

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors James O'Neill and Kathleen Hall and Community Representatives Mr Ian Finlayson (Substitute); Mr W Muirhead, Mr Alan Porter, Mrs Katherine Currie and Kit McLaren (Substitute).

ATTENDING: Janie Allen, Principal Pre-Five Officer; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer (Support Services); John Spooner, Business Development Manager (Development Services); Robert Clark, Team Leader (Waste Management); Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Jim Laing, Senior Social Worker; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Sub-Divisional Officer, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives James McFadden, JP, William Ferguson, May Clarke, Christine Bingham and Lorna Fulton.

CHAIR: Councillor James O'Neill.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee of 6 January 1998 (circulated).

FUTURE MEETINGS OF NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 31 MARCH 1998 TO 13 MAY 1999 (Item 6, Page 2822)

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on dates and proposed venues for meetings of the Northern Area Local Committee during the Period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the dates fixed by Council at its meeting held on 18 December 1997 for meetings of Northern Area Local Committee during the Period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999 as undernoted; and
- (ii) to approve the venues for meetings of Northern Area Local Committee during the Period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999, also as undernoted:-

DATE	VENUE
16 April 1998	Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop
28 May 1998	Kilmaurs Community Centre, Main Hall
3 September 1998	John Knox Church Hall, Stewarton.
15 October 1998	The Fulton Hall, Fenwick
26 November 1998	Kilmaurs Community Centre, Main Hall

DATE	VENUE
28 January 1999	Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop
11 March 1999	John Knox Church Hall, Stewarton
21 April 1999	The Fulton Hall, Fenwick

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 1, Page 2085)

3. There was submitted a report dated 30 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 Representatives to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee.

The Chair welcomed Mr Alan Porter, the new Community Representative on behalf of Dunlop and Lugton Community Council and expressed the Committee's thanks to the former representative, Mr Hugh Hamilton, for his contribution to the work of the Committee.

The Administrative Officer updated the Committee on the current community representation as detailed in an Appendix to the report.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the current community representation, as detailed below:-

ORGANISATION	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES	SUBSTITUTE
Stewarton and District Community Council	Mr John McFadden, JP	Mr Ian Finlayson
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Watson Muirhead	Dr Fiona Macdonald
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Mr Alan Porter	Ms Susan Heath
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr William Ferguson	Not yet nominated
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Mrs Katherine Currie	Mr Charles Cuthbertson
Elderly Forum	Mr R Buchanan	Not yet nominated
Disability Forum	Mrs Katherine Bingham	Mrs Cathie Munnigal
Youth Forum	Ms Lorna Fulton	Not yet nominated
Community/Residents Association	Mrs May Clarke	Ms Kit McLaren
School Board	Ms Eleanor Barnett	Mr Roger Alexander

- (ii) to note the decision of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of 15 April 1997 which permitted the extension of Community Representative's initial appointment for one year from 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998;

- (iii) to maintain the current structure of community organisation representation on this Committee; and
- (iv) that Community Representatives would liaise with their parent organisations on the submission of nominations for community representation on the Local Committee for a period of one year commencing 1 April 1998 and advise the Director of Support Services accordingly.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHCRAIGS, KILMARNOCK

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested that the Local Committee consider naming the streets within a proposed development at Southcraigs, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) that seven of the nine names submitted by the developer under the category South Scotland Castles as detailed in Paragraph 3.1 of the report be selected by the developer for use within the proposed development;
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly;
- (iii) to remit to the Head of Contracting and Technical Services to determine the streets' description, for example, Wynd, Street, Close, etc based upon their location within the development.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

5. The Departmental Strategy Officer (Support Services) reported that the East Ayrshire Community Grants Scheme was currently under review.

It was agreed to note that the outcome of the review of the East Ayrshire Community Grants Scheme would be reported to Local Committees in due course.

ISSUES ARISING FROM THE NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 1997 (Item 4, Page 2841)

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on departmental responses in relation to issues raised at the Northern Area Community Forum held on 27 November 1997.

It was agreed:

- (i) that all issues raised at Northern Area Community Forums would be reported to the Northern Area Local Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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

7. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on financial support and ongoing business development assistance awarded to companies located within the Northern Area Local Committee area during the calendar year 1997.

The Business Development Manager reported an update to the Appendix to the Business Support Scheme Status Report.

It was agreed to note the report and amended Appendix to the report.

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 be established to progress the development of an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

It was agreed:

- (i) to appoint Ms Kit McLaren to serve on the proposed Working Group; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education on developments in educational support to Community Groups and Organisations in East Ayrshire through the work of the Community Education Service.

The Principal Community Education Officer reported an update to Paragraph 3.4 (iv) to read: "A community conference aimed at long term unemployed has been considered and funding has been approved in conjunction with other Departments and voluntary organisations".

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the developing commitment to community work within the Community Education Service;
- (ii) to note that Teresa Potter, Community Education Worker, based at the Ardbeg Centre, would be the field worker deployed for the Northern area;
- (iii) that information relating to the publication and distribution of a local newsletter would be the subject of a report to this Committee in due course; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report, as amended;

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1997/98

10. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the allocation of nursery place in Nursery Schools and classes for session 1997/98.

The Principal Pre-Five Officer reported an amendment to Paragraph 3.1 of the report, to read; "Total number of sessional places is 1949".

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the progress being made in the delivery of pre-school education in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report, as amended; and
- (iii) that arising from the discussion on pre-school groups, to express the Local Committee's concern on the letting charge for school premises and to remit to the Director of Education to submit a report to this Committee on the current

use of school premises by local groups and organisations and to recommend that a review of the scale of charges be initiated.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN

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

It was agreed:

- (i) that Community Representatives, following consultation with their parent organisations would advise the Director of Development Services of issues and policies which could be included in the Road Safety Plan by 20 March 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL TRIAL OF ADVISORY 20MPH ZONES - LAINSHAW, STEWARTON (Item 10, Page 2923)

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which related to the approval of the location of a National Trial Programme of advisory 20mph speed limits in residential areas.

It was agreed to note that an area identified on a plan, attached to the report, at Lainshaw, Stewarton had been approved by the Development Services Committee as a site for inclusion in a National Trial Programme of Advisory 20 mph limits.

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

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

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the proposed Recreation Events Programme for 1998/99; and
- (ii) that Members and Community Representatives should forward any suggestions for future events to the Director of Community Services.

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

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

It was agreed:

- (i) that the locality in which the pilot scheme of control should be carried out in the Northern area would be Kirkton Road, Fenwick; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

POLICE REPORT

15. Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Sub-Divisional Officer reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) that the Spotlight Initiative was focussing upon a "Women's Safety Campaign" and that Strathclyde Police would be available to give a presentation on the issue to local groups and organisations, upon request;
- (ii) that inspector Bob Pollock, Community Safety Officer, was now seconded 5 days per week to East Ayrshire Council, to participate in the development of a Community Safety Strategy;
- (iii) that a night school course at Kilmarnock College on Community Safety, in conjunction with Strathclyde Police, The Fire Service and the Coastguard would begin in April 1998; and
- (iv) that local reported crime figures had risen in December 1998 but that overall figures showed there was a reduction in crime between April 1998 - December 1998.

The meeting terminated at 1538 hours.