

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE
MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Nancy Mair, Harry Wilson and William Pattison.

ATTENDING: Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Social Work); Lorraine Grant, Arts and Cultural Development Officer (Community Services); John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); Fiona MacKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Support Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Support Services).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kim Nicoll, Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Janice Cameron and Steven Brown and Sergeant Ronald Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of meeting held on 25 March 1998 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

2. There was submitted a report dated 26 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the position relative to the identification of nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to serve on the Local Committee for one year from 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint for a period of one year from 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999 those Community Representatives and Substitutes nominated by the relevant organisations as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to note that in respect of the remaining organisations, who had to date not responded (also detailed in Appendix 1), the Director of Support Services contact the Elderly Forum for an Elderly Representative nomination; the Youth Panel and Loudoun Academy and St Jospeh's Academy for a Youth Representative nomination; and Galston Business Association for a Business and Residents Association Representative nomination;
- (iii) that on behalf of the Local Committee, the Director of Education be authorised to request a Pre-5 nomination at the first meeting of the Early Years Forum;
- (iv) that any further nominations received following the above initiatives be reported to the Committee; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM - LAST MEETING

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the series of seven Community Forums which had been held from 5 to 17 February 1998 throughout East Ayrshire to obtain the views and comments of the residents of East Ayrshire on the Council's Budget Proposals for 1998/99.

Whilst noting that the Director of Community Services would be submitting a report to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee comparing activity levels in relation to Leisure facilities in the last two financial years, it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee detailing any changes in Hall charges and any effects on Hall usage; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUMS - NEXT MEETINGS: VENUES/LOCAL ITEM

4. The Committee were requested to determine the venue for and the local item to be discussed at the next meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the next Community Forum meeting on 12 May 1998 be held in Darvel Town Hall;
- (ii) that the August 1998 Forum be held in Newmilns, the November/December 1998 Forum be held in Crookedholm and the February/March 1999 Forum be held in Hurlford; and
- (iii) that the Local Item for the May Forum be Community Safety: vandalism and the cost to the Community.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: CONSULTATIVE DRAFT (Item 5 Page 2921)

5. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which placed before the Local Committee the Consultative Draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan for information and comments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Consultative Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan;
- (ii) to note that Committee Members could provide comment on the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan direct to the Policy and Projects Manager, Planning and Building Control Division, East Ayrshire Council, at Croft Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1JB; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK/HOUSING

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN: UPDATE ON PROGRESS (item 4 Page 2683)

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which informed of the progress that had been made by the Social Work Department in meeting the targets set within East Ayrshire Council's Corporate Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to congratulate the Social Work Department on their activities detailed within the report, with particular reference to the Department's success in maximising income for qualifying individuals within East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1998-2001 (Item 5 Page 1664)

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Housing which sought comments from the Local Committee regarding the Draft Community Care Plan 1998-2001 for East Ayrshire.

A copy of the Draft Community Care Plan had been circulated to Councillors and Community Representatives.

A presentation covering the issues contained within the Draft Plan was made to the Local Committee by Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Social Work).

It was thereafter agreed to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.