

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN MOSCOW LEISURE CENTRE, MOSCOW**

**PRESENT:** Councillor James Raymond, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; and Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Steve Brown, Nancy Mair, Amanda Gilmour, Bill Pattison, Evelyn Mair, George Dalziel, Cathie Brown and Isabel Loudoun and Named Substitute, J Cameron.

**ATTENDING:** Jane Overton, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); Nancy Hall, Team Leader (Social Work Department); Fiona MacKinnon, Service Unit Manager (Social Work Department); Anne Currie, Assistant Manager (Housing Department); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Craig McMurray, Technician (Roads and Transportation); Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Charles Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services Department); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Gary Peters, Community Police Officer, Galston.

**CHAIR:** Councillor James Raymond, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1416 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

**PRESENTATION BY SCOTTISH POWER**

3. It was reported and noted that the presentation by Scottish Power, on the Company's proposals to carry out extensive work to protect overhead lines throughout East Ayrshire was unable to go ahead at this meeting as a result of Scottish Power personnel being unavoidably detained.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

4. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider the following item at this point.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/SUBSTITUTES UPDATE**

5. It was reported that since the last meeting, Gerard Cassidy had been nominated as the Substitute Representative for Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Cassidy as the Substitute Representative for Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council.

## MINUTES

6. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting held on 26 May 1999.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC (Item 1.1, Page 4221, 99/02)

- 7.1 The Principal Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that the Policy and Resources Committee had agreed that the remit of Local Committees be extended to allow disbursement of funds from the Local Community Grants Scheme in respect of prizes or awards etc for certain activities which the Local Committee might provide from time to time subject to a maximum annual expenditure per Committee of £300.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

- 7.2 There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1999/2000, together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

- 7.2.1 **APPLICATIONS APPROVED** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Voluntary Organisations  
Darvel and District Community Council - £1,000
- (b) Disability  
St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £270
- (c) Leisure  
Winton Place Church Men's Guild - £33
- (d) Sport  
Galston Senior Snooker Club - £500
- (e) Northwest Amateur Boxing Club - £37.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S

### INTERIM COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON THE EAST AYRSHIRE SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which requested the Committee to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute Representative to attend the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group on an interim basis until March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Steve Brown, Community Representative and Gerard Cassidy, Substitute Representative to attend the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group on behalf of the Local Committee until March 2000; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**“PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST” - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL’S  
DECENTRALISATION SCHEME**

9. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief executive which advised of the outcome of the Council’s Review of its Decentralisation Scheme and which sought nominations from Community Representatives to participate in a Working Party of Community Representatives, to progress and monitor initiatives and issues detailed within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Bill Pattison be nominated as a Community Representative to serve on the Community Representatives Working Party; and
- (ii) to note the action proposed by the Council in relation to the Council’s Decentralisation Scheme.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**OPERATION “SPOTLIGHT”**

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of “Spotlight” operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period, and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the new Community Police Officer for Galston was Constable Gary Peters;
- (ii) to note that the Police Liaison Officer would be willing to attend any Community Group meetings as appropriate to discuss local crime issues and that Community Groups should contact Sergeant Hugh Mitchell direct; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1999/2000**

11. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which invited the Committee to determine the venue at which each of the Local Committee meetings should be held for the remainder of 1999/2000.

It was agreed to note the dates fixed for meetings of the Local Committee during the period July 1999 - 7 April 2000 and to approve the venues for the meetings as detailed below:-

DATE OF MEETING	VENUE
Wednesday 6 October 1999	Morton Hall, Newmilns
Wednesday 17 November 1999	Barr Centre, Galston

Wednesday 26 January 2000	Darvel Town Hall, Darvel
Wednesday 8 March 2000	Crookedholm Community Centre

## **STREET NAMING**

### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT LOMOND AVENUE, HURLFORD**

12. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which requested a name for a development at Lomond Avenue, Hurlford.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name for the development at Lomond Avenue, Hurlford be Ness Gardens; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to advise the Department of Homes and Technical Services accordingly.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **2000/2001 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the 2000/2001 programmes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in the autumn of 1999 and requested that any carriageway or footway surfacing schemes which Committee members considered desirable should be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1999.

## **MISS BESSIE C ROXBURGH BEQUEST**

### **BACKGROUND REPORT AND MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

14. There was submitted a report dated August 1999 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council summarising the purpose and continuing administration of the Miss Bessie Clelland Roxburgh Bequest contained in the Trust disposition and settlement registered on 26 October 1981 together with Minutes of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest Joint Advisory Committee of 2 August 1999.

It was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Miss Bessie C Roxburgh Bequest Joint Advisory Committee as detailed in the Minutes of that Committee of 2 August 1999 (also circulated) and as contained in the Appendix to these Minutes.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **HASTINGS SQUARE, DARVEL AND MORTON HALL, NEWMILNS (Item 12, Page 4457, 96/99)**

15. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which advised on the current position regarding Hastings Square, Darvel and Morton Hall, Newmilns and also, on behalf of the

Director of Corporate Services, advised on the broader issue concerning the maintenance of War Memorials within the Irvine Valley Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Property Services were currently carrying out East Ayrshire wide survey on maintenance of war memorials;
- (ii) that a further update by the Director of Homes and Technical Services be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) that the concerns expressed on uncompleted works be drawn to the attention of the relevant Departments.

#### **LOCAL ITEMS**

**16.** The Principal Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that following the Review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme:-

- (i) that the intention of a local item was to give Community Representatives an opportunity to raise local issues which would become the subject of a further report by appropriate officers for consideration at future meetings; and
- (ii) that local items of interest raised by Community Representatives would be incorporated into the forward planner of Committee business currently being developed.

Following discussion the following issues were identified as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee:-

- (i) A71 - Road Safety Improvements in the Irvine Valley; and
- (ii) Update on new Galston Primary School.

The meeting terminated at 1602 hours.