

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree and Wilma Doyle; Community Representatives Mrs Elizabeth McCall, Mr Charles Calman, Mr John McIvor, Mr James McClymont, Mrs Jean Dunlop and Mr John Donaldson; and Named Substitute Babs Gallacher.

ATTENDING: Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Susan Mason, Assistant Divisional Manager; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer (Education); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; George Scott, Licensing Officer; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Environmental Health); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representative Canon Kenneth Stephen.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 1 September 1998 (circulated).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that in relation to item 11(v), Replacement of Town and Village Signs, that the village of Knockentiber would be included within the Director of Development Services investigation; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the Minutes.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grant received so far during the financial year 1998/99, together with a statement on outstanding applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-
 - (a) Community Councils
 - (i) Gatehead Community Council - £700

- (b) Disability Groups
 - (i) East Ayrshire Support Group - £60
- (c) Older People
 - (i) Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £133
- (d) Young People
 - (i) Kilmarnock and Loudoun Scout Fellowship - £60, on the condition that "in making this grant the Council does not render itself liable in respect of any claims which may arise at the incidents 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 our said application; and (b) any use of said equipment by any person at any time and for any purpose".
- (ii) **Applications Continued** (for assessment)
 - (a) Information and Advice
 - (i) CHAIN

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 2, Page 3724)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation process being undertaken as part of the review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) to note that a panel of Councillors would visit a future meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (iii) to note that a report on the findings of the consultation panel would be presented to a meeting of the Local Committee during 1999.

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

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on 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 Seminar to the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1998/99

5. There was submitted and noted 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”

6. 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 six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

Community Representative Babs Gallacher joined the meeting at this point.

PILOT DOG FOULING SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT

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

LICENSING AND SITING OF FAIRGROUNDS

8. There was submitted a report dated 28 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the current position relating to the licensing and siting of fairgrounds in the Kilmarnock Central area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Local Committee for further information on the Council’s procedures in respect of temporary licences; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

HOUSING

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION 1998

9. 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 Local Committee extend its congratulations to the local area winners, namely:- B A Nasseem, 1 Glen Farrer Way, Kilmarnock (Overall Winner); J Moore, 35 Craiglea Avenue, Crosshouse; M Thomson, 15 Clay Crescent, Kilmarnock (Runners-up); and C Milligan, 31 Woodlea Court, Crosshouse (Hanging Baskets) and also to the winner of the overall Best Garden in East Ayrshire Mr J Alexander, 36 Kings Drive, Cumnock;
- (ii) that the Director of Housing would make appropriate arrangements to hold a civic function and notify the winners accordingly;

- (iii) that the Director of Housing investigate the possibility of introducing additional categories within the Garden Competition in future years to recognise “good basic gardens”; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

SOCIAL WORK

POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS 1997/98

- 10. There was submitted and noted 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 from April 1997 to March 1998.

CARERS STRATEGY (Item 6, Page 3932)

- 11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Carers Strategy attached as an Appendix to the report.

EDUCATION

CURRENT GOOD PRACTICE IN THE EDUCATION SERVICE: EARLY INTERVENTION INITIATIVE

- 12. 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 Council as an example of current good practice within the Education Department.

The meeting terminated at 1527 hours.