

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Hugh Stirling, Mary Cameron, Jim Cameron (Substitute), Archibald Pryce, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie, Janet Smith and Nora McCabe (substitute).

ATTENDING: Jim Kane, Chief Engineer, Development Services; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; Mike Rooney, Team Leader - Environmental Health, Community Services; Alison Smith, Principal Officer (Licensing and Community Safety), Community Services; Dot Grieve, Area Community Education Officer, Education; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer, Development Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Simon Keenan, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor William Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

CHAIRS REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting being the first meeting following the Council elections on 6 May 1999. The Chair advised that Dot Grieve had been appointed to the post of Area Community Education Officer in the north area of East Ayrshire.

ADJOURNMENT

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session and to show a video (approximately 10 minutes) on the condition of Longpark Community Education Centre.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1433 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted, for information and noted, minutes of meeting held on 6 April 1999 (circulated).

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

Kilmarnock Car Project (Item 1.2, Page 4439) - Noted that Strathclyde Police were not in a position to release information on levels of car crime within the local area and that a report would be submitted to the next meeting. Chief Superintendent

Simon Keenan, Strathclyde Police, confirmed that it was his intention to provide greater detailed information at future meetings.

Recruitment of Community Representatives 1999/2000 (Item 2, Page 4439) -

Noted that Jerry Coyle would substitute for Archie Pryce representing the New Farm Loch Community Initiative; Anne McKenzie would substitute for Archie McKenzie on the North West Drugs Forum; and Jim Cameron would substitute for Mary Cameron on the Kilmarnock Disability Forum. Noted that the Director of Corporate Services would liaise with the Secretary of Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups and Assistant Rector of James Hamilton Academy accordingly to progress the appointment of a school representative.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations.

5.1 70% Restriction on Local Committee Annual Budget

The Local Committee noted that the Emergency Powers Committee on 20 May 1999 following a review of Local Committee boundary areas, following the recent Council Elections on 6 May, had lifted the restriction on Local Committees of spending more than 70% of their annual budget.

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

(a) Disabled

Stewarton Riding for Disabled - £587.50

(b) Pre-5s

New Farm Playgroup - £100

(c) Young People

29th Ayrshire Scout Group - £1,000

5.3 Application Refused

(a) Voluntary Organisation

St Kentigern's Parish Church - Refused on the grounds that the Committee were of the view that repairs to the overall fabric of the building was a Church of Scotland responsibility and therefore not appropriate use of community grant.

5.4 Applications Continued

(a) Leisure Activities

Jam Street Dancers - Continued to obtain further clarification if costumes were "tailor made" for each dancer or if universal costumes would be purchased for the use of all members. Clarification was sought on the numbers attending the competition and the cost being charged to each participant.

(b) Older People

“The In-betweens” - Continued to establish the timescale of the mini-bus excursion and to investigate if an arrangement could be made between the “In-Betweens” and the “U R Welcome” Group to share equipment previously purchased via a community grant for the same purpose.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S DEPARTMENT

DEVELOPMENTAL YOUTH FUND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK (Item 17.4, Page 4391)

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of a decision by the Policy and Resources Committee that a sum of £50,000 had been set aside against which bids would be invited for the purpose of funding activities which would meet the identified needs of young people in North West Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the award of funding set aside for young people in North West Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to note that initial discussions were underway between Departments of the Council and local voluntary organisations to progress funding bids;
- (iii) to request that a reasonable timescale be allocated to allow detailed discussions on potential projects to be concluded between bidding Departments and Community and Voluntary Organisations;
- (iv) that the Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups be informed of the timescales for the bidding process; and
- (v) to receive a report back on the progress of the successful bids at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of “Spotlight” operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding 6 week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives were encouraged to contact the Environmental Health Service regarding the erection of dog fouling notices in their area; and
- (ii) to otherwise, note the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 6, Page 4097)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) provided an update on the proposals for the replacement of town and village signs in Kilmarnock; and (b) sought agreement for the message on the Kilmarnock town signs in the Kilmarnock North Committee area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the suggested message "This is Wallace Country" be adopted for all 3 signs in the Kilmarnock North Area; and
- (ii) to note that a tender would be issued to enable the signs to be erected in late summer.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON LONGPARK STRATEGY AND NORTH WEST
KILMARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT GROUP (Item 7, Page 4098)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of progress of the North West Kilmarnock Environmental Project Group and Longpark Improvements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in both the North West Kilmarnock Environmental Improvements Project and the Longpark Improvements Project; and
- (ii) that the Longpark Officers Working Group prepare a report on proposals for Longpark improvements for public consultation in August.

The meeting terminated at 1537 hours.