

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28 JUNE 1996 AT 1445 HOURS IN
THE FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall and Bob Beattie; and Community Representatives Mr J McFadden JP, Mr W Muirhead, Mr H Hamilton, Mr W Ferguson, Mrs G Roberts, Mrs M Clark, Mrs C Bingham and Ms E McKay.

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector Angus Cochrane and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Mary Fegan, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Steven Good, Area Housing Manager; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads); Anna Gallagher, Senior Solicitor; Connie Kerr, Training Officer (Personnel Services); and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Chair agreed to alter the order of business per the Agenda issued, and to consider this item first.

1. There were submitted reports (circulated) 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:-
 - 1.1 **OPEN DOOR CLUB** - That a grant of £200 be made.
 - 1.2 **FENWICK AND STEWARTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT** - That a grant be refused as the application for funds towards a replacement vehicle failed to meet municipal transport criteria in terms of the existing vehicle age and mileage and the group have sufficient funds to cover the cost of seat belt conversion.
 - 1.3 **DUNLOP AND LUGTON OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION** - That consideration of this application be continued to the next Meeting of the Committee, to allow the Director of Social Work to submit further information.
 - 1.4 **ST MARNOCK YOUTH CLUB** - That this application be remitted for determination to the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Director of Social Work, the Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - 1.5 **RASCALS AFTER SCHOOL PLAYScheme** - There was submitted an application (circulated) in respect of the Rascals After School Playscheme.

It was agreed this application be approved, based on last year's base figure for the Summer Playscheme, and subject to:-

- (i) the Director of Education being satisfied that any requirements in terms of the Children's Act were met;
- (ii) financial and programming information being submitted by the organisation;
- (iii) consultation with the Director of Community Services, the Chair and Vice-Chair;

- (iv) consultation with the Director of Support Services, who would inform the Chair and Vice-Chair of the outcome; and
- (v) the other Members of the Committee being advised of the decision taken in respect of the above grant.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

2. The Administrative Officer reported on the current position with regard to the appointment of community representatives to serve on the Northern Area Local Committee.

It was noted:-

- (i) that the representative of the Youth Forum would be Ms Emma McKay, a pupil at Stewarton Academy; and
- (ii) that the person nominated to represent Pre-five groups would attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

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 noted:-

- (i) that the programme could be amended, if necessary, for individual Local Committees; and
- (ii) that an information pack would be available for those community representatives unable to attend a training meeting.

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

4. 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:-

- (i) to note that an assessment of Pre-five provision in the Stewarton area would take place over the next several months;
- (ii) to note that Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education would submit a report on Pre-five provision in the Northern Area to the Committee Meeting in October; and
- (iii) to continue consideration of the item to the next Meeting.

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

5.1 FORWARD PLANNING

There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, advising of the Forward Planning Programme for Local Committees.

5.2 ADDITIONAL REMITS

There was submitted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on additional matters for which the Local Committee would be responsible.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Committee's responsibility for street naming and for recommending to the appropriate Service Committees, names for new establishments; and
- (ii) to note that the Committee would have the opportunity to comment on the level and range of Departmental services delivered from Local Area Offices.

ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY (Item 7, Page 871)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work outlining the Social Work services currently provided to support an Anti-Poverty Strategy and which would form the basis for a more corporate and localised approach in the future.

**PROPOSED REVIEW OF EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCILS' SCHEMES
(Item 9, Page 935)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a proposed review of existing Community Council schemes.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that the Director of Support Services would initiate an informal consultation process with Community Councils in respect of the proposed reviews; and that the
- (ii) Committee would co-ordinate the consultation process in accordance with agreed timescales.

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

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the "Planning Charter Standard Statement", published by the Scottish Office Development Department, which explained the Department's role:-
- (i) in the planning system;
 - (ii) setting out the standards of the service which the public can expect to receive from the Department in relation to planning matters; and

- (iii) advising of the procedure for dealing with complaints about the service provided by the Department.

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 4 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services:-
- (i) drawing to the attention of the Local Committee, a series of planning issues required to be addressed by the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
 - (ii) seeking the views of the Committee on the issues raised;
 - (iii) requesting that the Committee identify any other planning related issues pertaining to the Northern area that it considers should be addressed on the plan; and
 - (iv) giving consideration to identifying possible development opportunities within the Northern area, including opportunities for environmental improvements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Director of Development Services to provide a briefing note for Northern Area Elected Members and community representatives in respect of the Local Plan;
- (ii) that a Meeting to discuss the matter would be convened on Monday 12 August 1996 at 2.00 p.m. in the Fulton Hall, Fenwick, to consider the issues involved; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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 appoint Councillor Jim O'Neill and community representatives May Clark and Emma McKay to act as judges in respect of the 1996 garden competition; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to proceed with draft byelaw proposals and pursue a "blanket" ban of drinking in public places; and
- (ii) to consult as necessary with the Divisional Commanders, Strathclyde Police, at Kilmarnock and Ayr, to determine the level of support for such a ban.

SPEED LIMITS (Item 3, Page 915)

12. There was submitted a report dated 20 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, requesting the Committee to collate information to identify local areas of perceived danger in relation to the Council's road network.

It was agreed:

- (i) to affirm the Committee's commitment to road safety initiatives; and
- (ii) that community representatives would consult with their local communities and submit reports to the next Meeting of the Committee.

ROADS STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES 1996/97

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of amendments to the programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways which was submitted to the Northern Area Local Committee on 15 May 1996.

14. NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

14.1 MEETING OF 29 MAY 1996

There was submitted a report dated 31 May (circulated) by the Chief Executive, on the outcome of the Northern Area Community Forum held on 30 May 1996 at Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a particular issue of concern for parents in the Stewarton area was the child placement scheme, particularly in relation to Stewarton Academy;
- (ii) to await the outcome of the Education Committee report on placements; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

14.2 FUTURE MEETINGS

Reported by Administrative Officer on the arrangements for future meetings of the Forum as follows:

- (i) on the items for the next three rounds of Community Forum Meetings, respectively; the Council's Environmental Strategy; the Council's Social Strategy; and the Council's budget proposals for 1997/98;
- (ii) requesting that the Local Committee determine the venues for the next three Forum Meetings; and
- (iii) the next local item for discussion at that Local Forum Meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the next Local Forum would be held at Dunlop Public Hall on 5 September 1996;
- (ii) that the local item for discussion would be road safety;
- (iii) that Strathclyde Police would be invited to the Meeting;

- (iv) that the following two Forum Meetings would be held in Fenwick and Kilmaurs;
and
- (v) that the Director of Support Services would arrange appropriate advertising of future Local Forums.

POLICE REPORT

- 15.** The Chair welcomed Inspector Angus Cochrane, Community Liaison Officer, and Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police, who reported on local policing matters.

It was noted:-

- (i) that there would be an increase in police foot patrols, particularly in Stewarton and surrounding areas;
- (ii) that incidences of serious crime had decreased in the period 15 May to 28 June 1996; and
- (iii) that the Police supported a “blanket” ban on the consumption of alcohol in public.

The meeting terminated at 1641 hours.