

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN DARVEL TOWN HALL, EAST MAIN STREET, DARVEL

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Steven Brown and Nancy Mair.

ATTENDING: Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Kenneth McKinlay, Principal, Quality Development (Education); Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer (Support Services); Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; John Spooner, Business Development Manager (Development Services); Charlie Woodward, Museum Curator (Community Services); and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer (Support Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Ronald Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae and Community Representatives Janice Cameron and Andrew Nisbet.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton (Chair)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of meeting held on 11 February 1998 (circulated).

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services outlining the financial position in respect of applications for grants received so far during the Financial Year 1997/98 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

APPLICATIONS APPROVED (for the purposes specified on the applications), viz:-

(a) Disabled Groups

St Marnock Playscheme (ENABLE) - £300.00 subject to condition that the organisation submit progress reports in respect of previous awards.

Hurlford Adult Training Centre Support Group - £1,000.00

(b) Young Persons Groups

Darvel Mother and Toddler Group - £737.00

Darvel and Newmilns Girls Groups - £780.62

Friends of Guiding - £729.00

Kilmarnock Cultural Music Exchange - £397.95

Hurlford Youth Priority Project Organisation - £900.00 subject to condition that organisation confirm that there is secure storage for the equipment.

(c) Miscellaneous

Kilmarnock Baptist Singers - £100.00 on condition that the equipment be made available to other organisations in Kilmarnock when not in use by Kilmarnock Baptist Singers.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

(a) Miscellaneous

The Buzz - on the grounds that the applicant did not appear to be a properly constituted, locally established Community Group.

Newmilns Primary School Board - the Departmental Strategy Officer confirmed that School Boards were eligible to be considered for Grant funding.

Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Nicoll moved that the application be refused on the grounds that the project did not represent value for money.

Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor McDill moved as an amendment continuation of the application to seek further clarification.

On a division by a show of hands there voted two for the amendment and two for the motion.

On there being equality of votes the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEMES STATUS REPORT - 1997

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of financial support and ongoing business development assistance awarded to companies located within the Committee area, during the 1997 calendar year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that future reports would cover the wider issues of Economic Development and Business Support;
- (ii) to recommend that the Director of Development Services Publicise Business Support Schemes and the availability of local "Surgeries" through the Community Councils' and Local Offices and Libraries; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN THE VICINITY OF LOUDOUN ACADEMY

4. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of possible future signing, lining and other safety measures in the vicinity of Loudoun Academy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Education Committee were considering funding the provision of a new footway on the eastern side of the A719 with a pedestrian barrier;
- (ii) to approve the proposals for upgrading the road markings and signing, clearing the verge alongside the footway and making good the existing pedestrian barrier;
- (iii) to monitor the effectiveness of the new road signs and road markings; and
- (iv) to recommend that the Director of Development Services make the necessary arrangements to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A719.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours