

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JUNE 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Jane Darnbrough; Provost Robert Stirling; and Councillor Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mr W McCulloch, Mr Donald Walker, Mr Allan Faulds, Mr James Bryan, Mr Brian Newman, Mrs Diane Gill and Mrs Anne

ATTENDING: Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager, Janice Harrison, Community Worker; Ian George, Community Work Assistant; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Fives); Neil Bell, Senior Engineer; Jane Overton, Senior Policy Adviser (Strategy/Partnerships); Anna F Gallagher, Solicitor; Eoghan Baird, Training and Development Manager; and Melanie J Macleod, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

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

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

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that, following the decision of the Community Sub-Committee of the Education Committee at its meeting on 25 June 1996, to expand the pre-five service, a press release would be issued providing details of the number of additional places during 1996/97.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 1 Page 843)

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising that all ten of the organisations invited to appoint representatives to the Kilmarnock South Local Committee had now done so.

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

3. 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 the Director of Personnel Services investigate the possibility of providing crèche facilities at training seminars; and
- (iii) that, where possible, future training seminars be scheduled to take place in the morning.

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

4.1 FORWARD PLANNING

There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the Forward Planning Programme for Local Committees.

4.2 ADDITIONAL REMITS

There was submitted a report dated 17 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on additional matters for which the Local Committee would be responsible.

It was agreed to note 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.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

5.1 MEETING OF 23 MAY 1996

There was submitted and noted, assessment report dated 21 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the last meeting of the Kilmarnock South Community Forum held in Shortlees Community Centre, on 23 May 1996.

5.2 FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee heard that the Council's 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. Thereafter, the Committee considered possible 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 on 2 September 1996 at Riccarton Community Centre, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) the local item for the next Community Forum Meeting be East Ayrshire Council's Internal and External Renovation Plans for Council-owned Housing; and
- (iii) the venues for the following two Community Forum Meetings be Bellfield Community Centre and Shortlees Community Centre, Kilmarnock respectively.

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

6. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 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.

It was agreed that the Director of Development Services make arrangements to meet with members of the Committee, Community Councils and any other interested parties, to identify issues for consideration in the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

**SCOTTISH OFFICE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:
PLANNING CHARTER STANDARD STATEMENT**

7. There was submitted, for information, 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Development Department document; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services circulate copies of this document to Community Councils in the Local Area.

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

8. 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 agreed to note that draft bye-law proposals would be pursued on the basis of a "blanket" ban on drinking in public areas, in consultation with the Divisional Commanders, Strathclyde Police, at Kilmarnock and Ayr.

ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY (Item 7, Page 871)

9. 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-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 Director of Social Work investigate the feasibility of establishing an out-of-hours service for the provision of money and benefit advice.

Community Representative Diane Gill left the Meeting during discussion of this item.

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION (Item 3, Page 875)

10. 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 Jane Darnbrough, Provost Stirling, Councillor Alan Campbell and Community Representative Allan Faulds, to act as judges in respect of the 1996 Garden Competition.

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

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a proposed review of existing Community Council schemes.

It was noted that the Director of Support 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.

SPEED LIMITS (Item 3, Page 915)

12. 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 (20 MPH Speed Limit Zones) and 8/92 (Variable Speed Limits) would be used as the basis for imposing speed restrictions in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the proposed formation of an Accident Prevention Committee in East Ayrshire;
- (iii) to instruct that the Director of Development Services report to a future Meeting of the Committee on the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures in the vicinity of local schools; and

- (iv) that the Director of Development Services investigate the possibility of Road Safety Officers visiting schools in the Local Area to provide pupils with advice on road safety.

RICCARTON/SHORTLEES AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of a meeting of the Riccarton/Shortlees Area Liaison Committee which discussed the future of the Committee in the light of the Council's decentralisation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposal to retain the Riccarton/Shortlees Area Liaison Committee in the meantime;
- (ii) to receive a further report at a future Meeting, detailing an amended Terms of Reference for the Area Liaison Committee;
- (iii) to include the Area Liaison Committee process in the review of the Council's decentralisation scheme, to be undertaken this year; and
- (iv) to remit the above findings to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee for its consideration and action.

RICCARTON SUB POST OFFICE

14.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Community representative Donald Walker declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion.

14.2 CONSIDERATION OF ITEM

The Principal Administrative Officer reported that a letter dated 14 June 1996 had been received from the Retail Network Manager, Post Office Counters Limited, Glasgow:-

- (a) making reference to the arrangement for temporary Post Office facilities in Riccarton Community Centre for a trial period of six months to ascertain the viability of having a permanent Post Office in that area;
- (b) intimating that the patronage of the temporary facility had been monitored since its opening on 26 January 1996; and
- (c) stating that, despite extensive advertising of the service within the town, the patronage level had been extremely disappointing and, accordingly, Post Office Counters Limited had concluded that it would not be viable to continue with the service after the six months trial period.

The Principal Administrative Officer also reported, for the information of the Committee, that a letter dated 20 June 1996 had been received from Mr V Walker, a local retailer, intimating his interest in providing Post Office services from his establishment for a further trial period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support, in principle, the continued provision of a Post Office service within the Riccarton area;
- (ii) to recommend that Elected Members on the Committee, together with appropriate Officers and Community Council representatives, seek to meet with Post Office Counters Limited in respect of this matter; and
- (iii) to note that an interest had been expressed in operating a Post Office service within the Area.

DISABLED ACCESS TO KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

- 15.** There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the current situation concerning vehicle access and parking for disabled persons in and around Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services review the level of provision of disabled parking within the Town Centre and, in particular, at Queen Street, Bank Street, John Dickie Street, College Wynd and John Finnie Street;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services arrange to meet with members of the Disability Forum to seek the Forum's views in respect of this matter; and
- (iv) that this matter be referred to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for its consideration, with Kilmarnock South Local Committee being kept informed of progress.

Councillor Campbell left the meeting at this point.

ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

- 16.** There was submitted a statement (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the 1996/97 Structural Maintenance Programme for roads and footpaths in the Local Committee Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services submit a further report, including plans, to the next Meeting of the Committee, on works in respect of (a) Grampian Road; and (b) the Shortlees area associated with the housing development presently ongoing identifying what work East Ayrshire Council was responsible for.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP (Item 4, Page 820)

17. The Senior Policy Adviser reported on progress with regard to the East Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy and, in particular, priority area boundaries, local area statements, the development of projects and community involvement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services submit a further updated report;
- (ii) that George Fraser, Senior Policy Adviser Strategy/Partnership, make arrangements to meet with community representative Margaret Shaw with a view to signing the Vision Statement for East Ayrshire.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

18. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the undernoted applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme in respect of which the following decisions were made:-
- 18.1 **KILMARNOCK SOUTH ELDERLY FORUM** - that a grant of £450 be made.
 - 18.2 **KILMARNOCK OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE** - that consideration of this application be deferred to the next Meeting of the Local Committee to allow submission of assessment information.
 - 18.3 **NOON BOWLERS** - that consideration of this application be deferred to the next Meeting of the Local Committee to allow submission of assessment information.
 - 18.4 **WINTON PLACE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEN'S GUILD** - that consideration of this application be remitted to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1625 hours.