

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 1998 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey; and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Archie McKenzie, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Hugh Stirling and Kate Clannaghan.

**ATTENDING:** Denis Craig, Principal Officer, Recreation Services; John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy and Projects); Chris Trevor, Planning Officer; Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer, Community Care; Helen Fulton, Service Officer, Social Work Department; May Martindale, Divisional Manager, North Division, Social Work Department; Ruth Sargaison, Policy Officer, Housing Department; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistants.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Superintendent Torrance Dempsey.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Janet Smith.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There were submitted for information and noted, Minutes of Meeting held on 5 February 1998 (circulated).

Arising from discussion the following points were made:-

- (i) **Onthank Community Education Centre (Item 5, Page 2971)** - that the repairs to the car park had now been completed;
- (ii) **Road Safety Plan (Item 6, Page 2971)** - the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North to submit any comments direct to the Director of Development Services.
- (iii) **Problem House Areas and Remedial Works (Item 8, Page 2971)** - noted that following public consultation a comprehensive report would be submitted to the meeting of the Housing Capital Sub-Committee in May. It was agreed to advise all tenants who participated in the consultation of this update;
- (iv) **Dog Fouling - Pilot Scheme (Item 10, Page 2972)** - noted that the area proposed by the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North was Ritchie Court/Kennedy Court, New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock;
- (v) **Recruitment of Community Representatives (Item 13, Page 2973)** - that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North would, at their AGM on 26 April 1998, nominate new members to serve on the Local Committee from 1 April 1998; and
- (vi) **Annual Seminar of Community Representatives (Item 15, Page 2974)** - that Community Representative Beryl Graham be appointed to serve on a Working Group.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grant 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 considered the undernoted applications and took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Young People

Knockinlaw Disco Dancers	-	£698.00
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The Committee were informed that the Group received funding from the Northwest Youth Exchange to help cover staffing costs, and representatives of the Youth Exchange thought the Group might have approached them for funding in the first instance, and it was agreed to notify the Group of this.

Onthank After School Group	-	£350.00
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(b) Miscellaneous

Kilmarnock Cultural Music Exchange	-	£1,989.75	(£1,108.06 allocated from the 1997/98 budget) and (£881.69 allocated from the 1998/99 budget).
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Altonhill Residents Group	-	£149.00	(allocated from the 1998/99 budget)
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- (ii) **Applications Continued for Further Information**

(a) Miscellaneous

Kilmarnock Town Centre Radio Link Association

- (iii) **Applications Refused**

(a) Young People

The Buzz - on the grounds that the Group was not a properly constituted locally established group and that the grant would not benefit the local community.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the following applications due to the exhaustion of funds for 1997/98:-

(a) Young People

St Marnock Playscheme (ENABLE)

Playdays Playgroup

(b) Miscellaneous

The Innocents;

Kilmarnock Baptist Singers;  
Onthank Men's Club;  
Titchfield Centre User's Group; and  
New Farm Loch Community Council

**RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE - MR CALDOW**

3. The Chair intimated and noted that Mr Ronnie Caldow due to work commitments had tendered his resignation as Community Representative representing the local Churches on the Local Committee.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT NEW FARM LOCH (Item 6, Page 2807)**

4. Chris Trevor provided an update on the ongoing assessment of Community Facilities in New Farm Loch following consideration by the Committee at its meeting on 11 December 1997.

It was noted that a report on Health, Children's Play and the Community Centre facilities would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee and that a report on the Letting and Housing Plan would be submitted to the Committee in due course.

**KILMARNOCK NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM**

**5.1 FEBRUARY 1998 FORUM**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the series of seven Community Forums which were held throughout East Ayrshire to obtain the views and comments of the residents on the Council's budget proposals for 1998/99.

**5.2 LOCAL ITEM FOR NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM (MAY 1998)**

It was agreed that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North advise the Director of Support Services of suggestions for consideration for the local item for the next Forum to be held in May 1998.

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

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided information and sought comments on the Consultative Draft of the East Ayrshire Local Plan which had been previously circulated to all Members.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Consultative Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan;
- (ii) that Committee Members 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 6 Croft Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1JB; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN: UPDATE ON  
PROGRESS (Item 4, page 2683)**

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

It was noted that May Martindale would provide Councillor Coffey with a breakdown of Probation and Community Service orders issued by the District and Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

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

8. There was submitted a joint report dated 3 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Housing which sought comments 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 joint presentation was made by representatives of the Social Work and Housing Department covering the issues contained within the draft Community Care Plan 1998-2001 and these were highlighted in the joint report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North provide comments on the Draft Community Care Plan to the Director of Social Work; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

It was also noted that Kay Gilmour would provide:-

- (i) Councillor Coffey with details of the Substitute – Prescribing Programme with particular reference to methadone usage and needle exchanges; and
- (ii) advise Councillor McCredie of the number of persons using the Morven Centre support facility.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.