

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1403 HOURS IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS**

**PRESENT:** Councillors James O'Neill and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives, Mr Ian Finlayson, Mr Watson Muirhead, Mr Alan Porter, Mrs Katherine Currie, Ms Kit McLaren (Substitute), Ms Margaret Lees and Gabrielle Iwelumo.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Gerard Cairns, Library and Information Services Manager; Helen McGhee, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, Waste Management; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sub-Divisional Commander Torrance Dempsey; and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police; and Margaret Burgess, Manager, Citizen's Advice Bureau.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Kathleen Hall; and Community Representative May Clarke.

**CHAIR:** Councillor James O'Neill, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed Miss Gabrielle Iwelumo, pupil of St Joseph's Academy, the newly appointed Youth Representative to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There were submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 15 October 1998 (circulated).

It was reported:-

- (i) that in respect of the item: A Programme for Environmental Improvement Projects, Community Representatives would consult with their local organisations to bring forward suggestions for further projects, at any time, to Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager, Planning and Building Control Division;
- (ii) that the proposed Youth Representative Substitute did not reside within Northern Area. Therefore another candidate would be advised in due course to this Committee;
- (iii) that a report by the Director of Development Services on the criteria for siting school crossing patrols would be submitted to this Committee on 28 January 1999; and
- (iv) that Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, would report on the outcome of an investigation to establish whether local traffic controllers had any comments to

make regarding the conduct of drivers at controlled crossings to this Committee on 28 January 1999.

### **NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM - 20 OCTOBER 1998**

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising on the outcome of the second meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum for the 1998/99 year, held as part of the Council's Adopted Scheme for Decentralisation.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this item to this Committee on 28 January 1999.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

#### **GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS**

4. There was submitted a report dated 13 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relevant to applications for Community Grants by local organisations in respect of financial year 1998/99.

4.1 **Application Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Young People

East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) - £240.00

It was also agreed that the Director of Education would submit a report to this Committee on the progress of the East Ayrshire Youth Association (North) in the development of training for young people and as a contact for all Youth Organisations in the Northern Area, to a future meeting of this Committee.

4.2 **20th AYRSHIRE (STEWARTON) SCOUT GROUP**

4.2.1 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor O'Neill declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item in terms of Clause 12(c) of the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4.2.2 **Consideration of Item**

It was agreed to defer consideration of this grant application to a Special Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee, to be held as soon as practicable, to enable further information relating to the application to be reported.

4.3 **STEWARTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOURCE CENTRE**

4.3.1 **Declaration of Interest**

Ian Finlayson, Community Representative, Stewarton and District Community Council, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in its consideration.

4.3.2 **Consideration of Item**

**Application Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Community Councils

Stewarton and District Community Council Resources Centre - £1,000.

It was also agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the appropriate Officer to report on the future feasibility of the photocopy facility to this Committee on 11 March 1999.

#### **4.4 STEWARTON DRAMA GROUP**

It was agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee to enable further information relating to the application to be reported.

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

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive seeking views on a range of Performance Indicators which are being proposed for a trial period and inviting comments on the need for any amendment or additions to the indicators.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Community Representatives would consult with their respective organisations to consider the need for any amendment or additions to the Performance Indicators, as detailed in an Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that any such comments ((i) above) should be submitted to Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer, Department of Support Services, by 26 December 1998; and
- (iii) to note that a further report on the outcome of the consultation process would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 6. It was agreed that Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, would report on local policing matters at the conclusion of consideration of item 6.1.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

- 6.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight Operations" over the preceding six week period, as detailed in Appendix I to the report, and on forthcoming Spotlight Initiatives as detailed in Appendix II to the report.

Sub-Divisional Commander Torrance Dempsey, Strathclyde Police, apprised the Committee on the "Spotlight Operations", as detailed in Appendices I and II to the report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **POLICE REPORT**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that 22 crimes had been recorded since the last meeting, 2 of which were crimes of violence and 6 of which were car thefts;
- (ii) to note that the recorded crime figure of 22 compared favourably to the recorded crime level of 47 in the same period last year;
- (iii) to note the appointment of Bill Petherick as Community Constable, who would be based in Stewarton;
- (iv) that Community Constable Bill Petherick would be invited to attend this Committee on 28 January 1999;
- (v) to convey the Committee's appreciation to Community Constable Bill Petherick's predecessor, Community Constable Roy McLean, for his efforts on behalf of the community;
- (vi) to note that Strathclyde Police would keep a daily diary of road accidents/events on the A77 which would be forwarded on a monthly basis to The Scottish Office Minister for Transport, Mr Calum MacDonald, MP;
- (vii) to note that the use of mobile speed cameras was under consideration by Strathclyde Police on the A77; and
- (viii) that Strathclyde Police would conduct a traffic speed survey at the Vennel, Stewarton and report the outcome to this Committee at a future meeting.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to encourage the Council's aim of increasing the number of events and projects in National Spring Clean in East Ayrshire in 1999;
- (ii) that the Chair would write to local groups and organisations to encourage their participation in National Spring Clean in East Ayrshire in 1999; and
- (iii) otherwise to 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 on the provision of existing recycling locations; proposals on how these recycling locations can be extended; and seeking comment on the suitability of the proposed recycling site locations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to agree the suitability of the proposed recycling site locations, as detailed in an Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on work carried out by the Department of Development Services in terms of local economic regeneration and financial support on ongoing business development assistance to companies located within the Northern Area during the period January to July 1998.

#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a recent Seminar held in Stewarton, to promote the range of business development and assistance programmes available to businesses in the Northern Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to invite George Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative, to give a presentation on New Deal to this Committee in due course; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES**

#### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHCRAIGS, KILMARNOCK - PHASE 4**

11. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which requested names for a proposed development at Southcraigs, Kilmarnock - phase 4.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the names for the streets within the proposed development at Southcraigs, Kilmarnock - Phase 4 would be as undernoted:  
Galston  
Darvel  
Priestland  
Newmilns (to be described as Avenue, Place or Garden); and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

## **SOCIAL WORK SERVICES**

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

12. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Social Inclusion Partnership Initiative being promoted by the Scottish Office and the opportunities it provides for East Ayrshire and its Partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations to identify and forward any Social Inclusion issues relative to the

Northern Area Local Committee area to the Director of Social Work by 31 December 1998;

- (ii) to encourage participation in the planned Partnership Conference to be held on 10 December 1998;
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work seeking to consult the Local Committee on the Older People's Strategy.

It was agreed that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and bring forward any comments on the Older People's Strategy to the Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care) by 10 January 1999.

### **ANTI-POVERTY ISSUES (Item 18, Page 3743)**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 16 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the provision of Outreach Services on Poverty Issues in the Northern Area and a presentation outlining the Citizens Advice Bureau Service Provision Proposals in the Northern Area was given by Margaret Burgess of Citizens Advice Bureau.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the provision of Outreach Services on Poverty Issues in the Northern Area as detailed in Paragraphs 3 to 5 of the report; and
- (ii) to note the presentation by Margaret Burgess of Citizens Advice Bureau on the Service Provision Proposals for the Northern Area.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.