

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives, Tom Jamieson, Margaret Shaw, Anne McRoberts and Hugh Moore.

**ATTENDING:** Susan Mason, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager (Development Services); Jamie Milliken, Community Safety Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer - Traffic (Development Services); Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Fives); James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Torrance Dempsey, Sub-Divisional Officer, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Robert Stirling and Community Representatives Les Bullock, Jean Allan, Allan Faulds and Substitute Community Representative Mr William Agnew.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 1998**

1. There were submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 May 1998 (circulated).

Arising from a query it was reported and noted that further information was still awaited regarding the grant application by the Titchfield Centre Users Group and that the outcome of the application would be reported to the next Local Committee subject to additional information being forthcoming from the group.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 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 relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

- (a) Young People

Shortlees and Riccarton Before and After School Care (BASICS) - £3,800.00;

(b) Culture/Music

Kilmarnock Temple Songster Brigade - £360.00 subject to the group providing evidence that they had met the remaining expenses for the project;

(c) Older People

Noon Bowlers - £600.00;

(d) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £343.00;

(e) Community Councils

Bellfield Community Council - £250.00 subject to the event being advertised throughout the Local Committee Area;

(f) Sport/Leisure

St Ninian's Church Men's Club - £1,092.00;

(g) Playschemes

## (i) Bellfield After School Care (Summer Playscheme)

It was reported and noted that an interim award of £250 had been made to the group under the delegated powers accorded to the Director of Support Services since the group's application had been received by the Department of Support Services on 11 June 1998 and the event took place prior to this Local Committee meeting. The balance of the application amounting to £502 was submitted for the Local Committee's consideration.

It was agreed that an additional award of £502 be approved.

## (ii) Bellfield After School Care (October Playscheme) - £285.00.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - PRESENTATION

3. A presentation by Jamie Milliken, Community Safety Officer was made to the Local Committee.

The main areas highlighted during his presentation were as follows, viz:-

- the role of the Community Safety Officer;
- the aims of the Community Safety Initiative and its benefits to the wider community;
- the Council's commitment to the initiative;
- examples of Partnership Working with groups such as CHASE, the BARN Management Committee and Heatwise; and
- the provision of solutions to local problems.

The Chair thanked the Community Safety Officer for his presentation and there then followed a brief question and answer session.

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

4. 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 for the Local Committee.

It was agreed that a standing item entitled "Operation Spotlight" be included on future agendas of this Committee.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

5. 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 1998 and 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 note that the Legal Services Section were currently establishing the ownership of the area of ground at Lainshaw Avenue and Townend Road and that if appropriate, this area should be included within the 1999/2000 programme for structural maintenance of roads and footways;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services advise the Chair of the progress made, to date, regarding implementation of the 1998/99 Programme for Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways; and
- (iii) that Members and Community Representatives submit any other proposals for inclusion in the 1999/2000 programme for the structural maintenance of roads and footways to the Head of Roads and Transportation by 31 October 1998.

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

6. 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) that the proposed programme of environmental improvement projects for the financial year 1998/99 be noted;
- (ii) that the selection criteria for prioritising schemes for environmental improvements be approved;
- (iii) that arrangements for consultation on the capital plan (environmental improvements) as detailed in Paragraphs 4.6 to 4.13 be approved; and

- (iv) that Members and Community Representatives submit suggestions for further projects which met the selection criteria to the Head of Planning and Building Control by 30 September 1998.

### **PROVISION OF DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAYS**

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

It was agreed that any observations on the current criteria for residential disabled persons parking be submitted to the Head of Roads and Transportation by 30 September 1998 in order to allow a report to be submitted to the Development Services Committee in early November 1998.

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

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

It was reported and noted that the Council had been seeking EU funding to develop road signs linked specifically to a tourism/economic development theme.

It was agreed that the inclusion of the message "Kilmarnock Welcomes Careful Drivers" on the new Kilmarnock town signs be approved.

## **EDUCATION**

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

9. 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.

It was reported and noted that a short video regarding the Triennial Review of Services for Children under Eight was available, on request, from the Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the progress made in the review of services for children under eight years be noted; and
- (ii) that the progress which had been made in the expansion of nursery provision for children aged three to five years within East Ayrshire be noted.

Tom Jamieson, Community Representative, left the meeting at this point.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **SOCIAL WORK ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY**

10. There was submitted a report dated 2 July 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided 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) that the work undertaken and the outcomes achieved in anti-poverty work within the Social Work Department during 1997/98 be noted;
- (ii) that the approach adopted by the Social Work Department in their anti-poverty activity be endorsed and that staff involved be congratulated on their achievements to date;
- (iii) that the Local Committee submit any views on poverty issues which they considered would benefit from consideration by the Director of Social Work during the next period of anti-poverty activity from 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.