

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MORTON HALL, NEWMILNS

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull and Robert McDill and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Janice Cameron, Andrew Nisbet and Julie Brown.

ATTENDING: Helen Fulton, Service Officer (Social Work Department); Bruce Gilmour, Palace Theatre Manager; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Design and Transportation); Fiona McKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work Department); Eddie O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; Irene Townson, Depute Clerk to Licensing Board; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Charlie Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Ronald Thomson, Strathclyde Police

APOLOGIES: Community Representative John Boyle.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton (Chair).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted minutes of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 18 June 1997 (circulated).

MEMBERSHIP OF IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 2 Page 2103)

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on nominations for Community Representatives on the Committee, together with nominations for named substitutes for 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Mr George Dalziel, Mr Steven Brown, Mr William Pattison, Mr Andrew Nisbet and Mr Frank Dawson (Community Councils); Mr Hugh Torrance (Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Forum); Mrs Janice Cameron (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); Mrs Julie Brown (Pre-5 Groups); Mr Alexander Barrie (Business Associations); and Mr John Boyle (Elderly Forum Groups) as Community Representatives on the Local Committee;
- (ii) to appoint Mr Harry Wilson, Mr Archie Townsley and Ms J Steel (Community Councils); Mrs Nancy Mair (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); Mr Max Flemmich (Business Associations); and Mrs V Dunbar (Elderly Forum Groups) as named substitutes on the Local Committee; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to pursue the four outstanding nominations for named substitutes.

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS

3.1 LAST MEETING

There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum held at Hurlford Community Centre on 21 August 1997.

3.2 NEXT MEETING: VENUE/LOCAL ITEM

In respect of the next Irvine Valley Community Forum meeting in November/December 1997, it was agreed:-

- (i) that subject to availability of the venue, the meeting be held in the ex-Grougar Primary School, Moscow and that the Director of Support Services investigate the feasibility of providing transport to and from the meeting; otherwise Darvel Town Hall; and
- (ii) that the Local Item for discussion be "what can be done about anti-social neighbours".

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV (CCTV) CHALLENGE COMPETITION 1998/99 (Item 8 Page 2406)

4. There was submitted a report dated 26 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Council's proposals to increase the number of Closed Circuit Television projects in East Ayrshire and invited the Committee to identify areas where it was felt that the introduction of CCTV would be of assistance when community safety was considered.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the introduction of CCTV to Hurlford Cross, Hurlford and Hastings Square in Darvel would be of assistance when community safety was considered;
- (ii) to identify for the next meeting an area in Newmilns; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

Councillor Turnbull joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE (Item 8 Page 2407)

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Council's intention to institute an Environmental Forum and invited the Committee to nominate a representative to serve on it.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Community Representative William Pattison to serve on the Environmental Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENT WEEKS 1997 (Item 9 Page 2407)

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 July 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the National Spring Clean and Environment Week events undertaken locally in 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note in terms of identifying local individuals, groups and organisation who would be willing to work with the Council in identifying and resolving environmental problems, that suggestions could be forwarded direct to the Director of Community Services at any time;
- (ii) that arising from a request from Councillor Nicoll in relation to dog fouling and litter, the Director of Community Services obtain information on initiatives initiated by the City of Dundee Council in respect of these issues; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 7 Page 2407)

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the Committee's agreement for a message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the proposed town and village signs within its area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to select the following messages suggested by local sources for the bottom line of the town and village signs, viz:- (a) Hurlford - "Formerly Whirlford - Hurdleford" (b) Crookedholm - "Please Kill Your Speed" (c) Newmilns - "Please Drive Carefully"; and (d) Galston - "Historical Heart of Ayrshire";
- (ii) to note that Darvel Community Council would report their suggestion to the next meeting; and
- (iii) to note that where existing signs were retained in Galston and Darvel, no new signs would be provided where this would result in sign clutter.

TRAFFIC CALMING - HURLFORD, GALSTON, NEWMILNS AND DARVEL (Item 33 Page 2194)

8. There was submitted a report dated 10 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the proposed traffic calming measures in Hurlford, Galston, Newmilns and Darvel.

In relation to the proposals the following comments were made, viz:-

- (i) that red coloured textured surfacing and "slow" road markings should be provided on the Hurlford A71 Riccarton Road from the railway bridge to Hurlford Cross;
- (ii) that 30MPH count downs should be introduced at the Galston A719 Brewland Street; and

- (iv) that red coloured textured surfacing and “slow” road markings should be provided at the Darvel A71 West Main Street before Dublin Road.

It was further reported to the Roads Engineer for action that overhanging branches obstructed the 30MPH sign on the Galston A719 Brewland Street.

Thereafter it was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the proposals were subject to budgetary provision; and
- (ii) to approve the traffic calming measures subject to the Director of Development Services investigating the above points.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - MAIN ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM AND
GALSTON ROAD, HURLFORD (Item 6 Page 2266)**

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated the Local Committee on possible future pedestrian facilities at Main Road, Crookedholm and at Galston Road, Hurlford adjacent to the Chapel.

It was agreed to note the report and that measures for both sites would be evaluated against competing demands prior to preparing the next road safety programme.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES (Item 13 Page 2360)

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of changes in the operational areas of the Social Work Department to enable harmonisation with Local Committee areas and efficient operations.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the adjustments in the Social Work operational boundaries in terms of the creation of Division A (encompassing Northern Area Local Committee, Kilmarnock North Local Committee, Kilmarnock Central Local Committee and Kilmarnock South Local Committee) and Division B (encompassing Irvine Valley Local Committee, Cumnock Area Local Committee and Doon Valley Local Committee); and
- (ii) to note that the Social Work Lead Officer for the Irvine Valley Local Committee would be Fiona McKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager within the Social Work Department.

**COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES - PURCHASING INTENTIONS 1997/98 (Item 8
Page 2135)**

- 11. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Council's Community Care Purchasing Intentions 1997/98 and on the altered timescale for the production of Community Care Plans and consequential revision of the consultation process.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work consult with the Local Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan; and

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

**EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD REGULATIONS, BYLAWS AND
GUIDELINES (Item 3 Page 1969)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 24 June 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to East Ayrshire Licensing Board on the decision of the Board in relation to the review of its regulations, bylaws and guidelines for extended hours.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the decision of the Licensing Board with regard to its regulations, bylaws and guidelines for extended hours; and
- (ii) to note the thanks of the Licensing Board for the Local Committee's participation in the review process.

IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH FORUM (Item 3 Page 2265)

13. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Education informing of progress to date of the Irvine Valley Youth Forum.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Education reconvene the Youth Forum in conjunction with the Director of Community Services to further explore possible venues for youth activity; and
- (ii) that the Director of Education submit a report on the outcome of discussions.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

14.1 DARVEL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It was reported and noted that, having received a satisfactory report from the appropriate Department, the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Irvine Valley Local Committee and in terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, authorised on 22 July 1997, payment of a Community Grant amounting to £150.00 to Darvel Horticultural Society.

14.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of a modification on the allocation of funds to the Irvine Valley Local Committee for the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme 1997/98, in the form of an additional £928.00 and on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

APPLICATIONS APPROVED (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

(a) Disabled Groups

Cessnock Club - having heard Fiona McKinnon, assessing officer, summarise the benefits of the project the Committee agreed to the recommended per capita award of £1230.80;

(b) Young Person Groups

AJSC Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group - £213.00;

Hurlford Youth Priority Project - £300.00;

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel - £906.00; and

(c) Leisure Groups

Irvine Valley Amateur Boxing Club - £574.48 on condition that the organisation confirms its affiliation to the Scottish Amateur Boxing Association and that insurance cover is in place.

APPLICATION CONTINUED

(c) Leisure Groups

Stage Door Youth Theatre - to continue the application for a comprehensive assessment to be carried out by the Director of Community Services in conjunction with the Director of Education.

The meeting terminated at 1615 hours.