

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN BONNYTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF WARWICKHILL ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean and Alex Walsh; Community Representatives James McClymont, John McIvor, John Tannock, Linda Thomson, Babs Gallacher and John Donaldson; and Named Substitute, Jean Dunlop.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Tom Merry, Kilmarnock Social Inclusion Team Leader; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; Irene Learmouth, Social Work Team Leader; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector David Garven, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Iain Linton, Community Representatives Charles Calman and Bryan Thompson; and Named Substitute Ian McVey.

CHAIR: Councillor Brian Reeves, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1420 hours with Councillor Reid present together with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noting the Minutes of Meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 6 June 2000 (circulated).

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

3.1.1 Recruitment of Community Representatives 2000/2001

The Administrative Officer reported that a nomination had been received from John Tannock to be considered as Community Representative for Bonnyton and Woodstock Community Council for the period until 31 March 2001.

It was agreed to accept the nomination.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

4. LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001

There was submitted a report dated 14 August 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 2000/2001, together with summary statement relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was noted that, following the decision of the Emergency Powers Committee held on 7 August 2000, an award of £945 had been granted to the Contact PHAB Club, the share from the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee being £189.

It was agreed as follows:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
Declaration of Interest
 Councillor Reeves declared a non pecuniary interest in this item.
 Loudoun Musical Society - £315; and
 - (b) Older People
 Bonnyton Old Men's Cabin - £550

SOCIAL INCLUSION

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL SOCIAL INCLUSION EARLY ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

- 5.1** There was submitted a report dated 28 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which updated on progress towards meeting the objectives of the Kilmarnock Central Social Inclusion Early Action Plan.

Having heard the Social Inclusion Team Leader's update, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made to date with the Early Action Plan;
- (ii) to identify further pertinent issues and inform the Social Inclusion Team Leader accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

5.2 SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND - PROJECT PROPOSAL

There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought the Committee's views on the proposed bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for part funding for a feasibility study into the establishment of a Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to support the bid of £2,000 to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for a feasibility study to be carried out into the establishment of a local Shopmobility Scheme.

DECENTRALISATION

STREET NAMING - GLENFIELD BOWLING CLUB, OFF QUEEN'S DRIVE, KILMARNOCK

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on two new streets off Queen's Drive, Kilmarnock and which requested the Local Committee's view on proposed names for the two streets in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street from Victoria roundabout to the new small roundabout to be built be named Victoria East Road and the street from the new roundabout to the Bowling Club be named Glenfield Way;
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised of the outcome;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services be asked to pursue the siting of a new sign post at Queens' Drive for the new location of Glenfield Bowling Club; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" Operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives,

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the imminent retiral of Chief Superintendent Campbell from "U" Division, who would be replaced by Chief Superintendent David Johnstone; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

SEAGULLS/PIGEONS

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on current problems being experienced locally with seagulls and pigeons.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services explore possible funding options to tackle the problem of pigeons roosting in railway bridges, especially in the north of East Ayrshire which does not qualify for funding from the Minerals Trust; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

9. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (i) on the outcome of public consultation on the “East Ayrshire Interim Local Transportation Strategy: Consultative Draft” and (ii) to consult the Committee on draft programmes and targets for inclusion in the full Local Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the public consultation;
- (ii) to refer the lack of availability of accessible public transport for the disabled to the Social Inclusion Team Leader as a pertinent Social Inclusion issue; and
- (iii) forward comments on the draft implementation programmes and targets to the Director of Development Services before the end of September 2000.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

10. The undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to Committee:-
- (i) introduction of the newly appointed External Funding Officer to advise of roles and responsibilities to be undertaken.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.