

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BARR CENTRE, STATION ROAD, GALSTON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae and George Turnbull and Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Steve Brown, Janice Cameron and Bill Pattison.

**ATTENDING:** Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Sandy Gillat, Acting Head of Roads and Transportation; Fiona McKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work Department; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Charlie Woodward, Museum and Arts Manager; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Bob Pollock, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Nancy Mair and Amanda Gilmour.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 1999 (circulated).

**MATTERS ARISING**

**1.1 RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000 (Item 2, Page 4278)**

It was noted that the issue of the number of the Community Representatives appointed to Local Committees would be considered under the review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme and would be considered by the new Council following the Council Elections.

Councillor Macrae joined the meeting at this point.

**1.2 1999/2000 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 7, Page 4281)**

The Museums and Arts Manager reported that estimates had been undertaken for remedial works required at the 3 footpaths in Morton Park, Darvel linking Hutchison Drive and Kirkland Road and indicated that the cost for the total overlay of Hutchison Drive/Kirkland Road would be £2,500 and that within Morton Park 200 square metres of patching would be required at the cost of £2,000.

It was noted that implementation of the works would require to be prioritised along with other works across East Ayrshire in light of the available resources for the financial year.

**1.3 CLOSURE OF CLYDESDALE BANK, DARVEL (Item 9, Page 4282)**

Following concern expressed by Community Representative, Janice Cameron regarding inappropriate disabled access facilities at the Newmilns Branch. It was noted that the Director of Corporate Services would advise Janice Cameron with regard to the progress of the planning application and the likely timescale for completion of disabled access facilities at the Newmilns Branch.

**1.4 UPDATE ON CCTV (Item 6, Page 4281)**

The Principal Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the installation of CCTV involved cabling to a local police office with an Integrated Systems Digital Network link to Kilmarnock Police Office which housed the CCTV control room.

The cost of installing CCTV in the Irvine Valley would be variable dependent on the extent of coverage and the installation. Based on recent installations, the cost required for each village system installed would be approximately £75,000

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

2. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the nominations for Community Representatives and named substitute made by local organisations as detailed below:-  
Mr A Nisbet/Mr A Townsley (Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council); Mr S Brown/Mr H Wilson (Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council); Mr B Pattison/Mr H McLelland (Galston Community Council); Mrs N Mair/Mrs Cameron (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); Ms A Gilmour/Ms L Crowe-Christie (Galston Business and Residents Association);
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted fresh nominations for Community Representatives and substitutes;
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and substitute Community Representatives; and
- (iv) to note that the annual appointment of Community Representatives in each year prior to their parent group AGM meetings would be taken into consideration under the review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS TO CONSULT ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1999/2000**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the series of seven Community Forums which were held from 1-16 February 1999 throughout East Ayrshire to obtain the

views and comments of the residents of East Ayrshire on the Council's budget proposals for 1999/2000.

### **LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (NON-STATUTORY)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive informing of the outcome of the consultation process undertaken with Local Committees regarding the proposed Local Performance Indicators (Non-Statutory).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to receive further reports to future Local Committee meetings on the results of Local Performance Indicators; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 1998/99 - FINAL POSITION**

5. There was submitted and noted a statement dated 6 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the final financial position in respect of Community Grants awarded during the financial year 1998/99.

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 1999/2000**

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1999/2000 together with summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

#### **APPLICATIONS APPROVED** (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Community Councils  
Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council - £1,000
- (b) Disability  
St Marnock Playscheme - £300
- (c) Older People  
St Andrew's Glencairn Leisure Hour - £16
- (d) Poverty and Disadvantage  
Loudoun Valley Trust - £7,500

#### **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

- (a) Newmilns Friends of Guiding  
It was noted that the grant application for Newmilns Friends of Guiding had been withdrawn.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the key community safety issues agreed by the Community Safety Forum and requesting a nomination for membership for the Forum for one year commencing in June.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of the nomination of a Community Representative to represent the Committee to the next meeting of the Committee when a full complement of Community Representatives would be in attendance; and
- (ii) to advise the Community Safety Officer that a worthwhile community safety initiative for consideration would be Child Safety Around Schools.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

8. There was submitted a report dated 31 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations over the preceding six week period and to advise of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed to note that future reports would provide more information of specific local interest

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **NEWMILNS TOWNSCAPE INITIATIVE**

9. The Senior Policy Officer and Policy Projects Manager reported on approval of a £1.7 million heritage lottery fund grant for the Newmilns Townscape Initiative and stated that the Council were actively seeking to raise the required match funding and to date £750,000 approximately match funding had been confirmed.

The Initiative covered the centre of Newmilns and involved five specific areas:-

- (i) complete restoration of certain buildings;
- (ii) re-instatement of architectural detail to various buildings;
- (iii) public realm and environmental works;
- (iv) new build in gap sites; and
- (v) appointment of a Project Officer plus related overheads.

The Initiative was a five year project and officers were presently involved in putting together management arrangements for the Initiative. It was proposed to work closely with various organisations (eg. Historic Scotland and Scottish Homes) and the local community to progress the Initiative.

The Committee noted the reports and that progress reports would be submitted to future meetings of this Committee.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 24 March 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of work being progressed by East Ayrshire Council and its partners in relation to promoting social inclusion throughout the Authority.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposals to establish local area partnership as set out in Section 4 within the report;
- (ii) to endorse East Ayrshire Council's commitment to addressing issues of social exclusion throughout the Authority; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 12. MAINTENANCE - HASTINGS SQUARE, DARVEL AND MORTON HALL, NEWMILNS (Item 10, Page 4282)**

The Chair intimated withdrawal of this Item which would be considered at the next meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1518 hours.