

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1996 AT
1430 HRS IN THE MAIN HALL, BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Alan Campbell, and Community Representatives Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mr William McCulloch, Mr Donald Walker, Mr James Dunsmuir, Mr Allan Faulds, Mr Jim Bryan, Miss Diane Gill and Mrs Anne McRoberts.

ATTENDING: Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Stan Hunter, Parks and Cemeteries Officer; Joe Herd, Area Community Education Officer; William Baxter, Technical Support Information Officer; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Advisor; Neil Bell, Road Safety Officer; Ron Lavalette, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Muriel Reid, Quality Development Officer; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer; and Lesley Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Provost Stirling and Brian Newman, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

**CROSS BOUNDARY COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION
KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN YOUTH PANEL**

1. The Chair agreed that this additional item be considered under Item 20 on the Agenda on the grounds that an early decision was required to determine the Community Grant application from the above organisation to meet the cost of various events undertaken by the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel.

MEASURED TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT CONSULTATION

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 September (circulated) by the Director of Housing which provided an update on the progress made in the preparations for the re-tendering of the Measured Term Maintenance Contract with particular regard to the consultations which had been undertaken.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to endorse the approach to consultation taken by the Department of Housing on the Measured Term Maintenance Contract.

DRAFT PARTICIPATION POLICY

3. 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 which sought the Local Committee's comments on the draft Policy.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to endorse the undertaking to concentrate priority on those Local Committee areas without tenant/resident association representation; and
- (iii) to approve the draft policy for detailed consultation with East Ayrshire Council's tenant and resident associations and other national groups.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising the Committee on progress being made within the Community Education Service on community development planning.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

5.1 MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1996

There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the Kilmarnock South Community Forum held in Riccarton Community Centre on Monday 2 September 1996.

5.2 FUTURE MEETING

Arising from discussion, it was agreed that the local item for discussion at the next Community Forum on 20 November 1996 would be anti-social behaviour.

LOCAL COMMITTEE PROFILES - TOPIC DEFINITIONS

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 July 1996 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control which provided clarification on topic definitions within the population profiles produced for the Local Committee Area.

LOCAL REGENERATION STRATEGIES (Item 4, Page 820)

7. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising the Local Committee of the proposed process for constructing a Local Regeneration Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the process detailed in Section 4.1 of the report, describing the preparation of the strategy be approved;
- (ii) that the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership be approved as the channel through which the involvement of a wider range of agencies would be undertaken; and

- (iii) that a single strategy be constructed for Kilmarnock.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP (Item 4, Page 844)

8. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising the Local Committee of progress with regard to the East Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy; in particular priority area boundaries, local area statements and the development of projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the priority area boundary; and
- (ii) to note the content of the local area statement and that under the paragraph heading "Issues" the terms "high employment" should read "high unemployment".

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

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the summary of the 3 reports which had been submitted to the Development Services Committee on 5 September 1996, viz:-
 - (a) Road Safety Strategy;
 - (b) Traffic Calming in Communities on Through Routes;
 - (c) Road Safety Capital Programme
- (ii) to note that an initial study into traffic conditions in communities would be undertaken to determine a programme for future action; and
- (iii) to note that full liaison would take place with the Kilmarnock South Local Committee.

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1996/97

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing the Committee with detailed information on footway maintenance works in respect of (a) Grampian Road and (b) the Shortlees area adjacent to the ongoing housing development at Caprington Avenue.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services be requested to investigate any damage caused to paving at Caprington Avenue/Loreny Drive, Kilmarnock, adjacent to the housing development site owned by Kelvin Homes and that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

DISABLED ACCESS TO KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of the current situation concerning the level of provision of parking for disabled persons in and around Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that, following the review of all parking including disability spaces and the unauthorised use thereof within Kilmarnock Town Centre, a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (iii) that, arising from a query from J Bryan, Community Representative, requesting that the Council give consideration to revoking the restriction in force which prohibits disabled drivers from driving down King Street after 10.30 am, and that the Director of Development Services be requested to investigate the matter and submit a report to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY/SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation and development tasks which would be undertaken by the Service Officer, physical disability and sensory impairment services; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Social Work to submit a further report to the Committee in February 1997 with details of a proposed sensory impairment service.

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

13. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work providing an update in relation to occupational therapy staffing, identification of need and current referral status.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to note that with reference to Appendix 2 of the report - "Referral Data (Awaiting Assessment)", the numbers awaiting assessment at April 1996 for Central Division was currently 140.

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

14. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the statutory duty of 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:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Social Work to submit a further report to the Local Committee as necessary to progress East Ayrshire's Children's Service Plan.

**CAMPBELL STREET POST OFFICE, RICcarton, KILMARNOCK
(Item 14.2, Page 1021)**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing the Committee with an update on the outcome of a meeting which had been held with Post Office Counters Ltd.

VANDALISM (Item 2, Page 1139)

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which had been remitted by the Leisure Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee following their meeting on 27 August 1996 regarding damage to leisure and recreation facilities due to vandalism in the period from 1 April to 31 July 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to publicise suitably the mobile contact telephone numbers for the Park Rangers in order that members of the community might be able to alert them to any incidents of vandalism in the future, in addition to them reporting the matter to the Police; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to discuss with Strathclyde Police ways of reducing the amount of vandalism to leisure and recreation facilities.

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

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

It was reported by the Head of Administration that the recommendations of the report had been agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996 and that a preferred draft scheme of representation which would provide for 32 electoral wards for the purpose of initial consultation with Local Committees and members of the public had been approved. He also reported that the deadline for submission of comments to the Director of Support Services was 18 October 1996

following which a report would be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 7 November 1996 with details of representations received following the consultative process together with recommendations for the finalised draft scheme of representation which would be submitted to the Boundary Commission.

It was agreed to note the foregoing.

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

18. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services updating the Committee on the current review of the existing Community Council schemes as reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 September 1996.

LOCAL OFFICE PROVISION (Item 7, Page 970)

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made to date; and
- (ii) that a further report be submitted to the Local Committee in due course.

GRASS CUTTING SCHEME

20. Arising from discussion of the above item, A Faulds, Community Representative, expressed concern regarding the grass cutting scheme for 1997.

It was agreed that the Director of Housing be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Local Committee following a review of the specification for the grass cutting scheme.

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

21. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 September 1996 by the Chief Executive which informed the Local Committee of the appointment of consultation panels by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee to undertake a programme of local visits to examine how information and advice services might best be delivered in respect of those communities where there was not currently a Local Office.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

22. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:

(i) to approve the undernoted grant payments to the organisations detailed, viz:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
<u>Elderly Groups</u>	
Noon Bowlers	£180
<u>Leisure Groups</u>	
Kilmarnock Folk Club (Folk Music Weekend)	£297
<u>Young Persons Groups</u>	
Riccarton Boys Club	£400
Shortlees Whiz Kids	£782
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE)	£412
St Ninians Pre-School Playgroup	£300
Bellfield After School Care	£300
Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel	£331

Miscellaneous

Claimants Housing Advice Information Network (CHAIN) Unemployed Workers Centre £117

Strathclyde Police - Unity Event £20; and

(ii) to refuse the undernoted applications for the reasons detailed.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Reason for refusal</u>
<u>Elderly Groups</u>	
Kilmarnock Old People's Welfare Committee	Organisation have sufficient monies in hand to cover the costs of the proposed project.
<u>Leisure Groups</u>	
Kilmarnock Folk Club (Provision of traditional music, song and dance in primary schools)	Project not suitable for funding under Community Grants Scheme, should be directed to apply for mainline Education Department funding.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.