

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2000 AT 1402 HOURS
IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives: Carolyn Blyth, Watson Muirhead, Russel Hutcheson, John Douglas, Ian Finlayson, Alan Dickson, Jo Graham, Margaret Lees and George Paterson.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Avril McCutcheon, Pre-School Community Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Leonard Paget, Senior Engineer; John Laurenson, Senior Librarian; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Advisor; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1. The Chair agreed to an additional item: Miscellaneous - Police Report, to be considered following Item 8 on the Agenda.

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001
(Item 6.3, Page 4363, 99/02)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the outcome of the recruitment of Community Representatives and named Substitutes to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

The Administrative Officer reported that the nomination of Mrs Jo Graham to represent Community/Residents Associations was on an interim basis, pending consultation with Lainshaw Residents Association on future representation on this Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint nominees for the position of Community Representatives and named Substitutes of local community organisations, for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001, as detailed below:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE</u>
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Ms Carolyn Blyth	Mr Jimmy Millar
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Watson Muirhead	Dr Fiona Macdonald
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr Russel Hutcheson	Mr William Ferguson

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE</u>
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Mr John Douglas	Mrs Lorna Beattie
Stewarton and District Community Council	Mr Ian Finlayson	Mrs Mary White
Business Community	Mr Alan Dickson	Vacant
Community/Resident Associations	Mrs Jo Graham (Interim)	Mr William Gibson
Disability Forum	Mrs Margaret Lees	Mr David Porter
Elderly Forum	Mr George Paterson	Vacant
Youth Forum	Vacant	Vacant

- (ii) to remit to the Director of Education to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of the outstanding nominations for Community Representative and named Substitute in respect of the Youth Forum organisation, for the Northern Area Local Committee; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to pursue nominations in respect of the remaining named Substitute vacancies.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

- 4. The meeting reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 16 March 2000 (circulated).

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION - EARLY ACTION PLAN

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on a summary background to Social Inclusion within East Ayrshire; the current position regarding the establishment of Social Inclusion priorities for Kilmarnock; which sought endorsement for the Social Inclusion Action Plan which covers the first 6 month period; and which invited a Community Representative and named Substitute to the Social Inclusion Partnership Group.

Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive and Jane Overton, Social Inclusion Team Leader provided further comment on the Social Inclusion Action Plans.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Social Inclusion Action Plan, as described in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that monitoring reports on the development of the Social Inclusion Action Plan would be reported to alternate meetings of this Committee;
- (iii) to appoint Jimmy Millar, as named Substitute, from the Northern Area Local Committee, to the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group; and
- (iv) to continue consideration of the nomination of a Community Representative to the Social Inclusion Partnership Group, to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 8 June 2000.

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

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the Committee grant spend for the last two financial years; the grant allocation for 2000/01; and which requested consideration to set local priorities for grant funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Northern Area Local Committee for financial year 2000/01 was £17,703;
- (ii) not to set local priorities in respect of the grant allocation for the forthcoming year but to consider each application on its merits; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance, in terms of the Community Grant Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Early Education and Child Care

- (i) Dunlop Mother and Toddler Group - £373;

- (b) Sport

- (i) Stewarton Annick Football Club (Equipment) - £2,350;

It was also agreed an additional condition to read, viz:- "That the equipment only be available for community access where appropriate insurance and liability cover could be demonstrated".

- (ii) Stewarton Annick Football Club (Tournament Expenses) - £300; and

(ii) **Applications Refused**, viz:-(a) Sport

- (i) Dean Thistle Youth Football Club - Agreed to refuse as the expenditure would only allow a select few children to attend a trip to Holland; the expenditure would not benefit the local community; the application did not address the aims set out under "sports development" in the Leisure Strategy, in that the children would benefit as much from participating in a tournament in Scotland; and an award of this nature would have a very limited impact on the local community; and
- (ii) Stewarton and District Community Resource Centre - Agreed to refuse as the development of this facility to include colour photocopying would place it in a competitive position in relation to private sector businesses and that there were sufficient photocopy facilities available locally.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nominations for a Community Representative and named Substitute to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum until June 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Ian Finlayson, Community Representative and Carolyn Blyth, as named Substitute, to represent the Northern Area Local Committee on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum until June 2001; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations; localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives for the preceding six week period; and on forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives would consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police in a Spotlight Initiative to Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer at Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU or to Sergeant John Ramage at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

11. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that criminal activity in the Northern Area had been sporadic with no discernible pattern, which mainly comprised of petty theft, shoplifting and minor acts of vandalism;
- (ii) the success of a drug related Police operation; and
- (iii) that a serious assault on an elderly resident of Stewarton had resulted in a report being sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

CORPORATE SERVICES

DEVELOPING THE LAINSHAW AREA OF STEWARTON

12. There was submitted a report dated 13 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on progress made with regard to developments in the Lainshaw area of Stewarton, in particular the Woodland and Children's Play Area Project located within Lainshaw Woods, Stewarton; and on several issues discussed by the Lainshaw Strategy Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposed opening of the Lainshaw Woods Project and the arrangements thereof; and that work was continuing within Cunningham Watt Park;
- (ii) that the Solicitor to the Council would report on the status of the right of way claim at Kilwinning Road to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) to continue consideration of the matters featured in paragraphs 3.4.1, 3.4.2 and 3.4.4 of the report and the future position of the Lainshaw Strategy Group, to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 8 June 2000.

DECENTRALISATION

PROPOSED FUTURE VENUES FOR MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 8 JUNE 2000 TO 16 MAY 2001

13. There was submitted a report dated 7 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the prescribed dates; and which sought approval of proposed venues for the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 8 June 2000 to 16 May 2001.

It was agreed to note the prescribed dates and approve the venues for meetings of the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 8 June 2000 to 16 May 2001, as undernoted:-

DATE	VENUE
8 June 2000	Kilmaurs Community Centre, Kilmaurs
6 September 2000	The Centre, Standalane, Stewarton

DATE	VENUE
1 November 2000	John Fulton Hall, Fenwick
24 January 2001	The Centre, Standalane, Stewarton
21 March 2001	Kilmaurs Community Centre, Kilmaurs
16 May 2001	Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

14. The Administrative Officer advised that nominations were sought for a Community Representative and named Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group during the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001. It was agreed that Ian Finlayson, Community Representative and Carolyn Blyth, named Substitute would serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group during the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

LOCAL ITEMS

15. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed to incorporate into a "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business, a report on measures taken to address the spillage of farm detritus on local roads.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.