

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2000 AT 1400 HRS
IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE,
KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Daniel Coffey, William Coffey and John Weir; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Arlene Lindsay, Maureen Brown, Archie McKenzie, and Substitutes Anne McKenzie, Norah McCabe and Gerry Coyle.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Ian MacMillan, Head of Exchequer Services; Alison Smith, Principal Officer Licensing and Community Safety; and Dennis Craig, Principal Officer Recreation, Community Services; Tom Merry, Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader Social Work Department; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads); Matt Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Community Police Officer William Jamieson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Drew McIntyre and Community Representative Hugh Stirling.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair Councillor Daniel Coffey was unanimously appointed.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. In the absence of the Chair, the Administrative Officer requested nominations for the appointment of Chair and Councillor Daniel Coffey was unanimously appointed to the Chair for this meeting.

Councillor Daniel Coffey then took the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hrs to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1420 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

It was agreed that the Director of Corporate Services be asked to examine a possible mechanism to reflect to the Local Committee the topics raised under the 15 minute question and answer session.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted for information and noting, Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 February 2000 and 31 March 2000 (both circulated).

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

4.1.1 LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000 - ALLIES (Item 4.1.2, Page 733, 99/02)

Noted that Community Grant had been awarded.

4.1.2 LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000 - ST MARNOCK YOUTH CLUB (ENABLE) (Item 8, Page 735, 99/02)

Noted that the Director of Corporate Services had clarified, in consultation with the Chair, that the number of members of the group attending from the Kilmarnock North area was five and that an award of grant of £625 had been made to the Group.

4.1.3 LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000 - NORTHWEST KILMARNOCK YOUTH CENTRE (EXCHANGE GROUP) (Item 8, Page 735, 99/02)

Noted that a satisfactory assessment report had been received in respect of the project and the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chair, had made arrangements to award a grant of £1,496.

4.1.4 LOCAL ITEMS (Item 9, Page 736, 99/02)

Noted that the Director of Corporate Services had identified that the regular pre-Agenda meeting with the Federation of Community Groups would be an appropriate opportunity to discuss potential local items prior to future Local Committee meetings and that arrangements had been made with the Community Support Worker to facilitate this process.

4.1.5 SOCIAL INCLUSION (Item 4.1.1 (iii), Page 733, 99/02)

Having noted that a report on Social Inclusion would be considered under Item 9.1, it was agreed to request that the Project Manager of the Ayrshire Electronic Community be invited to give a presentation on the implementation of the Ayrshire Electronic Community Project and update on progress on possible projects in the Kilmarnock area to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 2, Page 4442, 96/99)

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought a nomination of a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:

- (i) to nominate Matt Donnelly and Archie McKenzie (Substitute) to represent the Local Committee on the Community Safety Forum until 31 March 2001; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight

Operations", localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

Having noted various local concerns which Police Officer Jamieson would investigate, it was agreed:

- (i) that a report be submitted to the next Committee on current initiative work between the Homes and Technical Services Department and Strathclyde Police on Community Safety; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

2000/2001 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

7.1 The Committee received a presentation from Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer, Roads and Transportation on the Structural Maintenance Programme for Roads and Footways.

During discussion the Roads Engineer answered questions put and noted points made by Elected Members and Community Representatives.

7.2 There was submitted a report dated 31 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised (a) of the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (b) which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the 2000/2001 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 as detailed within the report; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the Programme in an equitable manner.

DECENTRALISATION

VENUES FOR MEETINGS 2000/2001

8.1 There was submitted a report dated 31 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which invited the Local Committee to determine the venue at which each Local Committee meeting should be held for the remainder of 2000/2001.

It was agreed to note the dates fixed for meetings of the Local Committee during the period May 2000 to June 2001 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday 23 May 2000	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 19 September 2000	Longpark Community Education Centre
Tuesday 14 November 2000	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 27 February 2001	Onthank Community Education Centre
Tuesday 29 May 2001	Longpark Community Education Centre;

8.2 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

The Administrative Officer advised that nominations were sought for a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed that Beryl Graham and Anne McKenzie (Substitute) be appointed to serve on the Annual Seminar Working Group until 31 March 2001.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL INCLUSION

- 9.1 There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which (a) provided a summary background to Social Inclusion activity within East Ayrshire (b) informed of the current position regarding the establishment of Social Inclusion priorities for Kilmarnock; (c) sought endorsement for the Action Plan which covered the first six month period; (d) requested the Local Committee to nominate a representative and substitute to the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group.

It was agreed:

- (i) to add Community Access to Lifelong Learning as an additional item in the Action Plan under the heading Access to Information and Support. The action to be carried out was 5 (a) to establish a local strategy for Community Access to Lifelong Learning; 5 (b) to identify requirements necessary to bring local libraries into the national grid; 5 (c) to secure associated funding from all appropriate sources; target area would be Kilmarnock North; the timescale to report would be April-September 2000; the performance outcome would be to establish a draft local strategy;
- (ii) that a progress report be submitted by July 2000 in respect of Issue 1 on drugs misuse regarding the establishment of a Drugs Helpline;
- (iii) to otherwise endorse the programme of work set out in the Action Plan;
- (iv) that working groups involving Community Representatives and Officers from the Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team be established to develop projects identified in the Action Plan; and
- (v) that final projects for Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Funding be submitted to the Local Committee for approval and only approved bids be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee;

- C (vi) to recommend that Council request the Scottish Executive to relax rules to allow non coalfield areas in East Ayrshire to qualify for social inclusion monies;

- (vii) that a further update report be submitted to the next meeting and thereafter monitoring reports on the development of the Action Plan be reported to alternate meetings of the Local Committee; and
- (viii) to appoint Matt Donnelly and Beryl Graham (substitute) to the Strategic Partnership Group until 31 March 2001.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2000/2001 AND SETTING PRIORITIES

9.2 There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which (i) advised of the Committee grant spend for the last two financial years; and (ii) advised the grant allocation 2000/2001; and (iii) requested the Local Committee to consider setting local priorities for grant funding.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2000/2001 was £18,948;
- (ii) that the Local Committee consider each application for community grant on its merits taking into account Social Inclusion priorities;
- (iii) to note that Officers would keep under review any further refinements to the methods for utilising statistical indicators to disburse grant monies to Local Committees; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001

9.3 There was submitted a report dated 7 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 2000/2001 together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed:

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

- (a) Voluntary Organisation Support
New Farm Loch Lunch Club - £550.00;
- (b) Sport
Dean Thistle Youth Football Club - It was agreed to make an award of £1,280 and to request that the Club be invited to report back to a future meeting regarding their participation in the Football Tournament, in Holland.

LOCAL ITEMS

10. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda and to advise the Administrative Officer in due course of any potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.