

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BARR CENTRE, STATION ROAD, GALSTON

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Kim Nicoll and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, George Dalziel, Stephanie Young, Janice Cameron, Steve Brown and Bill Pattison.

ATTENDING: Marlene Campbell, Area Manager (Irvine Valley) (Housing); Lorraine Grant, Arts and Cultural Development Officer (Community Services); Hilary MacGillivray, Early Intervention Co-ordinator (Education); Lynn Morton, Senior Accountant (Finance); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Adviser (Development Services); Bob Pollock, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer (Education); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Support Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Support Services).

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Macrae and George Turnbull, Community Representative Anne Gillies and Superintendent Torrance Dempsey.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting held on 26 August 1998 (circulated).

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

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

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 2, Page 3875)

2. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided the Local Committee with information on the arrangements for developing an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements made to date for the Annual Seminar;
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services submit a report on the outcome of the first Seminar to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK

POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS 1997/98

3. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which informed of the Social Work Department's new developments and positive achievements during the period April 1997 to March 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that arising from discussion of this report:-
 - (a) the Director of Social Work provide Community Representatives (substitute) Nancy Mair with information she had requested about the Sensory Impairment Team;
 - (b) that the Director of Social Work advise Community Representative Steve Brown as to the plans for a website in respect of the Information Library; and
 - (c) to recommend to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee that the Council expedite the plans in the Capital Programme with respect to locating or building premises for a Social Work Office in the Irvine Valley to replace the one in Galston, given its unsuitability in terms of public access.

CARERS STRATEGY (Item 2, Page 3696)

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Carers Strategy which was attached as an Appendix to the report.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Kim Nicoll left the meeting at this point.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1998/99

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the finalised Forward Planning Programme in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings for 1998/99.

It was agreed to note the finalised Forward Planning Programme in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings for 1998/99 as detailed in the report.

COMMUNITY FORUM - 19 OCTOBER 1998

6. It was reported by Administrative Officer and noted that the next meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum would take place on 19 October 1998 in St Sophia's Primary School, Galston.

The Council Item under discussion would be the issues in relation to East Ayrshire Council's Commercial Operations, and the Local Item would be a discussion on the Irvine Valley Re-generation Partnership.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 28 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grants received so far during the financial year 1998/99 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information 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) Disabled Groups

East Ayrshire Support Group - £60

(b) Pre-5s

Galston Pre-school Playgroup - £378

(c) Young People

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Scout Fellowship - £60 subject to the organisation confirming that the equipment would be kept secure in suitable premises which would be a condition of the grant and subject to the following condition in addition to the standard conditions of grant:- "It should be noted that, in making this grant, the Council does not render itself liable in respect of any claims which may arise at the instance of any person in respect of any loss, injury or damage suffered as a result of: (a) any fault or defect in the equipment to be purchased with the grant as specified in said application; and (b) any use of said equipment by any person at any time and for any purpose".

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations over the preceding 6 week period and of forthcoming initiatives.

PILOT DOG FOULING SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT (Item 5, Page 2982)

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of a Pilot Scheme introduced to improve public awareness about dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) arising from discussion of the report that the Director of Community Services provide Community Representative George Dalziel with information on

whether the Council would continue to provide free bags following the Pilot Scheme and whether the availability of bags had been well publicised during the Pilot Scheme.

EDUCATION

CURRENT GOOD PRACTICE IN THE EDUCATION SERVICE - EARLY INTERVENTION INITIATIVE

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed of the progress of the Early Intervention Initiative in East Ayrshire as an example of current good practice within the Education Department.

HOUSING

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION 1998

11. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised of the outcome of the 1998 Garden Competition.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee extend their congratulations to the Local Area winners as follows, namely:- O Cyl, 3A Kerrmuir Avenue, Hurlford (Overall winner); A Carmichael, 8 Seright Square, Crookedholm (Runner-up) and M Struthers, 6 Burn Road, Darvel (Hanging Baskets); and also to the winner of the overall Best Garden in East Ayrshire Mr J Alexander, 36 Kings Drive, Cumnock;
- (ii) to note that the Director of Housing would make appropriate arrangements to hold a Civic Function and notify the winners; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

FINANCE

MAIR BEQUEST (Items 1, 2 & 3, Pages 2272 & 2273)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 September 1998 (circulated) by the Acting Director of Finance which advised of the background to investment decision made in respect of the Trust balances.

The meeting terminated at 1547 hours.