

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 1998 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN NEW FARM LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A FRASER WALK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon McCredie and Daniel Coffey; and Community Representatives: Janet Smith, Archie McKenzie, Matt Donnelly, Maureen Brown, Hugh Stirling and Kate Clannaghan.

**ATTENDING:** Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Registration and Licensing; Fiona Dickson, Play Development Officer, Community Services; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager, Development Services; Neil Bell, Senior Engineer, Development Services; Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Pre-5; Gerry Darroch, Area Housing Manager; Helen McGee, Assistant Divisional Manager, Social Work; Margaret Phelps, Service Manager, North Division, Social Work; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John Knapp; and Community Representatives Arlene Lindsay, William Denim, Beryl Graham and Nan Gerrard.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted for information and noted, Minutes of Meeting held on 12 May 1998.

**Community Facilities At New Farm Loch (Item 6, Page 3335)**

- 1.1 Noted that the Director of Community Services and the Director of Development Services would advise Councillor McCredie of the action taken to progress the decision of the Committee in respect of the use of community facilities at New Farm Loch.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS**

**COMMUNITY FORUM - LAST MEETING**

- 2.1 There was submitted a report dated 5 June 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the outcome of the first meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum for 1998/99, held as part of the Council's Adopted Decentralisation Scheme.

It was agreed to:-

- (i) authorise the Officers concerned to respond to any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting and to arrange the submission of reports to the Service Committees where appropriate; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the outcome of the meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum held on 20 May 1998.

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

- 2.2 The Local Committee agreed that the local item for the next meeting of the Kilmarnock North Community Forum be a presentation on the Future Economic Development/Regeneration Strategy for the Longpark Area of Kilmarnock.

### **STREET NAMING**

#### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MACKELLAR PLACE, KILMARNOCK**

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of a proposed new residential development at MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock, and requested the Local Committee's view on a proposed name for the street in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the New Farm Loch Community Council would shortly call a meeting to consider a suggested street name and advise the Director of Support Services accordingly;
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Director of Support Services, in consultation with the Chair to consider the suggestion from the Community Council and agree the street name; and
- (iii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services be advised of the street name once agreed.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position in respect of applications for grants received in respect of the financial year 1998/99 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations.

The Committee considered the undernoted applications and took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Young People

- (i) Onthank After School Group - £650;

The Committee noted that an interim award of £250 was 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) Kidzade Playscheme - £471;

(b) Music

Kilmarnock Temple Songster Brigade - £320;

The Committee agreed to approve the above grant in principle subject to the Brigade providing the Director of Support Services with evidence that the Brigade had raised the balance for the project from fund raising.

(c) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £457. The Committee agreed that the award be made subject to the condition that the organisation provide details of insurance arrangements to the Director of Support Services.

**4.2 Application Withdrawn**

Kilmarnock Baptist Singers - The Committee noted that the organisation had withdrawn their application.

**4.3 Application Continued**

The Innocents - The Committee agreed to continue the application to allow further background information on the activities of the organisation to be provided by the Director of Social Work.

**4.4 Application Refused**

The Buchanan Centre - The Committee agreed in terms of Condition 24 of the Community Grants Scheme to refuse the request for an extension of 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 to them last year.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES****“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”**

5. 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 Local Committee.

It was agreed that “Operation Spotlight” be made a standing item on the Agenda for future meetings of the Local Committee.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES****REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 7, Page 2506)**

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to support the suggested wording as detailed in the report; and

- (ii) to request that the Development Services Committee consider the incorporation of alternative wording on the proposed new town signs to reflect the economic development and tourism potential of the Kilmarnock area and to further consult the Local Committee thereon in due course.

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

7. There was submitted a report dated 23 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which set out a proposed programme for environmental improvement projects for the financial year 1998/99; put forward for consultation, potential projects for the following 3 financial years (to the financial year 2001-2002); and 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;
- (iv) to propose that the proposed New Farm Loch Local Office and the Reformers Monument in the Kay Park be considered as environmental improvement projects; and
- (v) to note that suggestions for further projects which fit the selection criteria should be submitted to the Head of Planning and Building Control by the end of September 1998.

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

8. 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 Community Representatives may have on the current criteria for the provision of disabled person's parking bays be submitted by the end of September to the Head of Roads and Transportation to allow a report thereon to be submitted to the Development Services Committee in early November.

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

9. 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 the Autumn of this year.

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

## **EDUCATION**

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

10. 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 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 3 to 5 years in East Ayrshire.

## **HOUSING**

### **ONTHANK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – REQUEST FOR GRANT (Item 5, Page 739)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 28 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which sought approval of an application for an annual operating grant by Onthank Residents' Association.

It was agreed to approve the Onthank Residents' Association request for an operating grant of £251 from the housing revenue account for 1998/99.

Kate Clannaghan left the meeting at this point.

### **LONGPARK STRATEGY (Item 9, Page 3336)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which advised of the outcome of a special informal meeting of Elected Members and Community Members convened from 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 Council houses in Longpark;
- (ii) to recommend that the new housing partnership could 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.

### **DEMOLITION OF LOCK-UPS AT 6-10 FINLAYSON DRIVE, NEW FARM LOCH**

13. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing which sought approval for the demolition of lock-ups at 6-10 Finlayson Drive, New Farm Loch.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposed demolition of the lock-ups at 6-10 Finlayson Drive;

- (ii) to remit the proposal to the Housing Committee for its consideration;
- (iii) to recommend to the Special Ad-Hoc Housing Partnership Committee that the block of lock-ups at 11-12 Finlayson Drive be excluded from the redevelopment site plan; and
- (iv) to request the Special Ad-Hoc Housing Partnership Committee to ensure that an adequate number of lock-ups be provided within the new housing partnership redevelopment area at Finlayson Drive.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided an update 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;
- (iii) that community members provide views to the Director of Social Work on poverty issues which would benefit from attention during the next period; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.