

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH AT 1455 HOURS IN
THE COTTAGE, BEHIND JOHN KNOX CHURCH, STEWARTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill and Kathleen Hall; Community Representatives Mr J McFadden, JP, Mr W Muirhead, Mr H Hamilton, Mr W Ferguson, Mrs G Roberts; and Mrs C Bingham.

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Irene Townson, Depute Clerk, Licensing Board; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads and Transportation); John Lilley, Principal Planner; James Laing, Senior Social Worker; Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer; John Laurenson, Librarian; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Bob Beattie and Community Representative Mrs May Clark.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

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

1. 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 East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan;
- (ii) to note that members of the Committee could provide comment upon the Updated Plan, such comments to be received by 9 May 1997;
- (iii) to arrange a visit for Members and Community Representatives of the Committee to an Opencast Coal site; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

POLICE REPORT

2. The Chair agreed to alter the order of business per the agenda issued, and to consider this item next. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that there had been several incidences of breaking and entering into isolated farm houses over a wide geographic area, from Fenwick to the boundary with North Ayrshire and the measures that Strathclyde Police had taken to tackle the problem;
- (ii) that no crimes of violence had been reported in the Northern Area; and

- (iii) to note comments by the Chair in relation to the installation, by Summer 1997, of closed-circuit cameras in Kilmaurs and Stewarton.

AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN HEALTH BOARD

- 3. Ms Jane McKee, Primary Care Development Manager, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board provided a presentation on:-
 - (i) provision of General Medical Practitioners service in the Northern Area; and
 - (ii) Out-of-Hours General Medical Practitioners service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the comprehensive presentation provided by Ms Jane McKee on her particular responsibilities within Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; and
- (ii) to invite to a future meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Director of Support Services, a representative from the Local General Practitioners Committee of the Local Health Board Trust to provide a presentation on Out-of-Hours service.

TRAFFIC CALMING IN SETTLEMENTS ON THROUGH ROUTES - PROGRESS REPORT (Item 12, Page 1170)

- 3. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the initial study of traffic calming in settlements on through routes in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note comments by the Community Representative of Fenwick and Waterside Community Council in relation to the requirement to involve local people in the consultation process;
- (ii) to note that a report on traffic calming measures would be submitted to Development Services Committee and thereafter for comment to Local Committees; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

STEWARTON BUS SERVICE

- 4. It was agreed to note comments by the Chair in relation to the provision, by Stagecoach Western, of a subsidised bus service in Stewarton from the beginning of April 1997.

CONSULTATION ON LICENSING GUIDELINES (Item 2, Page 1930)

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board, seeking comments on the proposals for the making of Guidelines on Extended Hours, pursuant to the decision by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 4 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Members of the Committee could comment on the Board's proposals either by written submission or by completing the survey forms circulated at the meeting for return by 30 April 1997;
- (ii) that the Clerk to the Licensing Board would report back to a future meeting of the Committee, following the outcome of the consultation process; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION ON BYE-LAWS (Item 2, Page 1930)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Members of the Committee could comment on the Board's proposals either by written submission or by completing the survey forms circulated at the meeting, for return by 30 April 1997;
- (ii) that the Clerk to the Licensing Board would report back to a future meeting of the Local Committee with a finalised draft of proposed Licensing Consolidated Byelaws, following full consultation; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE UPDATE (Item 10, Page 1802)

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education on Consultation with Young People and seeking approval for proposals to develop the initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to invite the partners identified within the Appendix to the report to establish the Northern Area Youth Partnership Action Group to develop activities and resources for young people throughout the Northern Area of East Ayrshire Council;
- (ii) to agree the operational guidelines contained within Appendix II to the report;
- (iii) to commend the progress made to date by the partners working together; and
- (iv) to note that a report would be submitted on progress in due course.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION (Item 9, Page 1801)

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress in addressing the needs of the Lainshaw area of Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the nominations for the Lainshaw Strategy Team, as detailed in Section 3.1 within the report; and
- (ii) to note that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting, which would detail local issues of concern.

**NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
AT VENNEL STREET, STEWARTON**

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting consideration be given to the naming of a street within a proposed development at Vennel Street, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name for the street at the proposed development at Vennel Street, Stewarton be "Kersland Gait"; and
- (ii) that the Department of Contracting and Technical Service be advised accordingly.

NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

10.1 NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM - 13 FEBRUARY 1997

There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the fourth Northern Area Community Forum Meeting on 13 February 1997 held in Kilmaurs Primary School, on the Councils budget proposals for 1997/98.

10.2 NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM - NEXT VENUE

It was agreed that the next venue for the Northern Area Community Forum would be in Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop.

**COMMUNITY FORUM SPECIAL MEETING - LAINSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL -
27 FEBRUARY 1997 (Item 12, Page 1803)**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a Special Northern Area Community Forum Meeting, held on 27 February 1997 in Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton, on "Provision of Secondary Education" in the Northern Area.

**VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL
COMMITTEE**

12. It was agreed that the venues for future meetings of the Northern Area Local Committee would be as detailed below:-
- Kilmaurs Community Centre, Kilmaurs
 - The Fulton Hall, Fenwick;
 - Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop
 - The Cottage, Behind John Knox Church, Stewarton

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

13. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the third and final period of formal public consultation on the review of existing Community Council Schemes.

It was agreed to note that the final draft scheme would be submitted for adoption by Council on 27 March 1997.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

14. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from Local Organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted grant payments to the Organisations detailed (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

CHAIN (Claimants, Housing and Information Network) £48

Kilmaurs Tennis Club £2,000

Sweathouse £500

U.R. Welcome £75

Lainshaw Residents £1,644; and

- (ii) to continue consideration of the undernoted grant application for the reason detailed, viz:-

APPLICANT

REASON FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

Stewarton Guide Association

To request detailed costs for the installation of a disabled access ramp to the Stewarton Guide Association premises.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.