

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Janice Cameron, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Andrew Nisbet and James Crossan.

ATTENDING: Matthew Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads Division); Janice Harrison Community Worker (Social Work); Fiona Mackinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Jim Maitland, Depute Director of Housing; John McHarg, Maintenance Manager (Property Section, Support Services); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker (Education); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); Charles Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Support Services)

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Simon I Keenan, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Community Representative Stephanie Young.

MINUTES

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1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 1999 (circulated).

1.1 MATTER ARISING

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Museums and Arts Manager's report on progress with the siting of the replacement recycling bank in Hurlford, and his undertaking to advise Community Representative Andrew Nisbet when final arrangements were in place for re-siting the bank.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the local Committee for the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation as detailed in Appendix I to the report, together with an addition that Community Representatives Chris Smith and Louise Graham be included in the Youth Forum Sector;

- (ii) to retain the existing composition of community organisation representation on the Committee;
- (iii) to request that the Decentralisation Sub-Committee examine the possibility of the Local Committee being permitted to invite nominations for an "extra" representative (11 in total) to enable a "place" for a representative from Crookedholm Community Association; and
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and named substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECT

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3. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised the Local Committee of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which evaluated the Energy Advice Unit Project, for which Urban Programme funding was due to terminate in September 1999. The report also provided an outline of the project; set out the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel; and put forward recommendations to the local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel as set in out in paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to express support for the work of this project;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit the views of the Local Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel;
- (iv) arising from discussion of the report, that the Depute Director of Housing provide Community Representative Bill Pattison with information on the project and its work; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 1998/99

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1998/99 together with a 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

Irvine Valley Joint Community Council Group - £14,000

Declaration of Interest - Community Representative Steve Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application and left the meeting while the application was being discussed.

(b) Disability

Irvine Valley Activity Group - £900

(c) Older People

Irvine Valley Elderly Forum - £300;

Hurlford Lunch Club - £780; and

Galston & District Old People's Welfare Committee - £1,501.18

Also agreed that the organisation be invited to submit a fresh application at the beginning of the next financial year with regard to their summer outing, to include quotations for buses and approximation of numbers going on outing.

(d) Poverty and Disadvantage

Newmilns Action Group - £400

(e) Sport

Northwest Amateur Boxing Club - £560; and

Galston United F.C. - £340

(f) Young People

92nd Ayrshire (Galston) Scout Group - £900; and

Darvel and Newmilns Girls Groups - £630.82

APPLICATION CONTINUED

(a) Loudoun Valley Trust

It was agreed to continue this application to the next meeting for further information, as an assessment was not available.

Councillor Nicoll left during discussion of this item.

Councillor McDill joined and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

DEVELOPMENT AT MAUCHLINE ROAD, HURLFORD

5. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting that the Local Committee consider the name of a development at Mauchline Road, Hurlford.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the development at Mauchline Road, Hurlford be named "Walker Court"; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to advise the Contracting and Technical Services Section accordingly.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations over the preceding six week period, and of forthcoming initiatives.

The Committee was introduced to Superintendent Simon I Keenan, Strathclyde Police, who recently had moved to this area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Police Liaison Officer report to the next meeting with an approximate cost for extending CCTV cables further up the Irvine Valley; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillor Turnbull left the meeting during discussion of this item.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1999/2000 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

7. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the 1999/2000 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable " Schemes which were approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought approval of the "highly desirable" Schemes of structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 1999/2000 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" Schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" Schemes for the structural maintenance of footways as detailed in the report;
- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Road and Transportation by reducing the Footway Resurfacing Programme in an equitable manner;
- (iv) that arising from discussion of this report the Director of Community Services report to the next meeting regarding the poor condition of the three footpaths through Morton Park, Darvel linking Hutchison Drive and Kirkland Road; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: STRATEGIC PLAN 1999 - 2002

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the content of the Strategic Plan for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System.

MISCELLANEOUS

CLOSURE OF CLYDESDALE BANK, DARVEL

9. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of a meeting between representatives of the Clydesdale Bank, members of Darvel and Newmilns communities and East Ayrshire Council following the Bank's announcement that it intended to relocate its Darvel Branch to Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outcome of the meeting on 4 February 1999 with the representatives of the Clydesdale Bank; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE NEWMILNS TOWN HERITAGE INITIATIVE AREA

10. The Maintenance Manager, Property Services provided a report on the maintenance of Council Properties within the Newmilns Town Heritage Initiative Area (as requested during the question and answer session at the conclusion of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting on 20 January 1999).

The Maintenance Manager prioritised the work required on council properties as follows: (a) stone cleaning of the frontage of Morton Hall. Community Representative Steve Brown also highlighted problems with the building's roof and the poor condition of the gable end; (b) off-street parking for the library and Local Office which would be looked at in the next financial year; (c) improvement to electrics in the Town House; and (d) the toilet block at the ski-slope currently boarded up, in respect of which the Director of Community Services was considering various options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Head of Property and Director of Community Service examine possible funding for the stone cleaning of the frontage of Morton Hall;
- (ii) that the Head of Property look into the condition of the roof and gable end of the Morton Hall; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

VENNELS AND SIDE STREETS, NEWMILNS

11. The Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation) provided a report on streets, footways and alleys within the Newmilns Town Heritage Initiative Area, which were

currently the responsibility of East Ayrshire Roads Division and advised that some other such streets etc. would be in private ownership or the responsibility of one of the other Council departments (as requested during the question and answer session at the conclusion of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting on 20 January 1999).

It was agreed to note the report and that the Senior Strategy Officer, Development Services would explore, together with the Head of Planning the possibility of one or more vennels being included in the Townscape Heritage Initiative.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.