

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE GRANGE ACADEMY S & R WING, OFF BEECH ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves and Wilma Doyle; and Community Representatives: Mrs Elizabeth McCall, Mr Charles Calman, Mr John McIvor, Ms Lauren MacPhee and Mr John Donaldson.

**ATTENDING:** Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Grace Scott, Quality Development Officer (Education); Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager (Development Services); Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer (Trading Standards); James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Margaret Phelps, Service Manager (Social Work); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid and Ronald Brailsford; and Community Representative Canon Kenneth Stephen and Named Substitute Robert Jones.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There were submitted and noted for information the Minutes of Meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 26 May 1998 (circulated).

**COMMUNITY GRANTS**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 August 1998 by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grant received so far during the financial year 1998/99, together with a statement dated 25 August 1998 on outstanding applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme (both circulated).

It was agreed as follows:-

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

- (a) Accident/Crime Prevention

- (i) Meadowbrook Neighbourhood Watch - £310;

- (b) Disability Groups

- (i) Contact PHAB - £246; and

- (ii) St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £229;

- (c) Leisure Activities
  - (i) Bonnyton Social - £500;
- (d) Music
  - (i) Kilmarnock Temple Songster Brigade - £240, subject to the group providing the Director of Support Services with evidence that it had raised the balance for the project from fundraising;
- (e) Older People
  - (i) Bonnyton Old People's Cabin - £255;  
The Committee noted that an interim award of £250 had been made to the organisation under delegated powers by the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;
  - (ii) Crosshouse Friendship Club - £360;
- (ii) **Applications Continued** (for further information), viz:-
  - (a) Young People's Groups
    - (i) Kilmarnock and Loudoun Scout Fellowship
- (iii) **Applications Refused**, viz:-
  - (a) Older People
    - (i) The Buchanan Centre  
The Committee agreed in terms of Condition 24 of the Community Grants Scheme to refuse the request for an extension for the period of grant, on the basis that the projected fundraising target had not been met within the 12 month period, and that the organisation be requested to return the grant of £2,000 paid in 1997/98;
- (iv) **Grants Returned**, viz:-
  - (a) Music
    - (i) The Committee noted that a grant of £650 made to the Good News Singers in 1997/98 had been returned on the grounds that it was no longer required by the group.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL 31 MARCH 1999

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the position in respect of the appointment of further Community Representatives of local organisations to serve on the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the appointment of Mrs Betty Carr (Elderly Forum Groups), Ms Lauren MacPhee (Youth) and Canon Kenneth Stephen (Kilmarnock Fellowship of Churches) as Community Representatives for the period until 31 March 1999;
- (ii) to note the appointment of Ms Laura Mullen (Youth) as a Named Substitute for the period until 31 March 1999; and
- (iii) that the Director of Support Services pursue the outstanding nominations for one Church Named Substitute and one Rural Community Council/Association Named Substitute.

#### **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL COMMUNITY FORUM - LOCAL ITEM**

4. Consideration was given to the selection of a suitable local item and venue for the next meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the local item for discussion at the next Community Forum meeting would be Drug Services in Kilmarnock, a topic previously discussed at the May 1998 Forum which was poorly attended;
- (ii) that, if possible, the Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, serve as the venue for the meeting;
- (iii) that Community Councils in particular receive additional advertising in respect of the Forum to encourage attendance; and
- (iv) the Director of Support Services investigate the feasibility of providing appropriate transportation to encourage members of the public to attend the Forum.

#### **STREET NAMING**

##### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ACCESS ROAD, OFF NURSERY AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of a proposed new development at the Access Road, off Nursery Avenue, Kilmarnock, and which requested the Local Committee's view on a proposed name for the street in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the street in the new development Nursery Lane; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

#### **HOUSING**

##### **LONGPARK STRATEGY (Item 10, Page 3398)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised of the outcome of the special informal meeting of Elected Members and Community Representatives convened for both the Kilmarnock North and Kilmarnock Central Local Committees on 6 August 1998 to discuss the Longpark Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the full scale demolition of the Longpark Council housing referred to in the report;
- (ii) to recommend that the New Housing Partnership be used as a vehicle for developing a strategy for the estate; and
- (iii) that the above recommendations be referred to the Special Ad-Hoc Housing Partnership Committee.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Strathclyde Police Initiative, Operation Spotlight.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Local Committee make Operation Spotlight a standing item on the Agenda; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **A PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 23 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) set out the proposed programme for environmental improvement projects for the financial year 1998/99; (b) put forward for consultation potential projects for the following 3 financial years (to the financial year 2001/2002); and (c) suggested a method to secure proper and regular consultation on Capital Plan Projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposed programme for the financial year 1998/99;
- (ii) to approve the selection criteria for prioritising schemes;
- (iii) to approve the Capital Plan (Environmental Improvements) consultation arrangements as outlined in the report; and
- (iv) to note that Elected Members and Community Representatives had been invited to submit suggestions for further projects which met the selection criteria to the Head of Planning and Building Control by the end of September 1998.

### **PROVISION OF DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAYS (Item 10, Page 3223)**

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 disabled persons parking bays on residential roads.

It was agreed that any observations Elected Members or Community Representatives may have on the current criteria for the provision of disabled

persons parking bays should be submitted to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1998, to allow the matter to be reported to the Development Services Committee in early November 1998.

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

10. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the 1999/2000 programmes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in Autumn 1998.

It was agreed that Elected Members or Community Representatives should submit suggested resurfacing schemes to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of October 1998.

### **REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 9, Page 2261)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 30 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the agreement of the Kilmarnock Central, South and North Local Committees on the wording of the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of the proposed new town signs around Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to support the suggested wording as detailed within the report;
- (ii) that Community Representative Lauren MacPhee be invited to submit suggested alternative wording on the new town signs;
- (iii) this failing, that the Development Services Committee consider alternative wording on the proposed new town signs to reflect the economic development and tourism potential of the Kilmarnock area;
- (iv) that the Local Committee be consulted further on the matter in due course; and
- (v) that it be remitted to the Director of Development Services to investigate the provision of similar signs for the villages of Gatehead and Crosshouse.

## **EDUCATION**

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

12. There was submitted a report dated 3 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress of the third Triennial Review of Childminding, Day-care and Education Services for Children Under Eight.

Having viewed a video presentation which provided an overview of early years services in East Ayrshire, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in the review of services for children under eight years; and
- (ii) to note the progress made in the expansion of nursery provision for children aged three to five years in East Ayrshire.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 13 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided an update on Anti-Poverty Activity 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 on anti-poverty work within the Social Work Department during 1997/98;
- (ii) to endorse the approach being taken;
- (iii) that Elected Members or Community Representatives should provide views to the Director of Social Work on poverty issues which would benefit from attention during the next period;
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Director of Social Work to liase with the Benefits Agency to identify possible initiatives, including use of the Benefits Agency bus, to encourage older people in particular to participate in the Social Work Department's income maximisation programme; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1526 hours.