

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21 JUNE 1996 AT 1415 HRS IN
BONNYTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, WARWICKHILL ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representatives E Mabon, Elderly Forum; Robert Wilson, Bonnyton Community Council; John Donaldson, Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association; and Charles Calman, Piersland/Bentinck Community Council.

ATTENDING: Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; James Kane, Chief Engineer; Catriona Barr, Home Care Organiser; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Martin O'Rourke, Senior Planning Officer - Projects; Gwen Barker, Service Manager; George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser, Strategy/Planning; Douglas Blyth, Solicitor; Connie Kerr, Training Officer; Joe Donnelly, Trading Standards Officer; and Melanie J Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Community Representative Jean Dunlop, Disability Forum.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

**PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION
ON THE LOCAL COMMITTEE**

1. There was submitted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on further developments in respect of the proposed composition of the community representation on the Committee.

It was agreed:

- (i) that Mr Charles Calman and Mr Robert Wilson represent on the Committee the five Community Councils operating within the Local Committee area
- (ii) to note the strength of view of the Community Councils with regard to additional representation on the Committee, but that no additional Community Council representatives be appointed at present;
- (iii) that Mrs Olive Gavin represent the Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches on the Committee;
- (iv) that Mr John Donaldson represent the Kilmarnock Retail Trades Association on the Committee;
- (v) to authorise the Director of Support Services to seek a nomination for ethnic minority representation on the Committee; and
- (vi) to authorise the Director of Support Services to pursue the other nominations which remained to be filled.

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Social Work services currently provided to support an anti-

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poverty strategy and which would form the basis for a more corporate and more localised approach in the future.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that the issue of poverty in rural areas be incorporated within a developed Anti-Poverty Strategy.

PRE-5 EDUCATION - POSITION STATEMENT (Item 3, Page 968)

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the current position relative to the provision of pre-5 education.

FORWARD PLANNING/ADDITIONAL REMITS TO LOCAL COMMITTEES (Item 3, Page 968)

4. There was submitted, for information, a report dated 29 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the Forward Planning Programme for Local Committees; and additional remits to Local Committees.

It was agreed to note;

- (i) the Local Committee Forward Planning Programme; and
- (ii) the additional remits to Local Committees in respect of responsibility for street naming and for recommending to the appropriate Service Committee, names for new establishments; consultation regarding the review of Community Council Schemes; and involvement in commenting on the level and range of Departmental services delivered from Local Area Offices.

PROPOSED REVIEW OF EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEMES (Item 9, Page 935)

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the proposed review of existing Community Council schemes.

It was noted that the Director of Services would initiate an informal consultation process with Community Councils in respect of the proposed review which would be co-ordinated by the Local Committee.

SCOTTISH OFFICE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: PLANNING CHARTER STANDARD STATEMENT

6. There was submitted, for information, and noted the "Planning Charter Standard Statement" (circulated) recently published by the Scottish Office Development Department, explaining the Department's role in the planning system; the standards of the service which the public could expect to receive from the Department in

relation to planning matters; and the procedure for dealing with complaints about the service provided by the Department.

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**EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION
IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PLAN (Item 13, Page 770)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 4 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services:
- (a) bringing to the attention of the Local Committee a series of planning issues requiring to be addressed by the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
 - (b) seeking the views of the Committee on the issues raised;
 - (c) requesting that the Committee identify any other planning-related issues pertaining to the Local Committee area that it feels should be addressed in the Plan; and
 - (d) giving consideration to identifying possible development opportunities within the Local Committee area, including opportunities for environmental improvements.

The Committee agreed that the Director of Development Services meet with members of the Committee and other interested parties to identify issues for consideration in the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION (Item 3, Page 875)

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing giving details of the garden competition agreed by the Housing Committee held on 29 May 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to appoint Councillor Gordon Cree, Mr Charles Calman and Mrs Marion Malton as judges for the 1996 Garden Competition.

COMMUNITY FIRST - TRAINING PROGRAMME (Item 2, Page 801)

9. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services advising of the training programme formulated for Local Committees in support of their responsibilities.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that background papers in respect of seminars which had already been held, be made available to Committee members who had been unable to attend; and
- (iii) where necessary, seminars be repeated for the benefit of any Community Representatives appointed since the last cycle of seminars.

**BYE-LAWS FOR PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS (Item 14, Page 937)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on Bye-Laws for prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public areas.

It was noted that draft Bye-Law proposals would be pursued on the basis of a "blanket" ban on drinking in public places, in consultation with the Divisional Commanders, Strathclyde Police at Kilmarnock and Ayr.

SPEED LIMITS (Item 3, Page 915)

11. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the criteria to be used when setting speed limits on the Council's road network.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that Scottish Office Circulars 1/93 (Speed Limits Guidance for Roads Authorities), 10/92 (20mph Speed Limit Zones) and 8/92 (Variable Speed Limits) would be used as the basis for imposing speed restrictions in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Development Services to investigate the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures on London Road and at the junction of Munro Avenue and Western Road.

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM

12.1 MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 1996

There was submitted and noted an assessment report dated 13 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the last meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum held in the Grange Academy on 22 May 1996.

12.2 FUTURE MEETINGS

It was reported that the Council items for the next three rounds of Community Forum meetings would be respectively, the Council's Environmental Strategy; the Council's Social Strategy; and the Council's budget proposals for 1997/98 and the Committee were requested to consider future venues for Forum meetings and the local item for the next Forum meeting.

It was agreed that:

- (i) the next Community Forum meeting take place at 1900 hrs on 29 August 1996 at Gatehead Community Centre, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) the local item for the next Community Forum meeting be Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Entertainment Licensing; and
- (iii) the venues for the following two Community Forum meetings be the Glebe Centre and Woodstock School, Kilmarnock.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

13. The Committee noted that the application and assessment forms submitted by the Parents Committee, Hillside School, Cumnock in respect of a cross boundary summer playscheme did not relate to the Kilmarnock Central area and, accordingly it was agreed that this item be withdrawn from the Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hrs.