

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 1997 AT 1430 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Frank Dawson, Steve Brown, William Pattison and Janice M Cameron.

**ATTENDING:** Douglas Blyth, Senior Solicitor; John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); Andrew Macdonald, Service Manager (Social Work); Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Angus Cochrane, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Kim Nicoll and Community Representatives Mary Bowie and Andrew Nisbet.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS**

**1.1 MORTON HALL, NEWMILNS: 6 FEBRUARY 1997**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Local Committee of the fourth Irvine Valley Community Forum meeting held on 6 February 1997 in Morton Hall, Newmilns, to obtain the views and comments of the residents of the Irvine Valley on the Council's budget proposals for 1997/98.

**1.2 MAY/JUNE 1997 MEETING: VENUE**

It was agreed that the next Irvine Valley Community Forum meeting in May/June 1997 be held in Hurlford Community Centre or failing availability, Crookedholm Community Centre.

**FINAL DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on progress with the third and final formal consultation process on the review of existing Community Council Schemes.

**CONSULTATION ON LICENSING GUIDELINES (Item 2, Page 1930)**

3. Councillor Macrae declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and item 4.  
There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board seeking comments on the Board's proposals for the making of Guidelines on Extended Hours, pursuant to a decision by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 4 March 1997.

There was circulated also a questionnaire seeking the Committee's views in relation to the Guidelines as well as the Draft Byelaws covered under Agenda item 4.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to complete as a Committee, that part of the questionnaire relative to the proposals for new Guidelines and to advise the Clerk to the Licensing Board of the Committee's comments by the end of April; and
- (ii) that the Clerk to the Licensing Board report to the Committee with the finalised draft after full consultation had been carried out.

#### **CONSULTATION ON LICENSING BYELAWS (Item 2, Page 1930)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board seeking comments on the Licensing Board's proposals for Consolidated Licensing Byelaws pursuant to a decision by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 4 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to complete as a Committee that part of the questionnaire (referred to under item 3) relative to the proposed Consolidated Licensing Byelaws and to advise the Clerk to the Licensing Board of the Committee's comments by the end of April; and
- (ii) that the Clerk to the Licensing Board report to the Committee with the finalised draft after consultation had been carried out.

#### **VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

5. It was agreed the following itinerary for meetings of the Irvine Valley Local Committee which were scheduled to take place during the period 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998, viz:-

May - Darvel; June - Hurlford; September - Newmilns; November - Galston; December - Moscow; February - Crookedholm; and March - Darvel.

#### **GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS**

6. There were submitted reports dated 19 March and 25 March 1997 (both circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for Community Grants for the period 13 February to 26 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the sum of £33,410.00 had been allocated to the Irvine Valley Local Committee in support of Community and Voluntary Groups within the local area for the period 1996/97 and that after deducting grants already approved the balance now available for Community Grants was £10,867.27; and
- (ii) to approve the undernoted grant awards for the purposes specified in the applications:-
  - (a) **Youth Groups**

Friends of Guiding - £380

5th Kilmarnock Girls Brigade -£66

Newmilns Playgroup - £250

16th Ayrshire Scout Group (Newmilns Scouts) - £1,500

Galston Boys Club - in principle £5,000 subject to the applicant (a) obtaining the necessary planning permission and building warrant; and (b) raising £5,000 towards the cost of the project (estimated by the group at £10,000). This grant award, therefore, would be deducted from the 1997/98 Community Grants budget when conditions (a) and (b) had been fulfilled.

It was further agreed that the applicant would be forwarded a copy, for their information, of the Council's Contracting and Technical Service's assessment of the works required to obtain a Building Warrant.

(b) **Leisure Groups**

Newmilns and Galston Band - £3000

(c) **Miscellaneous Groups**

Chain - £103

Galston Community Council - £6000 (£5568.27 being awarded from the 1996/97 Community Grants budget and the remaining £431.73 being awarded from the 1997/98 Community Grants Budget).

**EAST AYRSHIRE OPENCAST COAL SUBJECT PLAN -  
UPDATED PLAN (Item 1.2, Page 1904)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the updated version of the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan for information and comment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the text of the updated version of the Opencast Coal Subject Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**YOUTH WORK GROUP UPDATE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education informing Members of the Local Committee of progress to date following the Community Forum meeting held in Loudoun Academy on 21 November 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommended actions detailed in the report with regard to the development of Youth facilities in the Irvine Valley towns;
- (ii) to commend the progress made by the partners working together; and
- (iii) to receive reports on the progress made by the local forum.

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The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.