/no substitute currently available (Darvel & District Community Council);
 - Mr J Crossan/Mrs C Brown, MBE (Elderly Forum);
 - Mrs E Mair (Pre-5 Organisations); and
 - Mrs I Loudoun (Moscow & Waterside Community Council);
- (ii) arising from a question by Community Representative Andrew Nisbet, to note that the issue of relaxing the maximum number of community representatives permitted on the Local Committee to allow representation from Crookedholm Community Association would be considered under the review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme;

- (iii) to note that the Director of Corporate Services would continue to pursue the nomination in respect of the youth representative and that this would include (a) advising Loudoun and St Joseph's Academies that nomination was open to all pupils, not just sixth year (to tackle the difficulty being experienced in relation to schools not knowing until after the summer break who would return); and (b) ascertaining what, if any pupil discussion forums existed or could be established within schools, as a means of encouraging youth involvement in Local Committee business including the possibility of establishing shadow committees within the schools to report to the Local Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed to note the position as reported verbally by the Principal Administrative Officer in respect of the allocation of funding to Local Committees for the Community Grants Scheme in light of the changed ward boundaries and based on the latest available population statistics, as agreed by the Emergency Powers meeting of 20 May 1999, which resulted in a revised allocation for the Irvine Valley Local Committee of £32,852.00.

Thereafter the Committee took the following decisions:-

APPLICATIONS APPROVED (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Leisure Activities
Galston Angling Club - £500
- (b) Sport
Jam Street Dancers - £580

Noted that the Jam Street Dancers would be invited to give a performance, at a suitable Council event/occasion at a time and venue to be confirmed at a later date.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 7, Page 4456)

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested a nomination for membership of the Community Safety Forum for one year commencing in June 1999. This Item was continued from the Local Committee meeting on 14 April 1999 for consideration when a fuller complement of Community Representatives would be in attendance.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Community Representative Andrew Nisbet to represent the Local Committee on the Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to note the report given by Chief Inspector Colin Campbell on the restructuring of "U" and "R" Divisions which would merge on 1 June 1999 to form one Super Division for all of Ayrshire.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.