

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN SHORTLEES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, BLACKSYKE AVENUE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Knapp and Jane Darnbrough; and Community Representatives Finvola Barnes, Margaret Shaw, Nick Kewney, Allan Faulds, Christine Nisbet and Anne McRoberts.

**ATTENDING:** Jim Laing, Team Leader (Social Work); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Fiona Dickson, Leisure Policy Officer (Community Services); Craig McMurray, Technician, Roads; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Alan Campbell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Knapp, Chair.

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 1999**

1. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 1999 (circulated).

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE 1999/2000**

2. It was reported that a nomination had been submitted by Grange Academy for Nick Kewney to serve as a Youth Representative on the Kilmarnock South Local Committee and that to date no nomination for a Named Substitute had been received. The Chair then welcomed Nick to his first meeting of the Local Committee.

It was agreed to approve the appointment for a period of one year from 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000 of Nick Kewney as the Youth Representative for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee and to note that no Named Substitute was currently available.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME****2.1 FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC (Item 1.1, Page 4221)**

It was reported and 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 may promote from time to time subject to maximum annual expenditure per Local Committee of £300.

**2.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1999/2000**

There was submitted a report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants for the

financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement outlining applications submitted for consideration under the Local Community Grants Scheme which had been received from local organisations.

It was reported and noted that the annual budget for the Kilmarnock South Local Committee had been revised to include an additional £276 in light of the changed Ward boundaries.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

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

(a) Disability

Contact PHAB Club - agreed to award a grant of up to £945, subject to confirmation by the Group that coach hire costs could not be obtained at a lower rate;

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £180;

(b) Older People

South Kilmarnock Elderly Forum - £500;

Bellfield Senior Citizen's Club - £400; and

Winton Place Church Men's Club - agreed, in principle, to award a grant of £33 and that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair to make final payment having ascertained if the Group had purchased a bowling mat 3 years ago.

(c) Community Councils

Bellfield Community Council - agreed to award a grant of £250 subject to the event being publicised throughout the Local Committee area.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - INVITATION TO NOMINATE A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (Item 5, Page 4493, 1996/99)

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which (i) advised the Local Committee of consultation with Community Councils in the Kilmarnock South area regarding the membership and function of East Ayrshire's Community Safety Forum; and (ii) sought a nomination for a Community Representative to represent the Local Committee on the Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Finvola Barnes, Community Representative, be nominated to represent the Local Committee on the Community Safety Forum and that clarification be obtained on whether the Community Safety Forum's Constitution allowed for a Community Representative's Substitute to attend in their absence;
- (ii) to note that the nominated Representative would be advised of the dates of scheduled meetings and when papers would be issued; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

4. 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.

Arising from concerns expressed regarding misuse of B.T. Telephone Boxes and problems related to dog fouling within the Kilmarnock South area, it was agreed that the Police Liaison Officer would discuss these issues with Anne McRoberts, Community Representative, at the conclusion of the meeting.

### DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

#### DATES AND VENUES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JULY 1999 TO APRIL 2000

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which informed the Local Committee of the dates and venues for the Local Committee meetings during the period July 1999 to April 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates and venues fixed for meetings of the Local Committee during the period July 1999 to April 2000 detailed as follows:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
1 September 1999	Shortlees Community Education Centre
13 October 1999	Bellfield Community Centre
24 November 1999	Shortlees Community Education Centre
2 February 2000	Buchanan Centre (provisional only)
15 March 2000	Buchanan Centre (provisional only)

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

#### "PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST" - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised the Local Committee 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 the Local Committee nominate Margaret Shaw, Community Representative to serve on the Community Representatives Working Party; and
- (ii) to note the action proposed by the Council in relation to the Review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **2000/01 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised that the 2000/01 programmes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in the Autumn of this year; and (ii) requested that any carriageway or footway resurfacing scheme which the Local Committee considered desirable should be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by mid October 1999.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION ISSUES**

### **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 Local 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 Anne McRoberts and Margaret Shaw to attend as the Representative and Substitute Representative respectively for 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.

## **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' SECTION**

### **LOCAL ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. Community Representatives were invited to raise any items of local interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

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:-

- exclusion of children from school and the role of all Council Departments involved in such a process; and

- the role of the Social Work Department in relation to the Housing Service with reference to the allocation of houses to individuals who are subject to supervision by Social Work.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.