

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representatives Mrs Elizabeth McCall, Mr Charles Calman, Mr John McIvor, Mr James McClymont, Mr Ian Mcvey (Named Substitute), Ms Linda Thomson (Named Substitute) and Babs Gallagher (Named Substitute).

ATTENDING: Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Susan Mason, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); John Spooner, Business Development Manager (Development Services); Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer; Ian George, Community Work Assistant; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5's); Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer – Trading Standards; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor (Strategy/Partnerships); Bob Clark, Team Leader (Waste Management); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Betty Mabon, Jean Dunlop, John Donaldson and Canon Kenneth Stephen.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair intimated that Community Representative Betty Mabon had withdrawn from the Local Committee for health reasons.

It was agreed that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to write to Mrs Mabon on behalf of the Local Committee to thank her for her contribution to the work of the Committee since its inception.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 16 December 1997 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided a summary of information relative to applications by Community Groups for Community Grants and which outlined the financial position in respect of grants awarded so far during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application)

- (a) Young People's Groups

St Marnocks (ENABLE) Youth Club - £314

Jam Street Dancers - £637.32, subject to the following conditions, viz:- that the organisation amend its bank account to Jam Street Dancers; that the grant should not be spent on personal items such as tracksuits; and that the organisation be not run as a private business

(b) Older Peoples Groups

Glebe Old People's Cabin - £400

Springhill Support Group - £500

Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £200

(c) Miscellaneous

The Monday Club - £700

(ii) **Applications Refused**

(a) Young Peoples Groups

Kilmarnock Academy Dance Club – on the ground that the group was considered to be a school club as opposed to a community organisation.

(iii) **Applications Withdrawn**

(a) Miscellaneous

Howard Park Bowling Club

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 1, Page 2085)

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 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 Representatives to serve on the Local Committee.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of 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 one year from 1 April; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services at the appropriate time to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for community representation by the relevant organisations and make such arrangements as may be necessary to facilitate this process.

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

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

It was agreed:

- (i) to remit to the Director of Support Services to write to all Community Representatives seeking a nomination to serve on the Working Group; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair agree the appointment of a nominee to serve on the Working Group.

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

6. 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 content of the report.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS 1997/98

7. 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 the 1997/98 session.

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 content of the report.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN

8. 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 issues and policies which should be taken into account in the Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives be requested to submit their individual views in writing to the Director of Development Services before 20 March 1998 in respect of the broad issues and policies which could be included in the Road Safety Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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

9. 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 approved the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (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.

PARKING DIFFICULTIES – BOYD STREET AND WATERSIDE STREET/WARDS PLACE, KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the road marking schemes devised to alleviate parking difficulties experienced by local residents at Boyd Street and Waterside Street/Wards Place, Kilmarnock.

NEW DEVELOPMENT AT FULLARTON STREET, KILMARNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a new development at Fullarton Street, Kilmarnock and which requested the Local Committee’s views on a proposed name for this street.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the new development Caledonia Court; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEMES STATUS REPORT 1997 (Item 3, Page 1777)

12. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Committee of financial support and ongoing business development assistance awarded to companies within the Local Committee area during the 1997 calendar year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services be advised of the Local Committees support for the work undertaken in terms of business support to companies within the Local Committee area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

LONGPARK STRATEGY REPORT (Item 13, Page 2665)

13. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the outcome of the public consultation exercise carried out following the report presented to the Kilmarnock Central and Kilmarnock North Local Committees on 4 November and 30 November 1997, respectively.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that questionnaires be sent to all tenants within the Longpark area and that the results be reported back to the Local Committee; and
- (ii) that, following further consideration by the Local Committee, the information be reported to the Housing Committee.

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

14. 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 invited the Committee to select an area in which a pilot scheme of control could be carried out.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Bonnyton Road, Kilmarnock be selected for the Pilot Scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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

15. 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 to recommend that the Burns Day celebrations be retained, but that the format of this event be re-examined, if appropriate.

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

16. The Administrative Officer reported for the information of the members of the Committee (a) that the next meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum would take place on Monday 16 February 1998 commencing at 1900 Hours in the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road; and (b) that the Council item would be the Budget Consultation and, therefore, there would be no local item on this occasion.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.