

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN CROSSHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF PLAYINGFIELD ROAD, CROSSHOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Robert Stevenson, Iain Linton and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives Charles Calman, James McClymont, John McIvor, Geraldine Garland, Linda Thomson, Babs Gallacher and John Donaldson; and Named Substitutes Ian McVey and Jean Dunlop.

ATTENDING: Janette Nightingale, Assistant Housing Manager; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Paul Clarke, Kilmarnock Town Centre Community Police Officer, Strathclyde Police; and Judy Wakker, External Relations Officer, Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council.

APOLOGY: Named Substitute Dr Bryan Thompson.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE CUSTOMERS COUNCIL - LIAISON WITH DECENTRALISED LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1. The Local Committee heard a presentation by the External Relations Officer for the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council on liaison arrangements with the Decentralised Local Authorities. The purpose, functions and current structure of the Customers Council, which was created in April 1996, were outlined, as was the planned replacement in November 1999 of the Customers Council by a new Water Industry Commissioner for Scotland and Water Industry Consultative Committees.

There then followed a question and answer session.

Community Representative John McIvor joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1420 hours for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1435 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 31 August 1999 (circulated).

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL 31 MARCH 2000

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the position in respect of a further Community Representative to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period until 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Mrs Geraldine Garland as a Community Representative for the period until 31 March 2000;
- (ii) to appoint Mrs Elizabeth McCall as a Named Substitute for the period until 31 March 2000; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to pursue the outstanding nominations for one Community Council Named Substitute and one Elderly Forum Named Substitute.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1999/2000, together with a summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-
 - (a) Older People
Bentinck Elderly Social Club - £164.00; and
Glebe Old Men's Cabin - £400
- (ii) **Application Withdrawn**
East Ayrshire Citizens Advice Bureau (formerly Kilmarnock Citizens Advice Bureau)

STREET NAMING

STREET NAMING - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BUNTING PLACE, KILMARNOCK

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of a proposed new development at Bunting Place, Kilmarnock and requested the Local Committee's view on a proposed name for the street in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the development "Swallow Place"; and

- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised accordingly.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of “Spotlight” operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

LOCAL ITEMS

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM

10. It was noted that the next Kilmarnock Central Community Forum would take place on Monday 25 October 1999 at 1900 hours in Gatehead Community Centre, Fairlie View, Gatehead with the Council item being the Millennium and the local item Coal Trains travelling through the area.

LOCAL ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

11. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

Following discussion, the undernoted items were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee:-

- (i) drug abuse and measures employed by Strathclyde Police and by the Council to address the issue;
- (ii) plans for the future development of Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (iii) town centre parking, including examination of the potential for introducing a voucher parking scheme or similar.

The meeting terminated at 1504 hours.