

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 1997 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE FULTON HALL, FENWICK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill and Bob Beattie; and Community Representatives, Mr W Muirhead, Mr H Hamilton, Mrs K Currie and Mrs C Bingham.

ATTENDING: Irene Townson, Depute Clerk, Licensing Board; Charles Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager; John Laursen, Senior Librarian; James Laing, Senior Social Worker; Sharon Ann Donohoe, Community Education Worker; Brian Moultrie, Community Education Worker and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kathleen Hall and Community Representatives, John McFadden JP, William Ferguson and May Clark.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill (Chair).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 25 June 1997 (circulated).

LICENSING BOARD REGULATIONS, BYE-LAWS AND GUIDELINES

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 June 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board on the outcome of the review of the Licensing Board Regulations, Bye-laws and Guidelines for extended hours and transmitting the thanks of the Licensing Board to the Local Committee for their participation in the review process.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

3. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grant Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

- (a) Young People

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Youth Panel	£600
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35th Ayrshire Scouts Group (Fenwick)	£647
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- (b) Leisure/Recreation

Kilmaurs Photographic Club	£1,389
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- (ii) **Applications Refused** (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Young People

Waterside Community Association	<u>Reason for Refusal</u> The Group has received
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funding from the Community

Grant Scheme this year; and

- (b) to refuse grant to Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Centre as the application was deemed ineligible and to remit to the Director of Education to examine the lease agreement between Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Centre and the Department of Education, as lessee, to establish responsibility for repairs to the St Annick Youth and Community Centre hall floor.
- (iii) to continue consideration of a grant application by Rascals Out of School to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the Director of Education to establish the status of the organisation in terms of its commercial activities;
- (iv) to continue consideration of a grant application by Dunlop Uniformed Group to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the Director of Education to assess further the application; to advise on policy on the issue of supporting grants for vehicles; and to arrange for the assessing Officer to address the Committee on these issues;
- (v) to note that the grant of £200 awarded in principle by the Committee on 25 June 1997 to 35th Ayrshire (Fenwick) Scouts Group (Young People) had been withdrawn and succeeded by the grant award of £647 referred to in (i) above;
- (vi) to note that the grant award of £285 awarded in principle by the Committee on 25 June 1997 to Dunlop Playscheme (Playschemes) had been processed following:-
 - (a) the Director of Education being satisfied that any requirements in terms of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 had been met; and
 - (b) consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair; and
- (vii) to note that the grant award of £450 awarded in principle by the Committee on 25 June 1997 to Our Lady of St Carmel Church (Elderly/Disabled Group) had been processed, following:-
 - (a) the Director of Support Services being satisfied that requirements in terms of planning permission and building warrant; and
 - (b) consultation with the Chair.

POLICE REPORT

4. Sergeant John Ramage of Strathclyde Police reported on local policing matters.

It was noted:-

- (i) that in Stewarton and Dunlop there had been incidences of housebreaking, vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles;
- (ii) that Kilmaurs and Fenwick had enjoyed a relatively crime-free Summer in comparison to recent years;
- (iii) that incidences of vandalism at local school premises had been reduced substantially and that deliberate acts of vandalism had also decreased;

- (iv) that the Bogus Callers Operation undertaken in conjunction with the eleven associated police forces in the former Strathclyde Region had led to a significant increase in intelligence on known suspects and that the Police welcomed information from the public on any suspicious callers; and
- (v) that the “consumption of alcohol in public places ban” had been very effective.

The meeting terminated at 1513 hours.