

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Hugh Stirling, Janet Smith and Archie McKenzie.

ATTENDING: Brian Weadon, Area Engineer, Roads; John Spooner, Business Development Manager, Development Services; George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor, Development Services; Helen McGee, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Janie Allan, Principal Officer (Pre-5), Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer, Allan Murray, Senior Community Education Officer; Robert Clark, Team Leader, Waste Management; Denis Craig, Principal Officer, Recreation Services; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer, Support Services; Christine Baillie and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistants.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Torrance Dempsey.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives William Denim and Kate Clannaghan.

CHAIR: Councillor Andrew McIntyre, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 11 December 1997 (circulated).

The Chair requested that an update be given at the next Local Committee on the meeting with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board regarding the possibility of applying more detailed methods of health assessment at New Farm Loch which was discussed at the Local Committee meeting held on 11 December 1997 (Item 6, page 2649).

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

2. There were submitted a report dated 26 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:-

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

(a) Young People

St Marnock Youth Club	-	£429.00
Jam Street Dancers	-	£743.54

Subject to the following conditions:-

The organisation amend the bank account to Jam Street Dancers and that the grant should not be spent on personal items i.e. tracksuits, and that the organisation be not run as a private business.

Applications withdrawn

(a) Miscellaneous

Howard Park Bowling Club

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1997/98

3. 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) to note the contents of the report.

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST
AYRSHERE (Item 2, page 2880)**

4. 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.

Councillor McIntyre seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

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

Councillor McCredie seconded by Councillor Coffey moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to community work within the Community Education Service;
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report; and
- (iii) that concerns be noted that if budget cuts are made on community work, the service to the Kilmarnock North Area would suffer.

On there being equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

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

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 1998 (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 “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; and
- (iii) to note 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.

Community Representative Beryl Graham raised concerns about the condition of the car park at Onthank Community Education Centre and it was agreed to identify the department who had responsibility for the property and pass on the comments.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN

6. 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) that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North would advise the Director of Development Services of any issues and policies which could be included in the plan by 20 March 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the terms of this report.

BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEMES STATUS REPORT - 1997 (Item 1.3, page 1394)

7. There was submitted and noted, subject to clarification by the Director of Development Services that all the businesses referred to in Appendix 1 were based within the Kilmarnock North area, a report dated 20 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of financial support and ongoing business development assistance awarded to companies located within the Kilmarnock North area, during the 1997 calendar year.

PROBLEM HOUSE AREAS AND REMEDIAL WORKS - RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION (Items 7 and 8, page 2649)

8. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised on the outcome of the public consultation exercise carried out following the report presented on 30 October 1997.

It was agreed to remit to the Housing Capital Sub-Committee the following recommendations:-

- (i) that the 23-29 Amlaird Road option be considered for further consultation;

- (ii) that the option for flats above shops at Amlaird Road be referred back to this Committee after further investigation by the Legal Department;
- (iii) that full modernisation process be selected at Mossie Place;
- (iv) that full modernisation process be selected at Gainford Place;
- (v) that the Thorn Terrace and Bankend Place option be referred to the Housing Capital Sub-Committee;
- (vi) that as a result of the consultation document and responses from tenants at Finlayson Drive it was recommended to demolish the flats 7-11 Finlayson Drive; and
- (vii) that a questionnaire be issued and arrange a meeting with the residents from the Meiklewood Road area.

LONGPARK STRATEGY REPORT (Items 7 and 8, page 2649)

9. 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 North and Kilmarnock Central Local Committees on 30 October and 4 November 1997, respectively.

It was reported that further responses had been received by the Housing Department since the publication of this report and, therefore,

It was agreed:-

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

DOG FOULING - PILOT SCHEME (Item 12, page 2895)

10. 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 Park (Annanhill Street) be deleted from the areas to be considered most suitable for a pilot scheme in paragraph 2.4 of the report, as this area did not fall within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area;
- (ii) that the second sentence within paragraph 3.2 of the report be deleted;
- (iii) that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North consider an area for the pilot scheme and advise the Director of Community Services accordingly; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

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

11. 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:-

- (i) that the Burns Day celebrations continue to be held in 1998 but with a view to looking at reducing the costs involved in providing meals and extra entertainment at the event; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise all local bowling clubs of the dates of all East Ayrshire Council bowling competitions in order to avoid a conflict of dates.

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 was due to terminate in December 1998.

12.1 EXERCISE COUNSELLOR - report dated 9 January 1998

12.2 NEWLANDS DRIVE PROJECT - report dated 13 January 1998

12.3 MOBILE PLAY PROVISION - report dated 13 January 1998

12.4 CITIZENS ADVOCACY PROJECT - report dated 20 January 1998

12.5 LONE PARENT PROJECT - report dated 20 January 1998

12.6 CSV BEFRIENDING PROJECT - report dated 29 January 1998

12.7 KILMARNOCK CAR PROJECT - report dated 29 January 1998

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Councillor Knapp had attended the meeting for the Citizens Advocacy Project in the capacity of Local Elected Member;
- (ii) that paragraph 2.3 of the report on the Kilmarnock Car Project be amended to read "Beryl Graham";
- (iii) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in paragraph 4 of each report;
- (iv) to express support for the work of the projects;
- (v) that it be remitted 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
- (vi) otherwise to note the contents of each report.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 1, page 2085)

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the 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 set out in Appendix 1 of the report;

- (ii) to note the agreement of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of 15 April 1997 that community members and named substitutes be appointed to the Committee on an individual basis on a period of one year from 1 April;
- (iii) that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North review the community organisation representation of Kilmarnock North Local Committee and inform the Director of Support Services accordingly; and
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services, at the appropriate time, to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for community membership by the relevant organisations and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

KILMARNOCK NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM : NEXT MEETING

14. It was reported that the next Kilmarnock North Community Forum would take place on Monday 9 February 1998 at 1900 hours in Onthank Community Education Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock, and that the Council item would be the Budget Consultation, and therefore there would be no local item. It was also agreed that crèche facilities would be provided on the evening.

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

15. 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 that would be established to progress the development of an Annual Seminar of Community Representatives.

It was agreed that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North would consider the appointment of a Community Representative to the Working Group and advise the Director of Support Services accordingly.

DATES AND VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM 31 MARCH 1998 TO 13 MAY 1999

16. There was submitted a report dated 30 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which informed of the dates for Local Committee meetings and invited the Committee to determine the venue at which each of the Local Committee meetings should be held during the period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the meeting of the Committee scheduled for Thursday 19 March 1998 had been cancelled in order to facilitate arrangements for the rescheduling of meetings within the new calendar, for 1998/99, which, amongst other things, provided that the first meeting of this Local Committee during that period would take place on Tuesday 31 March 1998
- (ii) to note the dates and venues fixed for meetings of the Committee during the period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999 as outlined;

DATE	VENUE
Tuesday 31 March 1998	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 12 May 1998	Onthank Community Centre
Tuesday 18 August 1998	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 29 September 1998	Onthank Community Centre
Tuesday 10 November 1998	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Thursday 14 January 1999	Onthank Community Centre
Tuesday 23 February 1999	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 6 April 1999	Onthank Community Centre

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

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.