

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Steven Brown, William Pattison, Janice Cameron and Andrew Nisbet.

ATTENDING: Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5s); Robert Clark, Team Leader, Waste Management; Denis Craig, Principal Officer, Recreation Services; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer, Roads Division; Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer, Roads Division; Fiona McKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer, Support Services; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Charlie Woodward, Museum Curator; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Mr B Johnstone, Head Teacher, Loudoun Academy.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae and Community Representative Julie Brown.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton (Chair).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted Minutes of meeting held on 17 December 1997 (circulated).

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services submit a report to a future meeting detailing plans and associated costs for provision of storage facilities at Morton Hall, Newmilns, implementation of same being contingent upon finances becoming available (Item 3.2 Page 2815).

Councillor Turnbull joined the meeting at this point.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 2, Page 2880)

2. It was agreed that this item be considered next.

There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in educational support to community groups and organisations in East Ayrshire through the work of the Community Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to community work within the Community Education Service; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

3. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grants received so far during the financial year 1997/98 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-
- (a) Disabled Groups
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £375
 - (b) Leisure Groups
Irvine Valley Roller Hockey Club - £150
Jam Street Dancers - £265.60
 - (c) Playschemes
Galston Summer Playscheme - £300

It was also agreed that the Director of Support Services investigate and advise the Chair on whether a formula was used to calculate grant payments to Playschemes.

- (ii) **Applications Withdrawn**, viz:-
Howard Park Bowling Club.

RECREATION SERVICES EVENTS PROGRAMME 1998 (Item 1, Page 2899)

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's Recreation Events Programme for 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend that the Burns Day celebrations continue to be held in 1998, and that the Director of Community Services examine the format of the celebrations including reducing overhead costs; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DOG FOULING – PILOT SCHEME (Item 12, Page 2895)

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's proposals to deal with dog fouling and which requested Committee to select an area in which a pilot scheme of control could be carried out.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the three months monitoring period be divided between the following areas with monitoring being carried out for one month in each area consecutively, viz:-
 - (a) Darvel (Morton Park Playpark);

- (b) Galston (Portland Park and Town Centre Area Streets); and
 - (c) Mauchline Road, Hurlford;
- (ii) to note that after three months the project would be evaluated by the Director of Community Services with a report being submitted to the Local Committee and Community Services Committee for consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY MEMBER

6. It was reported and noted that Mr John Boyle, Community Member representing Elderly Groups, had intimated his resignation from the Committee with effect from January 1998.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 1, Page 2085)

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Members to serve on the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community Membership as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to note the agreement of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of 15 April 1997 that Community Representatives and named substitutes be appointed to the Local Committee on an individual basis for a period of 1 year from 1 April;
- (iii) that the status-quo prevail in respect of community organisation representation; and
- (iv) to remit to the Director of Support Services to, at the appropriate time, initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representation by the relevant organisations and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting during discussion of this item.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 2, Page 2946)

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Committee to appoint a Community Representative to serve on a Working Group to progress the development of an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

It was agreed that Steven Brown be appointed to serve on this Working Group.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of progress in preparing a Road Safety Plan for East Ayrshire and which invited comments on the issues and policies which should be taken into account in the Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the Director of Development Services that the following policies and Road Safety issues be incorporated within the Plan, viz:-
 - (a) 20mph speed limit around schools and in housing schemes;
 - (b) crash barriers at schools; and
 - (c) a ban on heavy goods vehicles parking overnight in housing estates
- (ii) to advise the Director of Housing of the Committee's support for inclusion in the Strategic Plan, the issue of council house tenants' being encouraged to move cars off the streets and into garden spaces;
- (iii) that as this was a National road safety matter, the Director of Development Services take forward to the Scots Working Party on Road Safety, the Committee's support for school buses using a system of flashing lights when alighting passengers; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

1998/99 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 10, Page 2750)

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the 1998/99 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 1998/99 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways;
- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the footway resurfacing programme in an equitable manner; and
- (iv) that the Director of Development Services examine whether the "double kerb" at Cross Street, Galston could be improved when carrying out the "highly desirable" scheme here as this area was proving hazardous to the elderly and wheelchair users.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1997/98

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the allocation of nursery places in nursery schools and classes for session 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the delivery of pre-school education in East Ayrshire; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS

12. There was submitted the undernoted reports (all circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meetings which evaluated the undernoted projects for which Urban Programme funding would terminate in November/December 1998.

12.1 MOBILE PLAY PROJECT - Report dated 13 January 1998.

12.2 CITIZENS' ADVOCACY PROJECT - Report dated 20 January 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel set out in paragraph 4 of each report;
- (ii) to express support for the work of these projects, priority being given to the Citizens' Advocacy Project should lack of finance prove this necessary;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit the views of the Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of each report.

ROAD SAFETY AT LOUDOUN ACADEMY

13. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of a visit by Members of the Committee to Loudoun Academy, Galston on 20 January 1998 and which recommended action to improve road safety.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services submit a report to the next meeting on the engineering measures outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report;
- (ii) that meanwhile the Head of Roads and Transportation examine the width of the pavement on the right hand side of the A719 approaching the footbridge to ascertain whether this could be widened, and incorporate his findings into the above report;
- (iii) to recommend to the Head Teacher of Loudoun Academy that he consider staggering finishing times for pupils; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

MEETINGS OF IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE: 8 APRIL 1998 TO 14 APRIL 1999

14. There was submitted a report dated 3 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of the Local Committee meetings should be held during the period 8 April 1998 to 14 April 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for meetings of the Committee during the period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999 as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) to agree the undernoted venues (subject to availability) for meetings of the Committee during this period, viz:-

Wednesday 8 April 1998 – Morton Hall, Newmilns (Lesser Hall)

Wednesday 20 May 1998 – Hurlford Community Centre

Wednesday 26 August 1998 – The Former Grougar Primary School, Moscow

Wednesday 7 October 1998 – The Barr Centre, Galston

Wednesday 18 November 1998 – Crookedholm Community Centre

Wednesday 20 January 1999 – Darvel Town Hall

Wednesday 3 March 1999 – Morton Hall, Newmilns (Lesser Hall)

Wednesday 14 April 1999 – The Barr Centre, Galston; and

- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1602 hours.