

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING : 26 AUGUST 2010**

### **KNOCKROON COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

#### **Report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the proposed establishment of the Knockroon Community Liaison Group and to invite Council to determine appropriate local Elected Member representation to this group.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The draft Section 75 minute of agreement between East Ayrshire Council, the Prince's Charities Foundation and Dumfries Farming and Land Limited sets out the requirement for the Prince's Foundation (as overall Applicant) to establish a local community liaison group prior to works commencing on site at the Knockroon development.
- 2.2 As a consequence, the Prince's Foundation lettered Council on 28 June 2010 advising of the proposals to establish the community liaison group and inviting Council to appoint appropriate local Elected Member representation.
- 2.3 This report also sets out the remit of the community liaison group and the proposed representation as set out within the minute of agreement.

#### **3. COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP – REMIT AND REPRESENTATION**

- 3.1 The principle purpose of the community liaison group will be to "act as a forum for communication between the Applicant, the Developer(s) and the local communities to:
- enable the Applicant to provide ongoing progress reports on the implementation of the development insofar as it affects local communities;
  - allow the liaison group to raise any matters of concern or community interest relative to the development with the Applicant; and
  - allow for discussion on such matters, and where practicable to address or alleviate them, to the reasonable satisfaction of both parties."
- 3.2 The liaison group will be chaired by a representative of the Prince's Foundation or its appointed representative and meet on a quarterly basis.
- 3.3 Representation on the group will be drawn from the following:
- Elected Member representation from Wards 7 and 8, (as proposed at paragraph 3.4);
  - one community representative each from Cumnock, Cumnock Landward (Netherthird & District) and Auchinleck Community Councils;

- one community representative from the Coalfield Communities Federation;
- one community/business representative from the Cumnock Town Centre Liaison Group;
- one local Head Teacher (representing local schools);
- one community representative from the Access Panel;
- one representative from the Council's Planning and Economic Development Service;
- one representative from each of the other Council services; to be invited as and when appropriate; and
- such other appropriate stakeholders as may be considered by the group to be necessary.

3.4 To ensure a balance between the number of community and Council representatives, in respect of Elected Member representation on the community liaison group it is suggested that Member representation be as follows:

- Ward 7 – 2 representatives (1 from each political party represented in Ward 7)
- Ward 8 – 2 representatives (1 from each political party represented in Ward 8)

#### **4. POLICY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil arising from this report.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Prince's Foundation has been asked to confirm that appropriate public liability/directors and officers indemnity/fidelity insurance is in place and that such insurance is adequate and covers the extent of the relevant risks involved in Members and officers being appointed to the community liaison group.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that Council:

- i) nominate two Elected Members from both Ward 7 and 8 as suggested under paragraph 3.4;
- ii) agree proposed officer representation as outlined within paragraph 3.3;and
- iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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**19 July 2010**

## **List of Background Papers**

1. Letter dated 28 June 2010 from the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment seeking Elected Member appointments to the Liaison Group.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report or receive further information should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services, on Tel No: 01563 576135.