

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 1999 AT 1400 HOURS
IN FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors James O'Neill, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives James McFadden JP (substitute), Dr Fiona Macdonald, Alan Porter, Katherine Currie, Margaret Lees and Alan Dickson.

ATTENDING: Helen McGee, Assistant Divisional Manager (Department of Social Work); Gerard Cairns, Libraries and Information Services Manager (Department of Community Services); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Ian Finlayson, Watson Muirhead and Kit McLaren (substitute).

CHAIR: Councillor James O'Neill, Chair.

DEATH OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE - MAY CLARK

1. The Committee agreed to a minute's silence in remembrance of May Clark, Community/Residents Association Community Representative on the Northern Area Local Committee, and agreed to transmit its deepest condolences to Mrs Clark's family.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

2. The Chair asked, and it was agreed, that the Local Committee's best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to the wife of Community Representative Ian Finlayson, who was in hospital.

The Chair also welcomed Mr Alan Dickson as the newly appointed Local Business Community Representative on the Northern Area Local Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted, for information and noting, the minutes of meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 11 March 1999 (circulated).

It was reported:-

- (i) that Stewarton Academy's nominations for a Youth Representative and substitute to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services would submit a report on communication links with Strathclyde Police and the strategies employed relating to the re-routing of traffic via Stewarton in the event of temporary closure of the A77 due to accidents, to the next meeting of this Committee; and

- (iii) that, following consultation with the local community in Dunlop, the Director of Development Services would submit a report on low cost road safety measures to deter traffic from speeding on Lugton Road, Dunlop, to the next meeting of this Committee.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000 (Item 6.3, Page 4363)

4. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the outcome of the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000.

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 1999 to 31 March 2000, 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	Mrs Susan Heath
Moscow and Waterside Community Council	Mrs Katherine Currie	Mr Charles Cuthbertson
Kilmaurs Community Council	Mr William Ferguson	To be nominated
Elderly Forum	To be nominated	To be nominated
Disability Forum	Mr Margaret Lees	To be nominated
Youth Forum	To be nominated	To be nominated
Community/Residents Association	To be nominated	Ms Kit McLaren
Local Business Community	Mr Alan Dickson	To be nominated

- (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 Corporate Services:-
- (a) to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and substitutes for the Northern Area Local Committee; and
- (b) to submit a report thereon to this Committee in due course.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS TO CONSULT ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET
PROPOSALS FOR 1999/2000 (Item 1, Page 4149)**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the series of 7 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.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL
ORGANISATIONS 1998/99**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the breakdown of community grants, by category, paid to local organisations in financial year 1998/99.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the community grants scheme.

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

(a) Disabled

St Marnock (ENABLE) Playscheme - £300

(b) Sport

Dunlop Carpet Bowling - £700

It was also noted that, in accordance with the last meeting of the Local Committee on 11 March 1999, the sum of £479.48 had been awarded to Dunlop Schools Out from the grant allocation to the Northern Area Local Committee in financial year 1999/2000.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the key community safety issues agreed by the Community Safety Forum and which requested the nomination of a Community Representative to represent the Northern Area Local Committee on the Community Safety Forum for one year, commencing June 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mr Watson Muirhead, Chair of Fenwick Community Council, to continue to serve on the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives would consult with their organisations regarding suggested projects or initiatives for consideration by the Community Safety Working Groups and intimate these directly to the Community Safety

Officer, with Community Representative Watson Muirhead being advised accordingly.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 31 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations over the preceding 6 week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the intention to revise the format of "Spotlight" reports in order to reflect more localised events; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

10. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that, since the last meeting of this Committee, there had been 10 car thefts and that this represented 50% of the total number of crimes reported in the Northern Area;
- (ii) to note that there had been 4 dwellinghouse break-ins throughout the Northern Area, three of which related to isolated dwellinghouses; and
- (iii) to note, that since the last meeting of this Committee, there had been 2 serious assaults in the Northern Area.

NAMING OF STREETS NAMES BY LOCAL COMMITTEES PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CUTSBURN ROAD, STEWARTON

11. There was submitted a report dated 13 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which requested a name for a proposed development at Cutsburn Road, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the proposed new development at Cutsburn Road, Stewarton, would be Cauldhame Rigg; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (Item 12, Page 4012)

12. There was a report dated 24 March 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on 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 that the Local Committee welcomed the establishment of Local Area Partnerships as described within the report;
- (ii) to endorse East Ayrshire Councils commitment to addressing issues throughout the Authority; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S

LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (NON-STATUTORY) (Item 1, Page 3309)

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of the consultation process undertaken with Local Committees with regard to 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 content of the report.

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

- 14.** The Chair extended his thanks to Councillors Hall and Hay for their regular attendance at, and involvement in, the Local Committee and remembered the valuable contribution of the late Councillor Robert Beattie. He also thanked Officers for the work undertaken by them on behalf of the Local Committee. Finally, the Chair extended his warmest thanks to Community Representatives past and present for their contribution and constructive involvement in the Local Committee.

Councillors Hall and Hay added their thanks to Officers and Community Representatives.

The meeting terminated at 1442 hours.