

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN JOHN KNOX CHURCH HALL, STEWARTON

PRESENT: Councillors Stephanie Young, Brian McNeil, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay; Community Representatives Ian Finlayson, Watson Muirhead, Carolyn Blythe, Katherine Currie, Russell Hutchison, Margaret Lees, and Jo Graham; and Substitute Representative Charles Cuthbertson.

ATTENDING: Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Helen McGhee, Service Unit Manager (Department of Social Work); Tom Merry, Senior Policy Adviser (Department of Development Services); Neil Bell, Senior Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Officer; Avril McCutcheon, Pre-School Community Officer; Mike Rooney, Team Leader (Environmental Health Service); Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Simon Keenan and Constable David Inches, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Katherine Currie, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Stephanie Young, Chair

ADJOURNMENT

1. The Chair agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours to allow a fifteen minute maximum, public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted, for information and noting, the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 21 April 1999 (circulated).

It was reported and noted that Waterside Playscheme, upon the submission of further information in relation to their grant application, was awarded £812 by the Emergency Powers Committee on 17 June 1999 and accordingly, that amount had been deducted from the Northern Area Local Committee grant allocation for financial year 1999/2000 (Item 12, Page 97, 99/02)

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - 1999/2000

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on a nomination for Community Representation on this Committee, from Waterside Community Association.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint the nominee for the position of Community Representative on the Northern Area Local Committee from Waterside Community Association as detailed below:-

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Waterside Community Association	Mrs Jo Graham	To be nominated

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

PROPOSED FUTURE VENUES FOR MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

5. there was submitted a report dated 11 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the prescribed dates; and seeking approval of, proposed venues for the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 14 October 1999 to 16 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the prescribed dates for meetings of the Northern Area Local Committee during the period 14 October 1999 to 16 March 2000 as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the venues for future meetings of the Northern Area Local Committee, subject to appropriate disabled access, as undernoted:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
14 October 1999	Kilmaurs Community Centre, Kilmaurs
25 November 1999	Dunlop Public Hall, Dunlop
3 February 2000	John Knox Church Hall, Stewarton
16 March 2000	John Fulton Hall, Fenwick

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC

6. 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 might provide from time to time subject to a maximum annual expenditure per Committee of £300.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 1999/2000

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose identified in the application), viz:-

(a) Disability

St Marnock Youth Club (ENABLE) - £135;

(b) Voluntary Organisations

Waterside Community Association - £250;

(c) Young People

Rascals, Lainshaw - £250;

Rascals, Nether Robertland - £250;

Dunlop Parents Association - £150; and

(d) Community Councils

Stewarton and District Community Council Resource Centre - £1,500.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on 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 Community Representative Ian Finlayson would be the nominee of the Northern Area Local Committee 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.

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

9. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought the nomination of 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) that Community Representative Katherine Currie would be the nominee on behalf of the Northern Area Local Committee to attend the East Ayrshire

Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group, on an interim basis, until March 2000;

- (ii) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations on the nomination of a Substitute Community Representative in the terms of (ii) (above); and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

DOG FOULING INITIATIVE

10. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an update on the Pilot Dog Fouling Initiative introduced to improve public awareness of dog fouling in Fenwick.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the view that future Dog Fouling Initiative patrols would not be restricted to the Fenwick area, but be widened, in response to complaints of dog fouling from other areas within the Northern Area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPERATION "SPOTLIGHT"

11. There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations; localised crime figures; ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period in the Northern Area; and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives should consult with their relevant organisations and forward any ideas which could be highlighted by Strathclyde Police under the "Spotlight" initiative to Chief Inspector Colin Campbell or Sergeant John Ramage at Kilmarnock Police Headquarters;
- (ii) to note that Constable David Inches had succeeded Constable Bill Petherick as the Local Community Constable to serve Northern area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

12. Sergeant John Ramage, Strathclyde Police reported on local policing matters.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that July/August 1999 crime figures revealed an increase compared to the recorded crime figures in the same period last year;
- (ii) that five housebreakings in Fenwick and the theft of a motor vehicle from Dunlop had been recorded;
- (iii) that, in general, car-related crime figures were sustained; and

- (iv) that figures for vandalism were down. This, in part, was a reflection of the success of the "Schoolwatch" initiative.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1999/2000 PROGRAMME FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

13. There was submitted a report dated 20 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the 1999/2000 Programme for Structural Maintenance of roads and footways would be drawn up in the Autumn of this year; and which requested that any carriageway or footways resurfacing schemes which Committee Members considered desirable, should be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the 1999/2000 Programme of Structural Maintenance of Roads and Footways would be drawn up in the Autumn of this year; and
- (ii) that Community Representatives would consult with their relevant organisations and forward any carriageway or footways resurfacing schemes which they consider desirable, to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1999.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON LUGTON ROAD, DUNLOP (Item 11, Page 4365, 96/99)

14. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals to carry out road marking measures to deter traffic from speeding on Lugton Road, Dunlop.

It was agreed to note the proposals on road marking measures to deter traffic from speeding on Lugton Road, Dunlop as described in paragraph 3 of the report and an Appendix thereto.

KILMAURS - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (Item 13.1, Page 2535, 96/99)

15. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for an amended layout to be incorporated in proposed Traffic Calming Measures in Kilmaurs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the amended detailed layout of Traffic Calming Measures in Kilmaurs as described in paragraph 3 of the report and Appendices thereto; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NAMING OF STREETS/DEVELOPMENTS

16. It was agreed in terms of Standing Order 51 to reconsider this matter.

There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on a request by the developer of new housing at Cutsburn Road,

Stewarton, to reconsider the name previously agreed by this Committee as "Cauldhame Rigg".

It was agreed that the name previously agreed by this Committee, as "Cauldhame Rigg" be retained.

Councillor Stephanie Young intimated her dissent to the above decision.

PROPOSED STREET NAME WITHIN DEVELOPMENT AT WESTFIELD NURSERY, KILMARNOCK

17. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which requested the Committee to consider a name for a street within a proposed development at Westfield Nursery, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the name of the street within the proposed development at Westfield Nursery, Kilmarnock would be "Westfield Road"; and
- (ii) that the Head of Contracting and Technical Services would be advised accordingly.

LOCAL ITEMS

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

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the intention of the Local Item was to give Community Representatives an opportunity to raise local issues which would become the subject of reports by appropriate Officers, for consideration at future meetings;
- (ii) to note that Local Items from Community Representatives would be incorporated into a "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business, currently under development; and
- (iii) to incorporate into a "Forward Planner" of Local Committee business the feasibility of constructing an all-purpose road between the B7061 at the south of Fenwick to the B7038 link into Kilmarnock, thereby providing direct access for local traffic, and avoiding the need to enter the A77.

The meeting terminated at 1631 hours.