

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 1997 AT 1400 HOURS
IN HURLFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CESSNOCK ROAD, HURLFORD**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll and Robert McDill and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Frank Dawson, Steve Brown, William Pattison and Andrew Nisbet.

ATTENDING: Marlene Campbell, Area Housing Manager; Matthew Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads); John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); Jane Overton, Senior Strategy Officer (Development Services); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Arthur West, Senior Community Worker (Social Work); and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Angus Cochrane, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor George Tumbull and Community Representatives Janice Cameron and Mary Bowie.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton (Chair).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted minutes of the Irvine Valley Local Committee meeting held on 7 May 1997 (circulated).

ADDITIONAL ITEM

2. The Chair agreed that the undernoted additional item of urgent business be considered as any early reply was required.

**IRVINE VALLEY YOUTH FORUM: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF COUNTY HALL,
HURLFORD**

3. Following a report by the Chair on (a) progress with the Irvine Valley Youth Forum; and (b) proposals to close County Hall, Hurlford, it was agreed to note the report and express concern that the proposed closure would undermine the Local Committee's efforts to establish effective youth facilities throughout the Irvine Valley.

EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION 1997 (Item 9, Page 2148)

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising of the judging requirements and amended prize format of the 1997 Garden Competition.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to elect a standby judging panel and that members of the panel would be Councillors David Fulton and Robert McDill and Community Representatives Frank Dawson and William Pattison; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

**1998/99 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS
AND FOOTWAYS (Item 2, Page 761)**

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising that the 1998/99 programmes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in Autumn 1997 and requesting that any carriageway or footway resurfacing schemes which the Local Committee considered desirable be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Councils within the Irvine Valley area submit written details of any roads and footways which they wished to be considered for resurfacing in 1998/99 to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1997; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - MAIN ROAD, CROOKEDHOLM

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 4 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing information about pedestrian movements across the B7073 Main Road, Crookedholm in the vicinity of the Grougar Road junction.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Roads Division continue to monitor this and Galston Road, Hurlford, adjacent to the Chapel and submit to the next Local Committee meeting a report on low cost measures to assist pedestrians, for the future consideration of the Development Services Committee if necessary; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

REPLACEMENT OF TOWN/VILLAGE SIGNS IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 3.4, Page 2195)

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on (i) proposals to replace the existing town and village signs in the Local Committee area; (ii) the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the signs within the area and (iii) the possible location of additional East Ayrshire boundary signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Development Services Committee of 3 June 1997

agreeing to the erection of the town/village signs in the Irvine Valley Local Committee area in the financial year 1998/99;

- (ii) to invite proposals for (a) the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the signs and (b) the possible location of further East Ayrshire boundary signs from Community Councils in the Irvine Valley area, to be forwarded to the Director of Development Services by the end of August 1997;

- (iii) that the existing signs in Galston and Darvel be retained, any new signs to be in addition to the existing signs; and
- (iv) to note that further reports would be brought to the Committee on proposals received in September 1997.

ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES - PROVISION FOR THE MOBILITY HANDICAPPED

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of measures to improve access to the parking bays for the disabled.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that dropped kerbs would be provided at the new parking bays in Darvel; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the report.

LEISURE STRATEGY - CONSULTATION DRAFT (Item 4, Page 2179)

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services seeking comments on the consultation draft of the Council's Leisure Strategy.

It was agreed:

- (i) to consider the consultation draft of the Leisure Strategy and comment as appropriate by the end of July 1997; and
- (ii) to note that the document would be forwarded to all Community Councils for consultation.

ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITIES: ANNUAL REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work providing an update on various pieces of anti-poverty work which had been undertaken by Social Work staff in the period 1 April 1996 to 31 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work bring forward further reports on anti-poverty work on a regular basis;
- (ii) to consider anti-poverty activities as the subject of a future training session for Community Representatives; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

11. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Disabled Groups

St Marnock Youth Club - £540

(b) Young People

(i) Kidzade Playscheme - £276

(ii) Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel - £60

(iii) the Galston Residential Experience - £500

(c) Miscellaneous Groups

Auchencloigh Community Hall - £250

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING AT CROOKEDHOLM COMMUNITY CENTRE - 2 JUNE 1997

12. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the outcome of the first meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum for the 1997/98 year held as part of the Council's Adopted Decentralisation Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Officers concerned to follow up any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting and to arrange for the submission of reports to Service Committees where appropriate; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum held on 2 June 1997.

LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1997/98

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 May 1997 circulated by the Director of Support Services advising of arrangements for forward planning in respect of the agenda and the timescales for Local Committee meetings for 1997/98 as agreed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 27 May 1997.

BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST

13. There was submitted a report dated 4 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services summarising the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie Clelland Roxburgh Bequest contained in her trust disposition and settlement registered on 26 October 1981.

It was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Minutes of the meeting of that Committee of 30 May 1997 (also circulated) as contained in Appendix I to these

Minutes.

THE MAIR BEQUEST

14. There was submitted a report dated 4 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services summarising the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Annie Smith Mair Bequest contained in her trust disposition and settlement with codicils registered on 4 August 1948.

It was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Mair Bequest Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Minutes of the meeting of that Committee of 30 May 1997 (also circulated) as contained in Appendix II to these Minutes.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.