

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN GATEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRLIE VIEW, GATEHEAD**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle and Ronald Brailsford; Community Representatives Mr Charles Calman, Mr John McIvor, Mr James McClymont and Mr Michael Thomson; and Named Substitutes Ms Linda Thomson and Mr Ian McVey.

**ATTENDING:** Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Helen McGee, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; George Scott, Licensing Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads Division); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough and David Fulton; and Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representative Mr John Donaldson.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There were submitted and noted for information, the Minutes of meeting of Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 14 October 1998 (circulated).

**1.1 MATTERS ARISING**

There was introduced to the meeting Members of the Decentralisation Consultation Panel, viz: Councillors Fulton and Darnbrough. The Panel sought the views of the Local Committee on practical improvements to the Council's Decentralisation Scheme.

It was agreed to note that, in relation to the question and answer session held at the conclusion of Local Committee meetings, the preference would be for this session instead to take place immediately prior to each meeting.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL 31 MARCH 1999**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the position in respect of the appointment of a new Community Representative for the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appointment of Mr Michael Thomson as a Community Representative on the Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1999; and
- (ii) to note that a nomination for a Named Substitute representing the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches would be submitted by the organisation at an early date and reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

### **COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - 14 OCTOBER 1998**

- 3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the second meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum for the 1998/99 year, held as part of the Council's Adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 10 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 Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-
  - (a) Older People
    - (i) Piersland Action Group - £400;
    - (ii) Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin - £300; and
    - (iii) Glebe Old Men's Cabin - £300.
  - (b) Young People
    - (i) Friday Youth Group - £490; and
    - (ii) East Ayrshire Youth Association - £1,320.
- (ii) **Application Remitted** (for determination by the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee):-
  - (a) Pre-Fives
    - (i) Henderson Church Mother and Toddlers (Scallywags) - on receipt of a satisfactory assessment.
- (iii) **Application Refused**
  - (a) Information and Advice

CHAIN (Claimants Housing Advice Information Network) - on the grounds that, since submitting its application, the group had undergone significant changes in its structure and operation and, as a result, may not be in a position at present to meet the demands of the project in question.

## **BEST VALUE**

### **NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought the views of the Local Committee on the range of Performance Indicators 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) that, provided they were not already the subject of Statutory Performance Indicators, consideration be given to the inclusion of Non-Statutory Performance Indicators for Benefits Rates processing and, in particular, the processing of Council Tax benefit;
- (ii) to note that any further comments on the trial Performance Indicators for 1998/99 outlined in the Appendix to the report, should be submitted no later than 22 December 1998; and
- (iii) to note that a further report on the outcome of the consultation process would be made at a future meeting.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”**

6. 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, if possible, the Bonnyton area of Kilmarnock be highlighted in connection with anti-disorder patrols carried out in connection with forthcoming “Spotlight” operations; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to encourage the Council’s aim of increasing the number of spring clean events and projects in 1999; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the provision of existing recycling locations and ways in which facilities could be extended.

### **LICENSING AND SITING OF FAIRGROUNDS**

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided updated information relating to procedures followed in the licensing and siting of fairgrounds in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Local Committee, pending further information; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 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 Kilmarnock Central local area, during the period January to July 1998.

Community Representative Charles Calman left the meeting during discussion of this item.

#### **DISABLED PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated the Local Committee on the use of disabled parking bays in Kilmarnock Town Centre car parks.

#### **REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS**

12. There was submitted a report dated 18 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on proposals for the replacement of town and village signs and which sought agreement for a message on the Kilmarnock town signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives be asked to consider possible wording for Kilmarnock town signs and submit any comments they may have to the Director of Development Services no later than Friday 8 January 1999;
- (ii) that a further report on the outcome of a consultation process be made at the next meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the progress made to date on the replacement of town and village signs within East Ayrshire.

### **SOCIAL WORK**

#### **SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

13. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the Social Inclusion Partnership Initiative being

promoted by The Scottish Office and the opportunities provided for East Ayrshire Council and its partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to encourage local participation in the planned Partnership Conference; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Darnbrough left the meeting during discussion of this item.

#### **OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY**

14. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought to consult on the Older People's Strategy attached as an appendix to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that any comments on the Strategy be forwarded to the Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) no later than 10 January 1999; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.