

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN THE S & R WING OF THE GRANGE ACADEMY, BEECH AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gordon Cree (Chair), Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representatives Mrs B Mabon and Mr Robert Wilson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Acting Chief Inspector William Coughtrie.

**ATTENDING:** Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Catriona Barr, Home Care Organiser; Michael Burns, Local Project Monitoring Officer (Strategy); Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer - Trading Standards; Janie Allen, Principal Officer - Pre-Fives; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer; Kenneth McKinlay, Quality Development Officer; Fiona MacKinnon, Senior Social Worker; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Community Representatives Mrs Jean Dunlop, Mrs Olive Gavin, Mr John Donaldson and Mr Charles Calman.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Gordon Cree, (Chair).

**VANDALISM ( Item 2, Page 1139)**

1. There was a report dated 8 August 1996 (circulated) on considerable damage to leisure and recreation facilities due to vandalism in the period between 1 April 1996 to 31 July 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to discuss ways of reducing the amount of vandalism to leisure and recreation facilities with Strathclyde Police;
- (ii) that, following the meeting, a press release be issued, expressing concern at recent acts of vandalism and their financial implications; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(Item 1, Page 1010)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on further development in respect of the proposed composition of Community Representation on the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Mrs Bharati Bundhoo be appointed as the ethnic minority representative on the Local Committee;
- (ii) that membership on the Committee of the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches be transferred from Mrs Olive Gavin to the Reverend Canon Kenneth Stephen;
- (iii) that a nomination be sought to represent the Local Committee's rural area; and
- (iv) that the Director of Support Services pursue the final outstanding nominations which remained to be filled from agreed sectors within the Community.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on progress being made within the Community Education Service in respect of Community Development Planning.

It was agreed to note the content of this progress report.

### **ROAD SAFETY PROPOSALS (Item 11, Page 1170)**

- 4.1 There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals to reduce the number of accidents in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that an initial study into traffic conditions in communities would be undertaken to determine a programme of future action;
- (ii) to note that full liaison would take place with the Local Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING AT GATEHEAD**

- 4.2 There was submitted a report dated 11 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals to address the problem of fast moving traffic through Gatehead and other communities in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that an initial study into traffic conditions in Gatehead would be undertaken to determine future action;
- (ii) to note that the study would be included in the overall programme of traffic calming measures for all communities in East Ayrshire;
- (iii) that full liaison would take place with the Local Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **LOCAL REGENERATION STRATEGIES (Item 4, Page 820)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the proposed process for constructing a local Regeneration Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed process for preparing the strategy, as detailed within Section 4.1 of the report;
- (ii) that the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership be the channel through which the involvement of a wider range of agencies was undertaken; and
- (iii) that a single strategy be constructed for Kilmarnock.

#### **DISABLED ACCESS TO KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE**

6. There was a report submitted dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the current situation in respect of the level of provision of parking for disabled persons in and around Kilmarnock town centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Development Services to investigate with Strathclyde Police, the Committee's concern over the abuse by non-badge holders of disabled parking bays within Kilmarnock town centre and report to a future meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

#### **BUS SERVICE CHANGES**

7. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals for notification of bus service changes within the Kilmarnock Central Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, in the light of concern expressed by the Committee, it be remitted to the Director of Development Services to submit a report in due course on any planned reduction in bus services within the Local Area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the proposals of the Roads Division to inform the Committee of any future changes to services within its Area as soon as Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive (SPTTE) was able to provide appropriate mapping of service routes.

#### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE PLANS (Item 6, Page 1194)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) on the statutory duty of the Council to prepare, consult upon, and publish a Children's Service Plan for the Council's area and on progress made to date in agreeing the process for completing this plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work bring forward a further report to the Local Committee as necessary to progress East Ayrshire's Service Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES/AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS**  
**(Item 5, Page 1086)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 by the Director of Social Work on progress in respect of Occupational Therapy staffing; identification of need; and current referral status.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report.

**PHYSICAL DISABILITY/SENSORY IMPAIRMENT**

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the services disaggregated to East Ayrshire Council for adults with a physical disability and adults with a sensory impairment, and on arrangements to address the inadequate resources disaggregated.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation and development tasks to be undertaken by the Service Officer, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Services; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work would submit a further report in due course on a proposed Sensory Impairment Service.

**MEASURED TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT CONSULTATION**

11. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on progress made in the preparation for the re-tendering of the Measured Term Maintenance Contract, with particular regard to consultation undertaken.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the approach to consultation taken by the Department on this important issue;
- (ii) that consideration be given to the issues raised in the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**DRAFT PARTICIPATION POLICY**

12. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the proposed framework for East Ayrshire Council's Draft Participation Policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that consideration be given to the issues contained within the Draft Participation Policy;

- (ii) that priority be concentrated on those Local Committee Areas without tenant/resident association representation;
- (iii) that consideration be given to areas which could be regarded as priorities for developing tenant or resident associations;
- (iv) to approve the draft policy for detailed consultation with East Ayrshire Council's tenant and resident associations and other national groups;
- (v) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME - REPORT AND CONSULTATION ON REVIEW  
AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SCHEMES (Item 18, Page 1198)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the current position in respect of the on-going review of the existing Community Council Schemes, as reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996.

It was agreed to note the current position with regard to the review.

**THIRD STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS:  
EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (Item 9, Page 1195)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the Third Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements and the preferred draft Scheme of Representation for East Ayrshire Council, as approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation process to be undertaken prior to submission of a draft Scheme to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE  
SERVICES/CONSULTATION PANELS (Item 4, Page 1245)**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 September 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the Consultation Panels appointed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee to undertake a programme of local visits to examine how information and advice services might be best delivered in respect of those communities where there is not currently a Local Office.

**LOCAL OFFICE PROVISION (Item 7, Page 970)**

16. There was submitted a report dated 11 September 1996 by the Director of Support Services on the position relative to the upgrading of local offices and general matters relating to the information and services provided from 1 April 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress to date; and
- (ii) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM (Item 12, Page 1013)**

- 17.1** There was submitted a report dated 6 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the last meeting held in Gatehead Community Centre on 29 August 1996.

It was agreed to note the content of the report.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 17.2** Consideration was given to possible local issues in respect of the next two meetings of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the local issue for consideration at the next Community Forum be the Draft Participation Policy and the role of Tenants and Residents Groups; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee to establish the local issue for consideration at the following Community Forum.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME (Item 13, Page 1014)**

- 18.1** There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive on a modification in the allocation of funds to the Kilmarnock Central and Kilmarnock North Local Committees in respect of the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the funding modification which would result in the allocation of a further £377.00 to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee; and
- (ii) that the additional allocation be reserved for use in connection with Community Grant applications pertaining to the Longpark APT area.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 1996/97 - FINANCIAL POSITION**

- 18.2** There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for Community Grants for the period 22 June to 19 September 1996.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) Applications Approved (For The Purpose Specified in the Application) -
  - (a) Elderly Groups
    - Piersland Park Social Club - £200; and
    - Glebe Old People's Cabin - £300

- (b) Youth Groups  
 Gatehead Youth Group - £500; and  
 Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel - £382
- (c) Handicapped/Disabled groups  
 St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) - £59
- (d) Miscellaneous  
 Kilmarnock Folk Club (Traditional Music Weekend) - £342;  
 Strathclyde Police - Unity Event - £20; and  
 Winton Place Congregational Church Men's Guild - £540 (subject to the further condition that the bowling mat purchased is also made available for use by other groups within the church).
- (ii) Applications Refused -
  - (a) Kilmarnock Old People's Welfare Committee - refused on the ground that the Group appears to be able to fund the project from within its existing financial resources;
  - (b) Gatehead Community Council - refused on the ground that the Council's Decentralisation Policy will seek to address the issue of information technology links in due course; and
  - (c) Kilmarnock Folk Club (Traditional dance project in primary schools) - refused on the ground that it was inappropriate to fund a teacher's time out of his or her base school to work in other schools via the Community Grants Scheme.
- (iii) Applications Deferred For Further Information -
  - (a) Rosebank Senior Citizens' Club;
  - (b) Rosebank Luncheon Club; and
  - (c) Chain (Unemployed Workers Centre)
- (iv) Application withdrawn by Applicant
  - (a) Kilmarnock and Loudoun Victim Support Unit

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.