

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 APRIL 1998 AT 1401 HOURS
IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives Mr James McFadden (Substitute), Mr W Muirhead, Mr Alan Porter, Mr Charles Cuthbertson (Substitute), Kit McLaren (Substitute) and Margaret Lees (Substitute).

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy and Projects); Margaret Phelps, Service Manager, Social Work Department; Helen Fulton, Service Officer Contracts, Social Work Department; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Department of Development Services; Lorraine Grant, Assistant Cultural Development Officer, Department of Community Services; Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Community Constable Ronnie McLean, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representatives Mr Ian Finlayson, Mrs Katherine Currie, Mrs Cathie McMunnigal and Lorna Fulton.

CHAIR: Councillor James O'Neill, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed the recently elected Councillor for Ward 13, Kilmaurs/Fenwick/Waterside, Ann Hay and Disability Forum Substitute Community Representative Margaret Lees to their first meeting at the Northern Area Local Committee.

The Chair also asked and it was agreed that best wishes be sent to Youth Forum Community Representative, Lorna Fulton for her forthcoming exams and her future career.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee of 17 February 1998 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 3, Page 2996)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the position in relation to the appointment of Community Representatives from Local Organisations to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint nominees for the position of Community Representatives and Named Substitutes of local community organisations, for the period 1 April to 31 March 1998 as detailed below:-

ORGANISATION	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	SUBSTITUTE
Stewarton and District Community Council	Mr Ian Finlayson	Mr John McFadden, JP
Fenwick Community Council	Mr Watson Muirhead	Dr Fiona Macdonald
Dunlop and Lugton Community Council	Mr Alan Porter	Ms Susan Heath
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Mrs Katherine Currie	Mr Charles Cuthbertson
Elderly Forum	Mr R Buchanan	Not yet nominated
Disability Forum	Mrs Cathie McMunnigal	Mrs Margaret Lees
Youth Forum	Ms Lorna Fulton	Not yet nominated
Community/Residents Association	Mrs May Clarke	Ms Kit McLaren
School Board	Ms Eleanor Barnett	Mr Roger Alexander

- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted fresh nominations for Community Representatives and Substitutes; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services:-
 - (a) to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives to the Northern Area Local Committee; and
 - (b) to submit a report thereon to this Committee in due course.

NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM - LAST MEETING

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the series of seven Community Forums which had been held between 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.

NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM - NEXT MEETING: LOCAL ITEM/VENUE

5. The Committee were requested to determine the venue for and the Local Item to be discussed at the next meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the local item for the next meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum to be held on 27 May 1998, would be "Community Use of Council Facilities"; and

- (ii) to note that the suggested venue for the next community Forum was Dunlop Public Hall, but that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair to identify an alternative venue with suitable capacity for anticipated numbers attending.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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 on the Consultative Draft version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan for information and comment by the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan had been placed in Council Offices and Libraries for inspection;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services would examine the possibility of extending the date for submission of comments or observations on the contents of the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan, to take cognisance of the Kilmarnock Fair holidays;
- (iii) to note that comments or observations on the Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan should be forwarded to the Policy and Projects Manager, East Ayrshire Council Planning and Building Control Division, Croft Street, Kilmarnock KA1 1JB; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STEWARTON TOWN CENTRE: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS (Item 14, Page 2676)

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 1 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposed waiting restrictions in Stewarton Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the amendments to the layout of proposed waiting restrictions in Stewarton Town Centre as requested by Stewarton Community Council, Kilmarnock Forum on Disability and Strathclyde Passenger Transport;
- (ii) that the formal Publication of Traffic Regulation Orders be carried out; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK

COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN - UPDATE ON PROGRESS (Item 4, Page 2683)

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on progress by the Social Work Department in meeting the targets set within East Ayrshire Council's Corporate Plan.

It was agreed to note the progress on Social work issues as detailed within the report and that future progress reports would be submitted annually.

The Chair agreed to amend the order of business and considered the next 4 items as follows.

SUPPORT SERVICES

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT DUNLOP ROAD, STEWARTON

- 9.1** There was submitted a report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested that the Committee consider the name of a proposed development at Dunlop Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name for the proposed development at Dunlop Road, Stewarton, be Cocklebie View; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 105A HIGH STREET, STEWARTON

- 9.2** There was submitted a report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested that the Committee consider the name of a proposed development at 105A High Street, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name for the proposed development at 105A High Street, Stewarton, be Coopers Crescent; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

SOCIAL WORK/HOUSING

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

- 10.** There was submitted a joint report dated 2 April 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and Housing seeking comment on the Draft Community Care Plan 1998-2001 and Helen Fulton of the Social Work Department was attending to provide a presentation on the issues highlighted in the report.

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives would liaise with their parent organisations on the Draft Community Care Plan 1998-2001 and forward any comments directly to the Director of Social Work, by 8 May 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS; COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 3 April 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relevant to applications for Community Grants by local organisations in respect of financial year 1998/99.

The Committee considered the undernoted applications and took the following decisions:-

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

- (a) Disability
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £300.
 - (b) Leisure Activities
Dunlop Players - £1,350.
 - (c) Pre-Fives
Dunlop Mother and Toddler Group - £747.20.
 - (d) Sport
Stewarton Annick Football Club - £450; and
Sweathouse - £500 (subject to the group submitting details of a bank account in the name of "Sweathouse").
 - (e) Young People
Dunlop Youth Group - £719.97;
Dunlop Uniformed Group - £700; and
Jam Street Dancers - £432.44.
- (ii) **Applications Continued for further information**
- (a) Disability
Contact PHAB Club.
 - (b) Poverty and Disadvantage
Kilmarnock Volunteer Services.
- (iii) **Applications Refused**
- (a) Music
Kilmarnock Baptist Singers - On the grounds that there was no evidence to support the Group's activities in the Northern Area.
 - (b) Young People
The Buzz - On the grounds that the Group was not a properly constituted local established group and that the grant would not benefit the local community.

POLICE REPORT

12. In the absence of Sergeant John Ramage, Community Constable Ronnie McLean, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing matters.

It was noted that Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, was unable to attend this meeting due to injuries sustained in the line of duty and the Chair asked that best wishes be sent to Sergeant Ramage for a speedy recovery.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that a crime figures report for the Strathclyde Force was to be published, and it was anticipated that it would show a reduction in crime and an increase in the detection rate;

- (ii) that the Spotlight Initiative on the carrying of offensive weapons had proved effective with fewer weapons being found on people;
- (iii) that since the introduction of the Bye-laws on Drinking in Public Places, the number of complaints on the consumption of alcohol in public places had reduced;
- (iv) that the new Police Station at Avenue Square, Stewarton would be open by the next meeting of this Committee; and
- (v) that CCTV cameras would be operational in Stewarton shortly.

The meeting terminated at 1357 hours.