

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey; Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Archie McKenzie, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Maureen Brown, Hugh Stirling and Kate Clannaghan.

**ATTENDING:** Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Registration & Licensing; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, Community Services and Robert Pollock, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; John Spooner, Business Development Manager, Development Services; Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Helen McGhee, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**CHAIRS REMARKS**

1. Councillor McIntyre reported and it was noted that Item 5 on the Agenda:- "Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel - request to appoint Representatives" had been withdrawn.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted for information and noted, minutes of meeting held on 29 September 1998.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**COMMUNITY FORUM - 8 OCTOBER 1998**

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the second meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum for the 1998/99 year, held as part of the Council's adopted scheme for Decentralisation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services make appropriate arrangements for 2 Community Representatives from this Committee to be involved in the Ministerial visit to discuss the proposed A77 upgrading scheme scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 November 1998;
- (ii) that the Chief Executive be advised of concerns raised by Community Representatives about requesting respondents to provide personal details on the Community Forum Assessment Forms; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 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.

4.1 **Declaration of Interest** : Councillor Knapp declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the application from Onthank Boys Club.

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

(a) Voluntary Organisations

- (i) Onthank Community Association - having noted that Christmas celebrations would be provided for 140 young people and not 11 as stated in the report, it was agreed to grant £1,000
- (ii) Longpark Community Association - it was agreed to grant £140 in principle, subject to the Director of Support Services clarifying the purpose of the £1,250 transferred to an imprest account as shown on the group's statement of accounts.
- (iii) Knockinlaw Community Association - it was agreed to grant £800 in principle, subject to the Director of Support Services clarifying the purpose of the £3,200 grant award made to the organisation as shown on the group's bank statement.
- (iv) Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups - £350
- (v) New Farm Loch Community Association - the Administrative Officer reported receipt of a late application for the provision of Christmas celebrations. Due to the timescales involved, it was agreed to approve in principle, a grant of £800 and that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair to make arrangements for payment of the grant subject to the receipt of a satisfactory assessment report.

(b) Sport

- (i) Onthank Boy's Club - £400
- (ii) Onthank Football Club - having noted that the club let Onthank Primary School 44 times per annum at a total cost of £132 it was agreed to grant £200

(c) Pre-5s

- (i) New Farm Loch Playgroup - £100
- (ii) New Farm Mothers & Under 5s (Mother & Toddler Group) - £500
- (iii) Playdays Playgroup - £400

(d) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve a grant of £600 subject to the condition that the East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) make contact with all the recognised youth groups within the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area with the view to them being appropriately represented in the various activities held throughout the year; and
  - (ii) that the Director of Support Services provide the group with a list of youth groups operating within the Kilmarnock North Area.
- (e) Music
- (i) Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir - £85

Kate Clannaghan left the meeting at this point.

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

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a 4 week consultation period from the date of the Local Committee be set to allow Community Representatives to consult the community organisations they represent and, accordingly to provide any comments thereafter to the Director of Support Services by Friday 11 December 1998;
- (ii) to note that a further report on the outcome of the consultation process would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

### **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 of the proceeding six week period and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to record the Local Committee's appreciation of the assistance of Inspector Bob Pollock in his role as Police Liaison Officer since August 1997;
- (ii) to note that Sergeant Mitchell had been appointed as the replacement Police Liaison Officer with effect from 16 November 1998;
- (iii) to note that the Police Liaison Officer would be willing to attend any community group meetings as appropriate to provide feedback on the results of the crimestoppers initiative mounted by Strathclyde Police;
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to investigate appropriate methods of encouraging members of the public to report crime under the crimestoppers initiative by publicising local peoples contribution

towards the initiative and highlighting the results achieved to date as a result of their assistance; and

- (vi) to otherwise, 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 National Spring Clean in East Ayrshire in 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives advise the Director of Community Services of any suggestions for community events to promote National Spring Clean 1999 within their own locality; and
- (ii) to otherwise, note the contents of the report.

### **PROVISION OF RECYCLING FACILITIES**

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which highlighted the Council's commitment to encourage recycling and advised of the provision of existing recycling locations and proposed how existing recycling facilities could be extended.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the current recycling site at Tesco's, Glasgow Road, Kilmarnock be retained;
- (ii) to note that the Director of Community Services was currently investigating a further recycling site for New Farm Loch in addition to the site at McPhail Drive;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services consider the feasibility of providing a suitable site for recycling facilities in Onthank;
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services review facilities for the recycling of aluminium cans used by East Ayrshire Council's staff; and
- (vi) to otherwise, note the contents of the report.

Councillor McCredie left at this point.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the 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 Local Committee area, during the period from January to July 1998.

**HOUSING (Item 8, Page 3336)****PROBLEM HOUSE AREAS - MEIKLEWOOD ROAD FLATS, ONTHANK**

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised of the outcome of the postal survey carried out and identified options for the tenemental properties at 54-60 Meiklewood Road, Onthank.

During discussion of this item Community Representatives commented that a more attractive development site could be created by the demolition of the shops and flats at 31-45 Amlaird Road (subject to the replacement of suitable shopping provision) and the addition of this site to the proposed redevelopment area at 54-60 Meiklewood Road.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the Housing Capital Sub-Committee that the preferred option was for the demolition of tenemental properties at 54-60 Meiklewood Road, Onthank; and
- (ii) to refer the comments expressed above to the Director of Housing.

**SOCIAL WORK****SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

11. 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 it provided for East Ayrshire Council and its partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request that the Northwest area of Kilmarnock North be considered by the Director of Social Work in any Social Inclusion Partnership proposals; and
- (ii) to note that the Director of Social Work would be encouraging the participation of Community Representatives in the planned Partnership Conference being proposed to be held in early December 1998.

**OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY**

12. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought consultation on the Older People's Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives forward any comments on the Older People's Strategy to the Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) by 10 January 1999; and
- (ii) to otherwise, note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.