

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Knapp, Jane Darnbrough and Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives: Finvola Barnes, Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds and Christine Nisbet.

ATTENDING: Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer (Social Work); Marion McLellan, Policy Officer (Housing); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Community Services); and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Penny Hobbs, Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council and PC Henry McKissock, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Anne McRoberts, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE CUSTOMERS COUNCIL - LIAISON WITH DECENTRALISED LOCAL AUTHORITIES - PRESENTATION BY THE COUNCIL ON THEIR SERVICES

1. It was agreed that the presentation be given to the Committee as the final item on the Agenda.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of 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.

Arising from a query regarding the figures detailed in the report, it was noted that arrangements would be made to verify whether these figures related to the Kilmarnock area or Kilmarnock South specifically.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1999**

3. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 1999 (circulated).

COMMUNITY GRANTS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants for the financial year 1999/2000, together with a summary statement which outlined the applications submitted for consideration under the local Community Grants Scheme which had been received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved

- (a) Older People
- | | | |
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| Bentinck Elderly Social Club | - | £36.00; |
| Noon Bowlers | - | Agreed to award a grant of £438.80, subject to the Group being advised that they should now consider efforts to meet their own running costs in future; and |
| St Joseph's Retirement Club | - | £33.00. |

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

5. It was reported and noted that the next Kilmarnock South Community Forum meeting would take place on Wednesday 3 November 1999 at 1930 hours in Kirkstyle Primary School and that the Council item would be the Millennium and the local item for discussion would be Exclusion of Children from School.

HOUSING

HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which informed the Local Committee of the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

LOCAL ITEM

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

It was agreed to note that no items of local interest had been forthcoming for inclusion on a future Local Committee Agenda.

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8. The Chair welcomed Penny Hobbs from the Customers' Council to the meeting. The purpose, functions and current structure of the Customer 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 on the role of the Customers Council.

The Chair, on behalf of the Local Committee, then thanked Ms Hobbs for her presentation.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.