

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN KILMAURS COMMUNITY CENTRE, EAST PARK DRIVE, KILMAURS**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil and Ann Hay; and Community Representatives Ian Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Katherine Currie, Russel Hutcheson, Margaret Lees, Jo Graham and Allan Dickson; and Substitute Representative Jimmy Millar.

**ATTENDING:** Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; John Laurensen, Senior Librarian; Eileen Brechany, Lead Officer (Department of Social Work); and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Constable Kevin Maguire, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Kathleen Hall and Community Representative Carolyn Blyth.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair.

**SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE CUSTOMERS COUNCIL LIAISON WITH CENTRALISED LOCAL AUTHORITIES - PRESENTATION**

1. The Administrative Officer reported that the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council had intimated that, due to illness, the presentation would not take place.  
It was agreed to note that the presentation would be given at the next meeting of the Committee on 25 November 1999.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

2. The Chair, at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1 agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 7 at this point.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations; localised crime figures; ongoing initiatives over the preceding 6 week period; and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police under the "Spotlight" initiative to Chief Inspector Colin Campbell or Sergeant John Ramage, at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

4. The Chair agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1410 hours to allow a 15 minute maximum, public question and answer session.

#### **RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

5. The meeting reconvened at 1428 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

#### **MINUTES**

6. There was submitted, for information and noted, the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 2 September 1999 (circulated).

#### **LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 1999/2000**

7. There was submitted a report dated 28 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on an application received from a local organisation for grant assistance in terms of the Local Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decision:-

**Application Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-

- (a) Voluntary Organisation  
Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Association - £750

#### **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

##### **NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM**

8. It was noted that the next Northern Area Community Forum would take place on Tuesday 19 October 1999 in Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton. The Council item would be "The Millennium" and the Local item would be "Leisure Facilities in the Northern Area".

#### **PROPOSED FUTURE VENUE FOR MEETINGS IN STEWARTON OF THE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

9. It was noted, that subject to confirmation that disabled access was satisfactory, the venue for meetings in Stewarton, of the Northern Area Local Committee, would be The Centre, Standalane, Stewarton.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **POLICE REPORT**

10. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted, that due to Strathclyde Police operational requirements, this item had been withdrawn.

## **EDUCATION**

### **NORTH WEST COMMUNITY CONFERENCE REPORT**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the outcome of discussions at the North West Community Conference, held on 12 September 1999, in Onthank Community Education Centre.

### **LOCAL ITEMS**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to incorporate into a "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business: a report on the programme for the repair and maintenance of benches situated throughout the Northern Area with particular reference to those benches "gifted" by individuals to communities/settlements'; and
- (ii) that a report by the Director of Development Services on progress in the repair of the cabled swing bridge on the Fenwick to Galston Road would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee on 25 November 1999.

The meeting terminated at 1503 hours.