

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 1997 AT 1430 HOURS IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp, and Daniel Coffey; and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Beryl Graham, Billy Sullivan, Matt Donnelly, Josie Rutherford, and Janet Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector David Garven, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (North); Steven Good, Area Housing Manager; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Alison Smith, Principal Officer Licensing and Registration; Margaret Phelps, Senior Community Worker; Martin O'Rourke, Senior Planning Officer (Policy and Projects); Adrian Browne, Planning Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Hugh Stirling, Reverend Grant Barclay and Sister Barbara Carroll.

CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ELDERLY FORUM (Item 1, Page 1615)

1. The Administrative Officer advised that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North had been asked to nominate a representative for the Elderly Forum.

It was agreed that Janet Smith replace Bessie Faulds as the Community Representative for the North West Kilmarnock Elderly Forum.

EAST AYRSHIRE'S ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Item 3, page 1450)

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the agreed membership structure of East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed to remit to the Director of Community Services, as Secretary of the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee, in consultation with the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North to seek a nomination from Community Councils within Kilmarnock North.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO HILLHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL - HOMELINKS PROJECT AND INFANT ACTION PROJECT (Item 9, Page 1618)

3. Having heard the Administrative Officer advise of the arrangements for the visit to Hillhead Primary School Homelinks Project and Infant Project, the Local Committee noted that the visit would take place on 12 February 1997 at 1000 hours.

DRAFT DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 1, Page 1588)

4. 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 to seek comments on the Scheme.

It was agreed to affirm the Local Committee's support for the Council's Draft Decentralisation Scheme.

**PUBLICITY FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY FORUMS
(Item 1, Page 1588)**

5. 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 to seek comments on arrangements for the Kilmarnock North area in particular.

It was agreed to approve the general publicity plan as detailed in sections 4.0 and 5.0 of the report.

BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEMES STATUS REPORT

6. 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 1996 to 31 December 1996.

**THE NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK PRIORITY PARTNERSHIP AREA -
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of the decision taken by the Development Services Committee relating to the development of an Environmental Improvement Scheme within the North West Kilmarnock Priority Partnership Area and to bring the Local Committee up to date on progress.

It was agreed :-

- (i) to note the decision taken by the Development Services Committee at its meeting on 28 November 1996;
- (ii) to note the progress made to date in further developing this project; and
- (iii) to note further that reports on progress would be brought to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

**IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
SITES**

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of the set of criteria used by the Director of Development Services in the selection of sites for future housing and industrial developments and to request the Local Committee to identify any sites located within

the Local Committee area which are 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 report and the attached Appendix 1;
- (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 Local Committee Areas.

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

9. 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.

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

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the 1997/98 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme for "inescapable" Schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and to seek the Local Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways.

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 as detailed in the report.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS : COMMUNITY GRANTS

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of grant applications received under the Community Grants Scheme for determination.

It was agreed :-

- (i) to note that the sum of £21,897 had been allocated to the Kilmarnock North Local Committee in support of community and voluntary organisations for 1996/97, and that after deducting grants already approved, the balance available for Community Grants as at January 1997, was £8,516;
- (ii) to approve the undernoted applications :-
 - (a) Pre-Fives

Jack and Jill Mother and Toddlers Group and Jelly Tots
Mother and Toddlers Group - £1,347 - subject to the following
conditions :-

- (i) that storage of the toys shall be in consultation with the
Community Association, subject to the availability of storage
space; and
- (ii) that the toys be made available for community use.

Croileagan Chill Mhearnaig (Playgroup) - £172

(b) Young Persons' Groups

Strathclyde Police Interschool Quiz - to note that the Director of
Education would fund the project from within the Education mainline
budget.

LATE NIGHT BUS SERVICES TO ONTHANK AND RELATED ISSUES

12. Councillor McIntyre reported Community Representatives had raised the issue of youths disrupting late night bus services to Onthank and associated disturbances at the Kilmarnock bus station and shopping mall.

It was agreed that an informal meeting be arranged with Strathclyde Police, Western Stagecoach, Community Representatives, local interested parties, appropriate officers in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and local members to discuss the matter further.

LOCAL ITEM FOR NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM (MARCH/APRIL 1997)

13. Councillor McIntyre reported that the next round of Community Forums would be held in May 1997 and advised that the Local Committee should consider and identify potential items for the next Community Forum.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North and, thereafter, the Group to advise the Council.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.