

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2004 AT 1400 HRS
IN DUNLOP PUBLIC HALL, MAIN STREET, DUNLOP**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill and Stephanie Young; Community Representatives Ashley Bell, Jim Corson, Jean Brown, Charles Lindsay, Catherine Spicer, Debbie Olson and Fiona Andrew; and Named Substitutes Mary White, Barbara Wiseman and Alistair Thomson.

ATTENDING: Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Billy McDowall, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Liz Weir and Sergeant Ian Haynes, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John McGhee and Maureen McKay; Community Representatives Iain Finlayson and Jim Miller; and Named Substitute May McMillan.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Vice-Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Superintendent Liz Weir to the meeting and at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that detailed hereafter on the Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hrs to allow a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. There were submitted (circulated) for information and noted, the Minutes of Meeting of the Northern Area Local Committee held on 26 August 2004.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

5. There was submitted an updated report dated 28 October 2004 (circulated at the meeting) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations in 2004/05, together with an individual assessment report (circulated) in respect of the applications received.

There were also submitted assessment reports (circulated at the meeting) in respect of Kilmarnock Folk Club, Newmilns and Galston Band, Dunlop and District Community Company and East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District).

It was agreed as follows:-

5.1 Applications Approved (for the purpose identified in the applications), Viz:-

(a) Arts and Cultural

- (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £200. It was also agreed to invite the group to consider organising events to take place in the Northern Area; and
- (ii) Newmilns and Galston Band - £176.46.

(b) Community Associations

- (i) Dunlop and District Community Company - £5000

(c) Disability

Declaration of Interest

Community Representative Fiona Andrew declared a direct pecuniary interest in the item relating to the East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District).

- (i) East Ayrshire Access Panel (North District) - £400; and
- (ii) Kilmarnock Forum on Disability - £1012.80.

It was also agreed to request Council to include within the ongoing review of grant funding sources from the Council, consideration of the undernoted:-

- (i) the eligibility criteria in relation to the funding of Community Companies through the Community Grants process;
- (ii) whether a maximum grant should be payable to any one group within any one financial year; and
- (iii) the problem with the late delivery of assessment reports.

**NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES -
DEVELOPMENT OFF DEAN STREET, STEWARTON**

- 6.** There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested a name for a new development off Dean Street, Stewarton.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the name for the new street for the new development off Dean Street, Stewarton be Gilbert Shedden Court;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

Superintendent Liz Weir introduced herself to the meeting and outlined her commitment to policing in the area.

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the nature and results of Policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE REPORT

8. Sgt Iain Haynes, Strathclyde Police, reported on local Policing.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) on 15 October the latest Safer Scotland Initiative was launched which coincided with the school's October break. Operation response 2 was instigated in Ayrshire;
- (ii) as a result the Northern Area had, in addition to core resources, one additional Sergeant and eight additional Constables who had provided foot patrols in Stewarton, Kilmaurs, Fenwick and Dunlop;
- (iii) the School Watch Campaign had been maintained and no incidents of house breaking or vandalism had occurred in any school within the Northern Area during the holidays;
- (iv) the Police had been working closely with East Ayrshire Licensing Department and local licensees regarding the sale of alcohol to under 18's. This had been largely successful but two incidents worthy of note were:-
 - (a) on 4 September a local woman had been charged with offences in relation to supplying alcohol to her twelve year old daughter; and
 - (b) in an unrelated incident on 1 October two sixteen year olds were found to be drinking in a licensed establishment.

Both the person in charge and the licensee had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal;
- (v) Since the last meeting one male had been apprehended after a Police car was rammed in Kilmaurs; three males had been apprehended and charged with motor vehicle and road traffic offences in Stewarton; on 18 October, following a break-in theft at a house in Stewarton a Glasgow male was found cycling near Fenwick in possession of the stolen property and was apprehended. Enquiries continue with other similar crimes in the area; and
- (vi) Community Police Officers had also been delivering anti-vandalism talks to schools, developing Neighbourhood Watches in the area and looking at a new Park Watch Scheme for Lugton Road in Dunlop.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Weir for her attendance at the meeting.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

9. There was submitted for information and noted, Minutes of the Community Safety Forum Meeting held on 22 September 2004 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

- 10.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

It was agreed to incorporate into the forward planner of Local Committee business:-

- (i) a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the possibility of the production of receipts by Local Office staff etc when reporting housing repairs or any other matter which required attention;
- (ii) an update on the condition of Kilmaurs Railway Station in particular the unsuitable condition of the waiting room; and
- (iii) a report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the lack of disabled access at Kilmaurs Cabin and details of any proposals to upgrade the facility given the Council's commitment to the Disability Discrimination Act.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.