

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1997 AT 1520 HOURS IN THE FORMER GROUGAR PRIMARY SCHOOL, MOSCOW

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, and Robert McDill and Community Representatives Frank Dawson, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Janice M Cameron, and Andrew Nisbet.

ATTENDING: Marlene Campbell, Area Housing Manager; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads); Anne Jackson, Principal Officer (Community Education); Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; Andrew MacDonald, Service Manager (Social Work Department); Diane McPherson, Planning Officer; Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Officer (Development Services); Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Charles Woodward, Museums Curator (Community Services); and Gillian Hamilton and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officers.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Ronald Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Councillor George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

DRAFT DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 3, Page 1639)

1. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of the content of the Draft Scheme for Decentralisation, the steps taken to consult on the Draft Scheme and seeking comment thereon.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to indicate the Committee's support for the proposals as contained within the Draft Decentralisation scheme; and
- (ii) to note that following the Chair's discussion with the Director of Support Services that a report be submitted to a future meeting on Community Representatives and Councillors rights with the recording of discussion at meetings.

PUBLICITY FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS

2. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the Draft Publicity Plan for Local Committees and Community Forum meetings, and seeking comments on arrangements for the Irvine Valley in particular.

It was agreed :-

- (i) to the general Publicity Plan contained within the report;
- (ii) that the Head of Public Relations and Marketing examine again the format of posters used to advertise Community Forum meetings;

- (iii) that the Director of Support Services examine the perceived problem of travel by the public to Forum meetings, particularly in the winter evenings, and whether better publicity could be given to the availability of the Irvine Valley Transport Scheme to assist in same; and
- (iv) in relation to the list of organisations given prior notice of Community Forum meetings, (a) that it be remitted to the Head of Public Relations and Marketing to delete, as appropriate, Kilmarnock and Stewarton organisations in an endeavour to make the list more local, (b) that the Head of Public Relations and Marketing include local Post Offices for receipt of Posters and (c) that Hurlford organisations were not well represented on the list and consequently the Head of Public Relations and Marketing examine how a better distribution of posters could be achieved in the town.

COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education informing of progress to date with regard to the issue of youth facilities/safety which had been raised at the Community Forum meeting held in Loudoun Academy on 21 November 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a number of local meetings had been co-ordinated by the Chair, culminating in a meeting on 10 January in Loudoun Academy with representation including the Police;
- (ii) to commend the progress made by the partners who met on 10 January;
- (iii) to invite those partners to establish a Local forum to promote the use of existing youth facilities and that Councillor Fulton and Community Representative Steve Brown attend the first meeting of the forum as the representatives of the Local Committee, and to note that this meeting would be attended also by the Chair of the Youth Panel and one representative involved in youth work, from each of the valley towns; and
- (iv) to receive reports on the progress which was made by the Local Forum.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION - AMENDMENTS TO THE 1996/97 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 4.1, Page 1700)

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of amendments to the 1996/97 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme approved by the Development Services Committee of 23 January 1997.

1997/98 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 4.2, Page 1700)

5. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (1) advising of the 1997/98 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee of 23 January 1997 and (2) seeking the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 1997/98 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways.

TRAFFIC CALMING - HURLFORD AND NEWMILNS (Item 11, Page 1170)

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising that at the Development Services Committee in September 1996 approval was given for the provision of (1) a traffic calming “gateway” on the A71 at the eastern entrance to Hurlford and (2) traffic calming “gateways” on the A71 at the entrances to Newmilns, following a review of the position of the speed limit signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) the detailed layout of the traffic calming measures in respect of Hurlford East, and that the Head of Roads and Transportation would monitor the success of the new traffic calming measures to determine whether further measures would be required in the future;
- (ii) to reposition the 30 mph limit at Newmilns West, and that a further report would be submitted on the detailed layout for Newmilns West following local consultations;
- (iii) to reposition the 30 mph limit at Newmilns East, the layout of the traffic calming measures at Newmilns East, and that the Head of Roads and Transportation would monitor the success of the new traffic calming measures to determine whether further measures would be required in the future;
- (iv) to note that an assessment of through route traffic at Hurlford West was ongoing, along with other areas in the Irvine Valley; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES

7. There was submitted a report dated 24 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (1) informing of a set of criteria used by the Department of Development Services in the selection of sites for future housing and industrial developments and (2) requesting that the Local Committee identify any sites located

within the Local Committee area which were considered to have potential for future residential or industrial use.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the framework for the identification of Local Plan sites for housing and industry laid out in Sections 3 and 4 of the Director of Development Services report and attached Appendix 1; and
- (ii) that an informal briefing session be arranged for members of the Local Committee with officers of the Planning and Building Control Division, to discuss land availability for housing and industry within the Local Committee area, and that the Director of Development Services provide at this meeting an up-to-date list of existing housing land supply.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of the detailed breakdown of the companies given grant and loan support in the period 1 April to 31 December 1996.

ENHANCEMENT SCHEME FOR NEWMILNS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

- 9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of progress with the Newmilns Industrial Estate Enhancement Scheme.

LOCAL REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP FOR THE IRVINE VALLEY - DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services making recommendations on steps to be taken in establishing the Local Regeneration Partnership for the Irvine Valley.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a meeting be held with private sector members of the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership to establish how the private sector could be involved in the Partnership;
- (ii) that the initial meeting of the full Partnership be held as soon thereafter as practically possible and that its membership and business be as outlined in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the Director of Development Services report;
- (iii) that meetings of the full Partnership be chaired by the Chair of the Irvine Valley Local Committee;
- (iv) that the Partnership be serviced by Council Officers, including the staff resources of the Newmilns and Greenholm Initiative;
- (v) that a progress report on the Partnership be presented to the Local Committee on an annual basis; and

- (vi) that the Director of Development Services advise Community Representative Steve Brown with regard to the future (after 31 March 1997) of the Newmilns and Greenholm Initiative.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-5 PROVISION

11. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 1997 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Education advising of the further development of the pre-5 service in the current year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in a delivery of pre-school education in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the expansion of the service in the Northern Area and in Kilmarnock Central;
- (iii) to note that the expansion of the service was based upon the existing Council policy on income generation; and
- (iv) that a further report would be submitted after the beginning of the new session in August, on numbers attending pre-5 establishments.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES IN THE IRVINE VALLEY

12. There was submitted a report dated January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work with regard to Community Care Services provided currently in the Irvine Valley and seeking the Committee's views with regard to its involvement in the planning for future service developments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a report to a future meeting outlining the progress made in working with appropriate representatives in the Irvine Valley to plan for and develop Community Care Services; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

13. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for community grants for the period 19 December 1996 to 12 February 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the sum of £33,410 had been allocated to the Irvine Valley Local Committee in support of community and voluntary groups within the local area for the period 1996/97 and that after deducting grants already approved the balance now available for community grants was £13,396.27; and
- (ii) to approve the undernoted grant awards for the purposes specified in the applications:-
 - (a) Youth Groups
 - 92nd (Ayrshire) Scout Group - £2,260

- Croileagan Chill Mhearnaig - £115

**COMMUNITY GRANT - STRATHCLYDE POLICE COMMUNITY POLICING BRANCH
(Item 12.1.3, Page 1641)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising (1) that the Local Committee at its meeting on 18 December 1996 had agreed an award of £60 in respect of the community grant application from the Community Policing Branch towards the purchase of a trophy/medals for an inter-schools quiz and (2) that further information since submitted in support of the application, in particular the activities associated with the request resulted in it being considered more appropriate for the matter to be considered by the Director of Education in discussion with representatives of Strathclyde Police, and consequently there would be no reduction thereon in community grant expenditure.

It was agreed to note the position.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.