

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 1998  
AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Councillor Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives John Gibb, Margaret Shaw and Hugh Moore.

**ATTENDING:** May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Gerry Docherty, Area Housing Manager; Bob Pollock, Strathclyde Police Liaison Officer; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Environmental Health); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Robert Stirling; Les Bullock, Allan Faulds and Anne McRoberts, Community Representatives.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1998**

1. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 1998 (circulated).

**EDUCATION****CURRENT GOOD PRACTICE IN THE EDUCATION SERVICE -  
EARLY INTERVENTION INITIATIVE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1998 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress of the Early Intervention Initiative in East Ayrshire as an example of current good practice within the Education Department.

It was agreed that more detailed briefings on the Early Intervention Initiative would be welcomed by the Local Committee and otherwise that the report be noted.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1998  
(Item 2, Page 3875)**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements which had been made for the Annual Seminar which was scheduled for Saturday 28 November 1998 from 11.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. within the Council's Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock;

- (ii) that the Director of Support Services submit a report on the outcome of the Seminar to a future meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1998/99**

4. 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 for Local Committee meetings for 1998/99.

It was agreed that the finalised Forward Planning Programme in respect of the Agenda and timescales for Local Committee meetings for 1998/99 as detailed in Appendix I of the report be noted.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

##### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT (Item 4, Page 3671)**

5. There was submitted 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the verbal update by the Police Liaison Officer of forthcoming initiatives until 31 December 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

##### **PILOT DOG FOULING SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT (Item 8, Page 3004)**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services regarding the outcome of a pilot scheme which had been introduced to improve public awareness about dog fouling.

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

##### **COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 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 relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-
  - (a) Pre-Five  
Ladybird Playgroup - £250.00;
  - (b) Disability  
East Ayrshire Support Group - £30.00;
  - (c) Older People  
Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £67.00; and

(d) Young People

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Scout Fellowship - £60.00 subject to the Group noting 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 our said application; and
- (b) any use of said equipment by any person at any time and for any purpose".

**HOUSING****EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION**

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised of the outcome of the 1998 East Ayrshire Garden Competition and which requested that the Local Committee extend its congratulations to the winners within the Kilmarnock South area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Local Committee's congratulations be extended to the winners of the East Ayrshire Garden Competition within the Kilmarnock South area, viz:-

<b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>
Winner	M Ross
Runner-Up	Mr and Mrs Kerr
Hanging Baskets	P Bennet
Overall Best Garden in East Ayrshire	Mr J Alexander

- (ii) to note that the Director of Housing would make appropriate arrangements to hold a civic function at a date to be agreed and to notify the winners;
- (iii) to note that a representative from the Local Committee would be invited to attend a civic function; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SOCIAL WORK****POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS 1997/98**

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

**CARERS STRATEGY (Item 6, Page 3932)**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Carers Strategy detailed in the Appendix to the report.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.