

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE CIVIC HALL, JOHN DICKIE STREET, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves, Wilma Doyle, Douglas Reid and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representatives Mrs Jean Dunlop, Mrs Betty Mabon, Canon Kenneth Stephen, Mr John Donaldson, Mr Charles Calman, Mrs Elizabeth McCall, Mr John McIvor; and Mr Ian McVey.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Dempsey.

ATTENDING: Jim Kane, Chief Engineer; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Ailsa Graham, Planning Officer; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Irene Townson, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor (Strategy/Partnerships); Tom Allan, Technical Officer (Roads); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Mrs Shamine Khan.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 17 June 1997 (circulated).

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 2.1, Page 2097)

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on nominations for Community Representatives on the Local Committee, together with nominations for named substitutes for 1997/98.

It was agreed:

- (i) to appoint Mr John McIvor (Rural Community Councils); Mr James McClimont, Mr Charles Calman and Mrs Elizabeth McCall (Community Councils); Mrs Jean Dunlop (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); Mrs Betty Mabon (Elderly Forum Groups); Mr Jason McCann (Kilmarnock Academy, St Joseph's Academy and Grange Academy); Mrs Shamine Khan (Pakistani, Chinese and Indian Communities); Mr John Donaldson (Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association); and Canon Kenneth Stephen (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches) as Community Representatives on the Local Committee;
- (ii) to appoint Mrs Getrude Kelly (Rural Community Councils); Mr Derek McMeechan, Mr Ian McVey and Mrs Geraldine Garland (Community Councils); Ms Linda Thomson (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); Mrs Babs Gallacher (Elderly Forum Groups); and Mr Dario Tognini (Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association) as named substitutes on the Local Committee; and

- (iii) to remit it to the Director of Support Services to pursue the three outstanding nominations for named substitutes.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE
FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (item 8, Page 2407)**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Substitute Representative, Mr Ian McVey, to serve on the Environmental Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

LICENSING BOARD REGULATIONS, BYELAWS AND GUIDELINES

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 24 June 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board regarding the Licensing Board's review of its Regulations, Byelaws and Guidelines for extended hours.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Licensing Board with regard to Regulations,, Byelaws and Guidelines for extended hours;
- (ii) to note the thanks of the Licensing Board for the Local Committee's participation in the review process; and
- (iii) to note that details of the Licensing Board's Regulations, Byelaws and Guidelines would be circulated to members of the Local Committee for their information.

CAR PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 13, Page 1894)

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on (a) an East Ayrshire Order for charging car parks and, within the Order, increasing the number of car parks for which charges were made; (b) the designation of a number of carparks for short stay only; and (c) the desirability of charging for on-street parking in central Kilmarnock, with provision for residents parking.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a new Traffic Regulation Order was being prepared for East Ayrshire Council car parks in Kilmarnock and that the number of car parks where charges were levied would be increased; and
- (ii) that a number of car parks within central Kilmarnock area would be designated short stay parking;
- (iii) to note the desirability of extending the controls on-street parking in and around Kilmarnock town centre; and

- (iv) to note that copies of a map detailing more clearly the designation of the various car parks located within central Kilmarnock, would be circulated to members of the Local Committee for their information.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

**THE ANDREW FISHER MEMORIAL, CROSSHOUSE - ENHANCEMENT SCHEME
(Item 7, Page 1779)**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress in respect of the programme of works for the Andrew Fisher Memorial at Crosshouse.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that ongoing discussions with relevant service departments would continue in order to secure the long term maintenance of the upgraded site; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE STATUE

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress in respect of the production of the "Striding Man" statue to commemorate Kilmarnock's Industrial Heritage and seeking approval for its location within the Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a report be submitted by the Director of Development Services to the next meeting of the Local Committee, identifying the other locations which had been taken into consideration;
- (ii) that an artist's impression of the statue in its proposed location be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee; and
- (iii) meantime, to remit it to the Director of Development Services to make the necessary arrangements for Elected Members to undertake a site visit of the various locations considered.

**CLOSED CIRCUIT TV (CCTV) CHALLENGE
COMPETITION 1998/99 (Item 5, Page 2406)**

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 26 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Council's proposals to increase the number of Closed Circuit Television Projects in East Ayrshire, and inviting 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 Local Committee's priority areas for the introduction of CCTV within the Kilmarnock Central area where community safety was a consideration were (a) The Cross at Crosshouse; (b) a strategic location within the area of the Dick Institute, Kilmarnock Academy and the Jet Petrol Station, London

- Road; and (c) the Howard Park area within the locality of the Galleon, this being subject to the availability of suitable equipment to monitor the site; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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

9. 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) that the Director of Community Services write to the Boys Brigade and Gatehead Youth Group as possible organisations which would be willing to work with the Council in identifying and resolving environmental problems; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

BUS SERVICE - BONNYTON

10. There was submitted a report dated 16 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the contents of a response from Strathclyde Passenger Transport regarding the Bonnyton to Town Centre bus service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services contact Bonnyton Community Council to offer advice in the Community Council undertaking a survey to ascertain the likely usage of a direct service between Bonnyton and Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

TRAFFIC SPEED - HOLMES ROAD, KILMARNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the results of a speed assessment of Holmes Road, Kilmarnock, carried out by the Police.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the results of the speed assessment carried out by the Police; and
- (ii) that the Police would continue to give their attention to the Holmes Road area.

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a request for a school crossing patrol in McPhail Drive, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to note that the findings of the assessment of pedestrian activity did not meet the nationally approved criteria for a school crossing patrol.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES (Item 13, Page 2360)

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on changes in the operational areas of the Social Work Department to enable harmonisation with Local Committee areas and to facilitate 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 Kilmarnock Central Local Committee would be Susan Mason, Assistant Divisional Manager within the Social Work Department.

**COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PURCHASING INTENTIONS 1997/98 -
PREPARATION FOR COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 8, Page 1235)**

14. 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 advising of 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 would consult with the Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Community Representative Mr Charles Calman left the meeting at this point, where upon his named substitute, Mr Ian McVey formally joined the meeting.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING AT THE GATEWAY CENTRE, FOREGATE
SQUARE, KILMARNOCK - 27 AUGUST 1997**

15. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum meeting held on 27 August 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the "Local Item" for the next Community Forum to be held later in the year, would be the Promotion of Road Safety by the Department of Development Services; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum held on 27 August 1997.

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS
SCHEME 1997/98 (Item 6, Page 2215)**

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a modification on the allocation of funds to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme 1997/98, in the form of an additional £587.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

17. There was submitted a report dated 15 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of applications by Community Groups for Community Grants for the Period 18 June 1997 to 23 September 1997.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application)

(a) Youth Groups

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel - £573.00

(b) Older People's Groups

Bonnyton Old People's Cabin - £300.00

- (ii) **Applications Continued**

Kilmarnock Concert Brass - continued to October meeting of the Local Committee for further assessment by the Director of Community Services of the Group's leasing arrangements for its premises.

- (iii) **Applications Withdrawn**

AJSC Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group

The meeting terminated at 1615 hours.