

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE, GROUGAR ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM**

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

ATTENDING: Marlene Campbell, Area Manager (Irvine Valley) (Housing); Fiona Mackinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Ron Murray, Environmental Health Officer (Community Services); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); John Spooner, Development Manager (Development Services); Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration (Support Services); Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Officer (Community Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Support Services).

APOLOGIES: Councillor George Turnbull and Community Representative Stephanie Young.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Louise Graham and Chris Smith (Youth Representative and Substitute respectively), and Hugh Mitchell (the new Police Liaison Officer) to their first Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting.

The Chair then intimated that Nancy Mair, Community Representative Substitute had left before the commencement of the meeting due to the failure of the Council's Loop system which should have acted as an aid to the hearing impaired.

The Chair then asked for the Committee's strong dissatisfaction with the continued failure of the Loop System to be recorded in the minutes.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of Meeting held on 7 October 1998 (circulated).

MATTER ARISING

- 2.1 It was agreed that the Director of Development Services now advise Community Representative George Dalziel on the proposed finish date for the traffic calming works in Darvel.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

COMMUNITY FORUM - 19 OCTOBER 1998

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the second meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum for the 1998/99 year held in St Sophia's Primary School, Galston, as part of the Council's Adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

4. There was submitted a report dated 9 November 1998 (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 Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Older People

Age Concern, Hurlford - £900.00

(b) Voluntary Organisation Support (Community Associations)

Crookedholm Community Association - £1838.00

(c) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association - £480.00

BEST VALUE

NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought the views of the Committee on a range of performance indicators which were being proposed for a trial period and which invited comments on the need for any amendment or additions to the indicators.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that any comments on the range of trial performance indicators for 1998/99 outlined in the Appendix to the report could be made within four weeks of the date of the meeting to the Departmental Strategy Officer, Department of Support Services; and
- (ii) to note that a further report on the outcome of the consultation process would be made at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES/HOUSING

INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES LET TO PRIVATE TENANTS

6. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 26 October 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and of Community Services on the powers which were available to the Council with regard to inspection of properties let to private tenants.

“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”

7. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of “Spotlight” operations over the preceding six week period, and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Police Liaison Officer would advise Strathclyde Police of the problems reported by Community Representative George Dalziel regarding the misuse and sale of fireworks in Darvel;
- (ii) that the Police Liaison Officer provide Councillor Nicoll with the information she had requested regarding Strathclyde Police’s actions following discovery of methadone misuse; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of National Spring Clean in East Ayrshire in 1999.

PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised on the provision of existing recycling locations and which proposed how facilities could be extended.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposed site at Hastings Square, Darvel was wholly unsuitable for the location of a recycling bank and that the Committee disapproved strongly of this recommendation;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Community Services ensure a more regular clear up/sweep of the area at the recycling bank situated in the Co-op car park, Galston;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services advise Community Representative Andrew Nisbet of when the replacement recycling bank would be sited in Hurlford;
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services consult with the Local Community Association in Crookedholm before the siting of the recycling bank; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT - REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1998

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of work carried out by Development Services in terms of local economic regeneration and financial support and ongoing business development assistance to companies located within the Committee area, during the period January to July 1998.

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES

DEVELOPMENT AT FORMER ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, HURLFORD

11. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested that the Committee agree the naming of streets within a development at the former St Paul's Primary School, Hurlford.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that house number 1 faced Union Street, and houses numbers 2 through to 8 inclusive faced Blair Road, and as such, these houses would be allocated the next appropriate numbers in the existing streets by the Contracting and Technical Services Section;
- (ii) that the remainder of the development (house numbers 9 through to 13) be named "Graham Court"; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to advise the Contracting and Technical Services Section accordingly.

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

12. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the Social Inclusion Partnership Initiative which was being promoted by The Scottish Office and the opportunities it provided for East Ayrshire Council and its partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that East Ayrshire Council had been successful in progressing to Stage 2 of the selection process for the establishment of new Social Inclusion Partnerships;
- (ii) to note that the Committee encouraged participation in the planned Partnership Conference; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY

13. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought to consult the Local Committee on the Older People's Strategy which was attached as an Appendix to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to advise the Director of Social Work of Community Representative James Crossan's dissatisfaction with the waiting period for the Chiropody Service in Galston which comments James Crossan would also submit through the consultation process;
- (ii) that the Director of Housing report to the next meeting on the number of houses included for the elderly in the proposed development at Lomond Avenue, Hurlford;
- (iii) to note that any further comments on the strategy should be submitted to the Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) by 10 January 1999;
- (iv) to receive an update report on the strategy in one year's time; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME

14. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised the Local Committee that as part of a review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme, a panel of Councillors would visit every Local Committee by the end of the year to consult on developing the Scheme.

It was agreed that as the consultation panel had been unable to visit the Local Committee that day that this item be continued to the next meeting.

DURATION OF MEETING

15. The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.