

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, DUNLOP

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill and Kathleen Hall; and Community Representatives, Mr John McFadden JP, Mr Watson Muirhead, Mr Hugh Hamilton, Mrs Katherine Currie, Mr William Ferguson, Mrs C Bingham, Ms Lorna Fulton and Mrs May Clark.

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation Division); George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor - Strategy/Partnerships; Alan Hasson, Library and Information Services Manager; Helen Fulton, Social Work Service Officer; Edward O'Connor, Senior Community Education Worker; Brian Moultrie, Community Worker (Community Education); Ian George, Community Work Assistant (Community Education); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Bob Beattie.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill (Chair).

CHAIRS REMARKS

1. The Chair referred to Councillor Bob Beattie's absence due to illness and, on behalf of the Local Committee offered the Local Committee's best wishes and a speedy recovery.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted (circulated) for information the Minutes of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 19 August 1997 .

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that, on Page 1, Item 3 of the Minutes, the Local Committee's award of £600 to Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel had been amended to the lesser amount of £420 and that the Local Committee's budget for Community Grants would be amended accordingly; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the Minutes of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 19 August 1997.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

3. There was submitted a report dated 23 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the updated position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1998.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the appointment of Mr John McFadden, Mr Watson Muirhead, Mr Hugh Hamilton, Mr William Ferguson, Mrs Katherine Currie, Mr R Buchanan, Mrs C Bingham, Ms Lorna Fulton and Mrs May Clark as Community Representatives on the Northern Area Local Committee for 1997/98;
- (ii) to note the appointment of Mr James Kirkland, Dr Fiona Macdonald and Miss Kit McLaren as named substitutes on the Northern Area Local Committee for 1997/98;
- (iii) to note the position in respect of organisations which had not yet submitted fresh nominations for Community Representatives and/or substitutes;
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Service to make appropriate arrangements to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for community members or named substitutes; and
- (v) that, in the event of a nomination not being received from the local Pre-Five's Organisations, consideration be given at the next meeting of the Local Committee to seeking a nomination from an alternative local source.

**COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING AT LAINSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL,
STEWARTON - 19 AUGUST 1997**

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1997 (circulated) on the outcome of the second meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum for the 1997/88 year and seeking suggestions for the "Local Item" for the next Forum, to be held later in the year.

It was agreed:

- (i) that appropriate Directors submit report to the next meeting of the Local Committee on matters arising from the Community Forum meeting in respect of Sports and Leisure facilities;
- (ii) that a report be submitted by the Director of Community Services to the next meeting of the Local Committee regarding the potential for disabled access arrangements to be made in respect of Institute Hall, Stewarton;
- (iii) otherwise to note the outcome of the meeting of the Northern Area Community Forum held on 19 August 1997; and
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with elected members of the Local Committee to determine the "Local Item" for the next Northern Area Community Forum, following suggestions from Community representatives.

**NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
AT VENNEL LANE, STEWARTON**

5. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services requesting that the Local Committee consider naming a development within Vennel Lane, Stewarton.

It was agreed:

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair and Stewarton and District Community Council to determine a name for the proposed development at Vennel Lane, Stewarton; and
- (ii) that the Department of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

DEVELOPING THE LAINSHAW AREA OF STEWARTON

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress with regard to developments in the Lainshaw area of Stewarton.

It was agreed:

- (i) to endorse the action taken to date in respect of this matter;
- (ii) that the relevant Departments progress the various issues detailed within the Appendix to the report; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to submit progress reports to the Committee on a regular basis.

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

7. 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 Committee to nominate a representative to serve on it.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Community Representative Lorna Fulton represent the Local Committee on the Environmental Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV 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 (CCTV) 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 Elected Members and Community Representatives liaise direct with the Director of Community Services regarding proposals for future CCTV projects; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK EVENTS 1997

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 July 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the events undertaken locally during National Spring Clean Week and Environment Week and requesting the Committee to identify local

individuals, groups and organisations willing to work with the Council in identifying and resolving environmental problems.

It was agreed:

- (i) that it be remitted to the Chair of the Local Committee to write to local School Boards and uniformed groups to ascertain their willingness to work with the Council on environmental projects; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES (Item 13, Page 2360)

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on changes to the operational areas of the Department of Social Work 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 Helen McGee, Assistant Divisional Manager, Department of Social Work, would be the Lead Officer for the Northern Area Local Committee.

POLICE REPORT

11. Sergeant John Ramage of Strathclyde Police reported on local Policing matters.

It was noted:

- (i) that in Stewarton, there had been a recent break-in at commercial premises, but that otherwise instances of crime within the local area had been relatively minor;
- (ii) that operation Spotlight was continuing and had made a significant impact on incidences of disorder;
- (iii) that the Byelaws in respect of the ban on the consumption of alcohol in public places had been very effective; and
- (iv) that it was anticipated that the CCTV project in respect of Kilmaurs would be of assistance to Police in the area.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES - PURCHASING INTENTIONS 1997/98 - PREPARATION FOR COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 8, Page 2135)

12. There was submitted and noted 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 the Local Committee of the altered timescale for the production of Community Care plans and the consequential revision of the consultation process.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

13.1 KILMAURS

There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking agreement on proposals for traffic calming measures at Kilmaurs.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the detailed layout of traffic calming measures in Kilmaurs as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee in explanation of the priorities arrived at in respect of identifying Traffic Calming Projects within the Northern Area as well as anticipated future proposals; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

13.2 STEWARTON

There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking agreement on proposals for traffic calming measures in Stewarton.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the detailed layout of traffic calming measures in Stewarton as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to note that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Committee by the Director of Development Services in respect of the Traffic Regulation order to impose waiting restrictions on areas within Stewarton; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

14. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relevant to applications for community grants to local organisations in respect of the financial year 1997/98 and indicating the financial position in respect of applications for grants awarded in the current financial year.

The Committee took the following decisions:

APPLICATIONS APPROVED (for the purpose specified in the application):

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| (i) | (a) | <u>Young People</u> | |
| | | Rascals Out of School | £2,030 |
| | | Nether Robertland Playgroup | £300.00 |
| | | AJSC Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme | £133.00 |
| | (b) | <u>Disability Groups</u> | |
| | | Cessnock Club | £52.00 |

- (ii) to continue consideration of a grant application by Dunlop Uniformed Group to the next meeting of the Local Committee to enable the Director of Education in consultation with the Council's Transport Division of Commercial Operations to further assess the viability and safety of the project in question, together with any legal liability which might be associated with its funding by the Council.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.