

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 1998 AT 1400 HRS  
IN MOSCOW LEISURE CENTRE, MOSCOW**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Fulton, George Turnbull and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives George Dalziel, Janice Cameron, Steve Brown, William Pattison, Andrew Nisbet, Stephanie Young and James Crossan.

**ATTENDING:** Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre-5s (Education); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager (Development Services); Fiona McKinnon, Assistant Divisional Manager (Social Work); Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, Traffic (Development Services); Jane Overton, Senior Policy Officer (Development Services); Charlie Woodward, Museum and Arts Manager (Community Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Superintendent Torrance Dempsey.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor David Macrae and Community Representatives Anne Gillies and Wilma Scade.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

**MINUTES**

**1.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of Meetings held on 20 May and 24 June 1998 (both circulated).

**1.2 MATTERS ARISING**

In relation to the Minutes of 20 May 1998 (Item 7 - Page 3362) it was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Director of Development Services was arranging a traffic survey in connection with the feasibility of providing more School Crossing Patrollers in Darvel; and
- (ii) to note that the Director of Development Services would now advise Community Representative George Dalziel with regard to his enquiry about traffic islands in the west end of Darvel.

**1.3 MINUTES OF MAIR BEQUEST TRUST**

There were submitted for information and noted Minutes of Meeting held on 24 June 1998 (circulated).

**SOCIAL WORK**

**SOCIAL WORK ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY**

2. The Chair agreed to consider this item at this point.

There was submitted a report dated 26 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work providing an update to the Local Committee on Anti-Poverty activity

which had been undertaken by Social Work staff during the period 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the work undertaken and outcomes achieved in anti-poverty work within the Social Work Department during 1997/98;
- (ii) to endorse the approach being taken; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of report.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grants received so far during the financial year 1998/99 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relating to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

- (a) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) - £400

- (b) Music

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Turnbull declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Kilmarnock Temple Songster Brigade - £80 subject to organisation confirming they can raise balance of funds before the event.

It was also agreed to advise the applicant to apply to the Ayrshire Educational Trust for funding.

**Applications Continued**

- (c) Community Council

Darvel and District Community Council - Continued to establish whether Health Board funding would be available for project failing which application to be reconsidered by Committee.

- (d) Young People

Kilmarnock and Loudoun Scout Fellowship - Continued for clarification from Director of Education on whether this was an umbrella organisation representing all local Scouts groups.

### **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - UPDATE**

4. It was reported by the Administrative Officer on the progress with regard to the nomination of Community Representatives and substitutes for the following vacancies:-

- (a) Pre-5 Representative - Director of Education continued to pursue nomination through Early Years Forum;
- (b) Youth Representative - St Joseph's Academy were unable to provide a nomination. Loudoun Academy had nominated Chris Smith and Louise Graham.

It was agreed:

- (i) to appoint Chris Smith and Louise Graham as Community Representatives, and that the Head Teacher, Loudoun Academy, determine which nominee was the representative and which the substitute; and
- (ii) that the Director of Education continue to pursue a pre-5 representative/substitute via the Early Years Forum.

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM - NEXT MEETING: LOCAL ITEM**

- 5. The Committee agreed that the local item for the next meeting of the Irvine Valley Community Forum to take place in August/September 1998 in the Morton Hall, Newmilns be a presentation on the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

##### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which proposed that "Operation Spotlight" be made a standing item on the Agenda of the Irvine Valley Local Committee.

It was agreed that a report on "Operation Spotlight" be made a standing item on the Agenda.

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

##### **A PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECTS**

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 23 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) set out a proposed programme of environmental improvement projects for the financial year 1998/99; (ii) put forward for consultation, potential projects for the following three financial years (to the financial year 2001-2002); and (iii) suggested a method of securing proper and regular consultation on Capital Plan projects.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the proposed programme for the financial year 1998/99 in respect of Hurlford Cross;
- (ii) to approve the selection criteria for prioritising schemes;
- (iii) to approve the Capital Plan (Environmental Improvements) consultation arrangements as outlined in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.13 of the Director of Development Services' report; and
- (iv) to note that suggestions for further projects which fitted the selection criteria be submitted to the Head of Planning and Building Control by the end of September 1998.

**1999/2000 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL  
MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised the Committee that the 1999/2000 programmes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in Autumn 1998; and (ii) requested that any carriageway or footway resurfacing schemes which Committee Members considered desirable be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of October 1998.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals for Committee Members to submit suggestions for resurfacing schemes to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of October 1998; and
- (ii) that the Principal Engineer (Traffic) investigate and advise Community Representative James Crossan with regard to his complaint about a cobbled area of pavement/road at Ross Court, Galston.

**PROVISION OF DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAYS**

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the Committee's views on the current criteria for residential disabled persons parking bays on residential roads.

It was agreed:

- (i) to refer any observations on the current criteria for residential disabled persons parking bays on residential roads by the end of September 1998 to the Head of Roads and Transportation to allow a report to be submitted to the Development Services Committee in early November 1998.

**POSSIBLE TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AT  
BANKHOUSE PLANTATION, DARVEL**

10. There was submitted a report dated 29 July 1998 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control which advised the Committee of the present situation regarding consideration of the existing application for a Felling Licence at Bankhouse Plantation and which sought the Committee's views as to whether the plantation should be designated under a Tree Preservation Order.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Head of Planning and Building Control be advised that the Committee were of the opinion that a provisional Tree Preservation Order be made in respect of the trees at Bankhouse Plantation, as shown on the plan attached to the Director of Development Services' report; and
- (ii) to note that the Head of Planning and Building Control would request a consultant from the list of Institute of Chartered Foresters to provide an estimate of the total value of the commercial timber within Bankhouse Plantation with a view to the Council assessing the amount of future compensation the Council might have to make to the owner under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

### **NATIONAL TRIAL OF ADVISORY 20MPH ZONES - GILFOOT, NEWMILNS**

11. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Local Committee (i) of the decision by the Development Services Committee of 27 January 1998 relating to the approval of a National Trial Programme of advisory 20 mph speed limits in residential areas; and (ii) that Gilfoot, Newmilns had been approved as one of the three agreed sites in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the area identified in the plan attached to the Director of Development Services' report of Gilfoot, Newmilns had been approved by the Development Services Committee as a site for inclusion in a National Trial programme of advisory 20 mph limits; and
- (ii) to receive a report at a future meeting on the outcome of this trial.

### **REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS**

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the messages to be incorporated on the bottom line of the proposed town and village signs in the Irvine Valley Local Committee area.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Local Committee note that the suggestions submitted for Hurlford, Crookedholm, Newmilns, Galston and Darvel would be included on the new town and village signs and that where no suggestions had been made, the message would read "Please Drive Carefully"; and
- (ii) that the old signs, where taken down, be retained in the keeping of the Council's Museums and Arts Section.

## **EDUCATION**

### **THE CHILDREN'S ACT 1989 - TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT**

13. There was submitted a report dated 3 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised Members of the Irvine Valley Local Committee of the progress of the third Triennial Review of Childminding, Day Care and Education Services for Children under Eight.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the progress made in the review of services for children under eight years;
- (ii) to note the progress made in the expansion of nursery provision for children aged three to five years in East Ayrshire; and
- (iii) to note that a video providing an overview of early years services in East Ayrshire was available on loan to Members, Community Representatives and local Community Groups by contacting the Director of Education.

**ROAD SAFETY MEASURES AT LOUDOUN ACADEMY (Item 4, Page 3161)**

14. The Principal Engineer (Traffic) reported:- (i) that the Roads Division currently were carrying out the works previously approved by the Committee to upgrade the road markings and signing, clearing the verge alongside the footway, and making good the existing pedestrian barrier, although bad weather had caused some delays; and (ii) that the Director of Education had agreed to fund the provision of a new footway on the eastern side of the A719 with a pedestrian barrier.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the works being carried out by the Roads Division;
- (ii) to note the agreement of the Director of Education to fund the provision of a new footway on the eastern side of the A719 with a pedestrian barrier; and
- (iii) to note that the Director of Development Services would make the necessary arrangements in connection with the Committee's previous recommendation to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the A719.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hrs.