

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 1996 AT 1435 HOURS IN THE NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2(a) FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie, John Knapp; and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Billy Sullivan, Beryl Graham, Matt Donnelly, Hugh Stirling; and Reverend Grant Barclay.

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector Ian Brodie, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer; Theresa Potter, Community Education Worker; Anne Nisbet, Community Education Worker; Wilson Bolland, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Margaret Phelps, Senior Community Worker, Social Work; Ann Sharpe, Senior Social Worker, Community Care; Steven Good, Area Housing Manager; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Registration and Licensing; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Advisor, Strategy/Partnerships; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Daniel Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP (Item 5, Page 1002)

1. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of an amendment to the Kilmarnock Northwest Local Area Statement contained in the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership Strategy.

ROAD SAFETY PROPOSALS (Items 11, 12 and 13, Pages 1170 and 1171)

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of proposals to reduce road accidents in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed that :-

- (i) to note the summary of the three reports which were considered by the Development Services Committee on 5 September 1996 in relation to the Council Road Safety Strategy, Traffic Calming in communities on through routes and the Road Safety Capital Programme;
- (ii) that an initial study into traffic conditions in communities would be undertaken to determine a programme of future action; and
- (iii) that full liaison would take place with the Kilmarnock North Local Committee.

LOCAL REGENERATION STRATEGIES (Item 4, Page 820)

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the proposed process for constructing a local Regeneration Strategy and recommending accordingly.

It was agreed :-

- (i) to approve the proposals detailed in Section 4.1 of the report which described the process for preparation of the Regeneration Strategy;
- (ii) that the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership be the channel through which the involvement of a wider range of agencies be undertaken; and
- (iii) that a single strategy be constructed for Kilmarnock.

KILMARNOCK NORTH COMMUNITY FORUM - MEETING OF 28 AUGUST 1996

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the last meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum held in Onthank Community Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the assessment of the second Community Forum meeting;
- (ii) that supplies of posters be circulated to Community Representatives to improve the publicity of future Forum meetings.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES

5.1 CONSULTATION PANELS (Item 4, Page 1245)

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

5.2 LOCAL OFFICE PROVISION (Item 7, Page 970)

There was submitted a report dated 11 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the position relative to the upgrading of the Local Offices and general matters relating to the information and advice services provided as from 1 April 1996.

It was agreed to note the contents of the report and that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

5.3 REMIT FROM DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 3 SEPTEMBER 1996 (Item 4, Page 1245) - PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES

There was submitted a report dated 15 August 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of the findings of the Consultation Panel which undertook a visit to the communities of New Farm Loch, North West and Shortlees to view a number of possible locations for the delivery of information and advice services where there were no identifiable Council Office.

It was agreed to request the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee:-

- (i) to further examine the possibility of using the former Janitor's House at St Joseph's Academy, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock delivery of information and advice services; and
- (ii) examine the provision of a Local Office for the New Farm Loch area as a matter of urgency; and
- (iii) to investigate the provision of a purpose built building to meet the Information and Advice needs of the North West Community.

REMIT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1996 (Item 19, Page 1199) - LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

6. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that a modification had been made to the allocation of funds to the Kilmarnock Central and North Local Committees for the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of grant applications received under the Community Grants Scheme for the period from 21 June to 19 September 1996 for determination.

It was agreed :-

- (i) to note that the sum of £21,897 had been allocated to the Kilmarnock North Local Committee in support of community and voluntary organisations for 1996/97, and that after deducting the playscheme grants already approved, the balance available for community grants as at August 1996, was £20,038;
- (ii) to approve the undernoted applications :-
 - (a) Elderly Groups
 - North Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £600
 - Onthank Ladies Evergreen Club - £425
 - (b) Young Persons' Groups
 - Strathclyde Police (UNITY) - £20
 - Onthank Boys' Club - £200
 - St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £412
 - North West Amateur Boxing Club - £1,500

It was also agreed that a meeting between representatives of the Boxing Club, the Chair and the Director of Community Services be arranged to discuss whether the application should be treated as a cross boundary application and to consider any additional funding requirements.

(c) Recreational/Leisure Groups

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £361

(d) Miscellaneous Groups

Onthank Community Association - It was agreed to award a grant of £1,200 subject to procedures for the operation of booking and monitoring the use of the equipment being submitted to the satisfaction of the Area Community Education Officer.

Claimants Housing Advice and Information Network (CHAIN) - £143

East Ayrshire Support Group - £150 It was further agreed that information on the activities of the group be circulated to Members and Community Representatives

North West Kilmarnock Health Forum - £250. It was further agreed that this organisation should be encouraged to approach Ayrshire & Arran Health Board for future funding.

North Federation of Community Groups - £778

(e) Pre-Fives

Tumble Tots Mother and Toddler Group - £245;

(iii) to refuse the undernoted applications for the reasons detailed :-

(a) Kilmarnock Old People's Welfare Committee - Refused on the ground that after examination of their bank balance, the Group could fund the project from within their existing financial resources; and

(b) Kilmarnock Folk Club - Refused on the ground that the project would be more appropriately funded via mainline Education funding.

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

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing, for information, an update on the current review of the existing Community Council Schemes, as reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996.

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1996 by the Director of Support Services (circulated) on the Third Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements as approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996.

It was noted:-

- (i) that the Council had agreed a preferred draft scheme of representation which would provide for 32 electoral wards for the purpose of public consultation and consultation with Local Committees.
- (ii) that there would be a further opportunity to inspect proposals in detail at the Dick Institute until 18 October 1996;
- (iii) that interested individuals and organisations had been invited to submit written comments on the proposals which were on display at various locations throughout the District to the Director of Support Services by Friday 18 October 1996; and
- (iv) that Community Councils would be formally consulted on the proposals in due course by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

DRAFT PARTICIPATION POLICY

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing informing the Local Committee of the proposed framework for East Ayrshire Council's Draft Participation Policy, and seeking comments on the Draft Policy.

It was agreed :-

- (i) to note the contents and issues contained within the draft participation policy;
- (ii) to endorse the undertaking to concentrate priority on these areas without tenant/resident association representatives;
- (iii) to recommend that the Director of Housing consider consulting with Scottish Homes Tenants should the housing stock transfer to East Ayrshire Council; and
- (iv) to adopt the draft policy for detailed consultation with East Ayrshire Council's tenant and resident associations and other national groups.

MEASURED TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT CONSULTATION

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- 12.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising on progress being made within the Community Education Service on Community Development Planning.

REMIT FROM THE LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 27 AUGUST 1996 (Item 2 Page 1139) - VANDALISM

13. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the considerable damage to leisure and recreation facilities due to vandalism in the period 1 April 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 the Director of Community Services report to a future meeting of the Local Committee with details of the effectiveness of existing security measures at the Newlands Drive Playarea; and
- (iii) that Community Representatives submit proposals for reducing vandalism within their own communities to the Director of Community Services.

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

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work in relation to Occupational Therapy staffing, identification of need and current referral status.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY/SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

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

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

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

It was agreed to note the report and that the Director of Social Work bring forward a further report to the Local Committee, as necessary, to progress the East Ayrshire Children's Service Plan.

LOCAL ITEMS FOR NEXT TWO COMMUNITY FORUMS

17. Councillor McIntyre reported that the next round of Community Forums would be held in November 1996 and advised that the Local Committee should consider and identify potential items for the next two Community Forums.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups and that thereafter Beryl Graham advise the Director of Support Services of local items for the next two Community Forums.

HARMONISATION OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 18.** Councillor McIntyre reported that Community Representatives had requested that the harmonisation of all public holidays, with the school holidays be placed as an item for discussion on the Agenda.

It was agreed that the Director of Personnel Services report back to the next meeting on the consultation undertaken on establishing the Public holidays for 1997.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.