

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 AUGUST 1999 AT 1400 HOURS
IN ONTHANK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRKTON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey and John Weir and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Beryl Graham, Hugh Stirling, Archie Pryce, Maureen Brown and Archie McKenzie and Substitutes Jim Cameron and Norah McCabe.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; Mike Rooney, Team Leader, Environmental Health, Community Services; Alison Smith, Principal Officer (Licensing and Community Safety), Community Services; Matt Glover, Senior Engineer (Roads); Development Services; Chris Trevor, Planning Officer, Development Services; Dot Grieve, Area Community Education Officer, Education; Helen McGhee, Service Unit Manager, Social Work; Eddie Fraser, Team Leader, Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor William Coffey and Community Representatives Mary Cameron, Arlene Lindsay and Janet Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

CHAIRS REMARKS

1. The Chair advised that Eddie Fraser had been appointed to the position of Team Leader, Social Work for the Kilmarnock North Area and welcomed him to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There was submitted, for information and noted, Minutes of meeting held on 25 May 1999 (circulated).

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

Developmental Youth Fund for Young People in Northwest Kilmarnock (Item 6, Page 38, 99/02) - The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted that in respect of the Kilmarnock North Federation of Community Groups wish to be kept informed, advance notification had been sent advising that a community conference

would be held on 12 September 1999 in Onthank Community Education Centre to which all community and voluntary organisations would be invited to attend. In addition all community representatives and substitutes would be invited along to the meeting. It was further noted that the format of the community conference would allow the opportunity to “brainstorm” possible ideas, co-ordinate the ideas against identified criteria and agree a priority list. It was anticipated that the main findings would be reported to the Kilmarnock North Local Committee seeking their views prior to a list of potential projects being costed and reported to the Policy and Resources Committee in October with a view to agreeing a funding package.

Replacement of Town and Village Signs (Item 8, Page 39, 99/02) - Noted that the Director of Development Services would advise Councillor Daniel Coffey direct on the timescale for erection of the 3 signs in the Kilmarnock North area.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

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

5. 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 the Working Party of Community Representatives to progress and monitor initiatives and issues detailed within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Beryl Graham 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.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of nominations received from James Hamilton Academy for a Young Person Representative and Substitute to serve on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee for 1999/2000.

Having been advised by Community Representatives that a young person from the North West Youth Project was still interested in becoming a Young Person Representative on the Local Committee, it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Corporate Services follow up the nomination from the North West Youth Project to serve until 31 March 2000 and liaise with the James Hamilton Academy;
- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Services liaise with the Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North to seek a substitute young person nomination from the New Farm Loch area;
- (iii) to note the intention to rotate the young person representative and substitute in order that from 1 April 2000 the representative would reside in New Farm Loch and the substitute in North West Kilmarnock; and

- (iv) to otherwise note the report.

VENUES FOR MEETINGS 1999/2000

7. There was submitted a report dated 4 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 for the Local Committee during the period July 1999 to 7 April 2000 as detailed below:-

DATE OF MEETING	VENUE
Tuesday 28 September 1999	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 9 November 1999	Onthank Community Education Centre
Wednesday 19 January 2000	New Farm Loch Community Centre
Tuesday 29 February 2000	Longpark Community Education Centre

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT AMLAIRD ROAD, KILMARNOCK

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which requested naming of a proposed housing development at Amlaird Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street be named "Amlaird Gardens" within the proposed housing development at Amlaird Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised accordingly.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

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

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

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000

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

It was agreed:-

9.2.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose as specified in the application), viz:-

- (a) Voluntary Organisations
Longpark Community Association - £558

(b) Older People

“The In-Betweens” - £250

Northwest Elderly Forum - £750

St Joseph’s Retirement Club - £67

(c) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club - Agreed in principle to award £840 and that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services to confirm the number of people attending from the Local Committee area, advise the Chair accordingly and thereafter make appropriate payment.

(d) Sport

Northwest Amateur Boxing Club - £158

9.2.2 Application ContinuedLeisure Activities

Jam Street Dancers - continued to investigate whether or not the organisation was being run as a commercial business rather than as a voluntary group and that the Director of Corporate Services report back to the next meeting.

9.2.3 That in future reports on Community Grants, especially cross boundary applications, details of actual numbers of members of an organisation residing in the Kilmarnock North area be included within reports.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE**INTERIM COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
ON THE EAST AYRSHIRE SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
GROUP**

10. 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 Matt Donnelly, Community Representative and Beryl Graham, 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 content of the report.

Matt Donnelly, Community Representative left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**“OPERATION SPOTLIGHT”**

11.1 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 request a Police foot patrol presence at Creighton Court Sheltered Housing to deter the use of motorcycles on public footpaths particularly during evening hours;
- (ii) to note the position with regard to maintaining an adequate level of Community Police Officers within the Local Committee area and to further note the delays experienced with the Police telephone queuing system used to report incidents and that any issues of concern be brought to the attention of Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer;
- (iii) 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
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

CAR CRIME

11. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the level of vehicle crime during the period April 1997 - March 1998 and April 1998 - March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Corporate Services circulate the report to all relevant Elected Members and relevant Officers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LONGPARK IMPROVEMENTS

12. There was submitted a report dated 29 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the contents of the report to be used as a basis for a presentation to a meeting to be convened in August for Longpark local and community groups and Community Representatives on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the report as a basis for presentation to a meeting to be held on 19 August 1999 of Longpark local and community groups and Representatives on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services submit a report on the outcome of the public meeting and progress made.

1999/00 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

13. There was submitted a report dated 22 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the 1999/00 programmes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in the autumn of 1999 and to request 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 September 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Roads and Footway Structural Maintenance Programmes for 1999/2000 would be drawn up in the autumn, and that any suggested schemes which Community Representatives and Members may have should be submitted by the end of September to the Head of Roads and Transportation; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services investigate and report further on the possibility of including facilities to meet the needs of the disabled, such as dropped kerbs at appropriate locations within the Local Committee area.

LOCAL ITEMS

- 12.** 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.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.