

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN
FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representative Iain Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Carolyn Blyth, Russel Hutcheson and Margaret Lees.

ATTENDING: Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager (Planning and Building Control Division); Gerard Cairns, Library and Information Services Manager; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation Division); James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; Kate Moir, Project Officer (Department of Development Services); Hamish Buttle, Planning Officer; Sheila Beck, Pre-School Community Organiser; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Colin Campbell and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Katherine Currie and Alan Dickson.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to await the arrival of Councillor Ann Hay.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The Committee reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance, with the addition of Councillor Ann Hay.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

3. The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting, being the first meeting following the Council Elections on 6 May 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

4. The Chair agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

5. The meeting reconvened at 1421 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There was submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 21 April 1999 (circulated).

It was reported and noted that the Director of Development Services, following consultation with the local community, would submit a report on low cost road safety measures to deter traffic from speeding on Lugton Road, Dunlop, to the next meeting of this Committee (Item 3 (iii), Page 4506).

It was further noted that the name of the Community Representative for the Disability Forum was Mrs Margaret Lees.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. The Chair, at her discretion, in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business to allow Items 10, 5 and 6, as they appeared on the Agenda, to be considered next.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROVISION OF EQUIPPED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT SOUTHCRAIG AND TOPONTHANK, KILMARNOCK

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the provision of public open space and equipped play areas within the residential developments at Southcraig and Toponthank, North Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Department of Development Services would examine the issue of strategically planned recreation/leisure space within the context of the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 18 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that forthcoming "Spotlight" initiatives on drinking alcohol in public places, public nuisance and abuse of illegal drugs would be undertaken in June;
- (ii) that figures from the Speedwatch Campaign were not yet available but that early indications were disappointing and that road safety remained a real concern;
- (iii) that the Community Involvement Branch had issued posters with an anti-drugs message to licensed premises;
- (iv) that a report by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of a Pilot Dog Fouling Scheme, introduced to improve public awareness about dog fouling in Fenwick, would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee;

- (v) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police under the "Spotlight" initiative to Chief Inspector Colin Campbell or Sergeant John Ramage, at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

- 10.** Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that since the last meeting of this Committee there had been 40 reported crimes in the Northern Area, a figure identical to the 1998/99 period;
- (ii) that car crime remained a major problem, comprising 33% of reported crime;
- (iii) that break-ins to garages/outhouses/sheds and the theft of tools and garden equipment had been prevalent;
- (iv) that there had been three incidences of violent crime reported;
- (v) that vandalism in Stewarton had decreased dramatically; and
- (vi) that local Special Constables had been on duty in the Northern Area.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on a change in community representation on the Committee from Kilmaurs and Dunlop and Lugton Community Councils.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint nominees for the position of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes for Dunlop and Lugton and Kilmaurs Community Councils as detailed below:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Carolyn Blyth	Jimmy Millar
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr Russel Hutcheson	Mr William Ferguson

- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted fresh nominations for Community Representatives and Substitutes; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services:-

- (a) to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitutes for the Northern Area Local Committee; and
- (b) to submit a report thereon, to this Committee in due course.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Application Refused**, viz:-

- (a) Young People
Waterside Playscheme

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

- (b) Leisure Activities
Jam Street Dancers - £260;

It was also agreed to invite Jam Street Dancers to give a performance, at a suitable Council event/occasion, at a time and venue to be confirmed at a later date.

- (c) Disabled
Stewarton Riding for Disabled - £587.50.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT TOPONTHANK, KILMARNOCK

13. There was submitted a report dated 20 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services requesting names for streets within a proposed new development at Toponthank, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to delete potential street names considered inappropriate from the Appendix to the report which listed populated Scottish islands;
- (ii) that the views of Onthank Community Council would be transmitted to the Head of Technical Services; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Head of Technical Services to select names from the revised list accordingly, taking account of the views of Onthank Community Council, for this and any future adjacent developments, as undernoted, viz:-

Burra, Fair Isle, Trondra, Skye, Portree, Raasay, Stornoway, Uist, Baleshrae, Bernera, Bereray, Vatersay, Burray, Eday, Flotta, Ronaldsay, Rousay and Westray.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LAINSHAW WOOD PROJECT

14. There was submitted a report dated 18 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress of the woodland and children's play area project located within Lainshaw Wood, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work that had taken place in the development of the woodland and children's play area project at Lainshaw Wood, Stewarton;
- (ii) to note the date of the opening ceremony on Saturday 26 June 1999; and
- (iii) to remit to the Lainshaw Strategy Team to invite appropriate community and organisational representatives, as appropriate, to the opening ceremony.

**STRATEGY FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT STEWARTON CROSS DURING
EMERGENCY CLOSURES OF THE A77**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on arrangements in place by Strathclyde Police to control traffic at Stewarton Cross, when the A77 is closed due to an accident.

The meeting terminated at 1524 hours.