

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOUTHERN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2007 AT 1425 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Sutherland, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Eric Ross and Drew Filson; Community Representatives: James McMillan, James Brown, William Lees, Jean Smith and Tony Foote; and Substitute Community Representatives: Geoff Crolley, James Hastie, Matthew Burns and William Barr.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Margaret MacBain, Acting Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; Eleanor Bell, Environmental Health Officer; Eddie Bulik, Monitoring and Administration Officer; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Sandra Rorison, Senior Clerical Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Kathy Morrice and Elaine Dinwoodie; and Community Representatives: Alec Cochrane, Margaret Campbell and Edward Torrance.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Sutherland, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair, Councillor Jim Sutherland, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to this the first meeting of the Southern Local Community Planning Forum.

Councillor Sutherland went on to say that he recognised one or two of the Community Representatives and Substitutes and indicated that he was sure that he would quickly get to know the others over the coming months. He also welcomed all Elected Members, old and new, and reported that although the new Vice-Chair, Councillor Kathy Morrice, had been unable to attend, she was, like him, looking forward to her new role.

The Chair also made reference to the significant changes in the Council's structure and in the way that it operates following the Elections in May, and expressed the hope that everyone would have the same interest as him in working together to ensure that, within the terms of the Forum's remit, the best outcomes could be achieved for the people and communities in the area.

A REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented for the information of the Forum, proposals to develop community engagement within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives' organisations were invited to submit, in writing, comments on the proposals to the Head of Democratic Services by 31 August 2007;
- (ii) to note that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager would be writing shortly to all Community Representatives extending an invitation to participate in Local Community Planning Forum Consultation Meetings for the purpose of facilitating consultation on the proposals; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

Councillor Menzies joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

STREET NAMING: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS LOCATED AT HOLLYBUSH HOUSE, HOLLYBUSH; CAIRN ROAD, CUMNOCK; LITTLEMILL ROAD, DRONGAN; AND NEWTON TERRACE, CATRINE

3. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Forum to consider and determine street names for new streets to be created by private housing developments at Hollybush House, Hollybush; Cairn Road, Cumnock; Littlemill Road, Drongan; and Newton Terrace, Catrine.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer provided a verbal update in respect of the consultation with Elected Members and the Community Councils concerned, as appropriate, regarding proposals for names for the streets in question.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the two streets off Littlemill Road, Drongan, be named "Old Toll Road" for the street nearest the Toll Bar, and "Station Court" for the street nearest the Station;
- (ii) that the new street located off Cairn Road, Cumnock, be named "Low Burnside";
- (iii) that the new street at Hollybush House, Hollybush, be named "Garden Court";
- (iv) to continue consideration to the next meeting of the naming of the street located off Newton Terrace, Catrine, pending submission of a suggested name by Catrine Community Council and subsequent consultation with the Local Members; and
- (v) that the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management be advised of the outcomes indicated at (i), (ii) and (iii), above.

OVERVIEW OF GRANTS SCHEME

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 May 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided an overview of the existing Community Grants Scheme.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2007/2008

5. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to enable the Forum to consider

and deal with applications for Community Grants received from local organisations in respect of the 2007/2008 financial year.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer provided an update on the position with regard to the availability of assessment reports with regard to certain applications.

The undernoted matters were determined as follows, namely:-

- (i) it was agreed that applications received for the 2007/2008 financial year from the former Cumnock Area and Doon Valley Local Committee areas would be dealt with separately in accordance with arrangements adopted by the former Local Committees;
- (ii) it was agreed that the balance remaining following this meeting from the financial allocation for grants for the former Doon Valley Local Committee area would be available during the year for disbursement only to organisations within that area;
- (iii) it was noted that a total sum of £79,533.00 had been allocated to the Local Community Planning Forum for disbursement on Community Grants for the 2007/2008 year (former Doon Valley area - £25,606.00; and former Cumnock Area - £53,947.00), plus a sum of £116.33 carried forward from 2006/2007 for the former Cumnock Area;
- (iv) in respect of applications submitted by the undernoted groups within the former Doon Valley Local Committee area (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms) and except where indicated below, that grants be awarded in accordance with the recommendations made by the Executive Directors concerned, namely:-
 - (a) Disability
 - (i) Cumnock & Doon Valley Independent Living & Friendship Group (CG 3563) - £89.28;
 - (ii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club (CG 3626) - £1,293.15;
 - (b) Health
 - (i) Carers Support Group (CG 3575) - £425.00;
 - (ii) Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group (CG 3551) - £30.16; and
 - (iii) Dalmellington Self Help Group (CG 3692) - that, in principle, a grant of £450.00 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum;
 - (c) Leisure
 - (i) Stair Craft Club (CG 3586) - £150.00;
 - (ii) Rankinston Fun Day Committee (CG 3670) - £1,500.00;
 - (iii) Dalmellington Amateur Gardening Association (CG 3671) - £350.00; and
 - (iv) Drongan Young Conquerors (CG 3713) - that, in principle, a grant of £2,000.00 be made, the application to be remitted to the

Head of Democratic Services to process, following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum;

(d) Social Inclusion

- (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme (CG 3498) - that, in principle, a grant of £595.00 be made, subject to clarification of how funding will be spent in relation to the operation of this organisation within East Ayrshire arising from the possible future development of the Ayrshire Household Recycling Company, and that it be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to progress the application, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum;

(e) Young People

- (i) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (CG 3631) - £651.73;

(f) Women's Issues

- (i) Mothers United (CG 3709) - that, in principle, a grant of £1,000.00 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum;

(v) with regard to applications submitted by organisations within the former Cumnock Area Local Committee area:-

- (1) Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Roberts, moved that, in respect of the applications received beyond the specified closing date of 16 February 2007, as identified in Appendix 4, only those applications which were received on 19 February 2007 and those indicated as being cross-boundary applications, be accepted and that the others not be considered.

Councillor Menzies, seconded by Councillor N McGhee, moved as an amendment that consideration of whether or not to accept those applications received after the closing date, as identified in Appendix 4 be continued to a later point in the meeting pending consideration of the other applications.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 4 votes to 3;

- (2) that the uncommitted balance remaining from the total sum available for Community Grants, as identified in Appendix 5 to the report, would be available to the Forum to allocate to any application, irrespective of category, which the Forum considers would merit additional funding over and above the recommended amount;
- (3) Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Filson, moved that the Forum deal with those applications detailed in Appendix 6 to the report "en bloc", subject to question from Members in respect of individual applications.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor N McGhee, moved as an amendment that the Forum deal with each application detailed in Appendix 6 to the report individually, in turn.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 4 votes to 3.

Thereafter, with regard to applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purposes specified in the grant application forms) and except where indicated below, it was agreed that grants be awarded in accordance with the "Final Recommendations" made by the Executive Directors concerned, including in respect of those applications received after the closing date, namely:-

(a) Older People

- (i) Ochiltree Old People's Welfare Committee (CG 3533) - £436.20;
- (ii) Cumnock and District Elderly Forum (CG 3550) - £341.69;
- (iii) Senior Ladies Friday Club (CG 3552) - £290.80;
- (iv) Muirkirk & District Elderly Forum (CG 3555) - £765.53;
- (v) Netherthird & Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club (CG 3560) - £727.00;
- (vi) Mauchline Old People's Welfare Committee (CG 3565) - £2,908.00;
- (vii) Age Concern, Cumnock (CG 3566) - £3,635.00;
- (viii) WRVS, Darby & Joan Club, Cumnock (CG 3571) - £145.40;
- (ix) New Cumnock Age Concern (CG 3594) - £3,409.63;
- (x) Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Association (CG 3602) - £2,181.00;
- (xi) Lugar & Logan Age Concern (CG 3605) - £727.00;
- (xii) Cumnock Landward Age Concern (CG 3606) - £1,817.50;
- (xiii) Opportunities in Retirement (CG 3627) - £363.50;
- (xiv) Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association (CG 3649) - £363.50; and
- (xv) The Friendship Circle (CG 3580) - refused, on the grounds that the group does not provide equal access because membership is restricted to Marks & Spencers retirees only.

(b) Young People

- (i) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Training) (CG 3506) - £100.00;
- (ii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Insurance, Electricity, Gas) (CG 3507) - £200.00;
- (iii) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade (Trips) (CG 3508) - £200.00;
- (iv) Four Connections (CG 3535) - £579.00;
- (v) 1st Mauchline Scout Group (CG 3558) - £600.00;
- (vi) Avonlea Youth Centre (CG 3568) - £2,200.00;

- (vii) 1st Ochiltree Girls Brigade (CG 3578) - £100.00;
- (viii) 3rd Mauchline Brownies (CG 3587) - noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated powers;
- (ix) Jolly Tots Under 5's (CG 3588) - £400.00;
- (x) Mauchline Parish Church Holiday Club (CG 3607) - £150.00;
- (xi) Sorn Youth Group (CG 3609) - £300.00;
- (xii) East Ayrshire Women's Aid (CG 3631) - £800.00; and
- (xiii) Galloway Youth For Lourdes (CG 3642) - £500.00.

(c) Leisure, Sport and Cultural

- (i) Cumnock and District Carpet Bowling Club (CG 3523) - £150.00;
- (ii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Insurance for Skate Board Park) (CG 3524) - £300.00;
- (iii) Muirkirk Community Association (Walking Festival) (CG 3529) - £250.00;
- (iv) Muirkirk Community Association (Gala Day) (CG 3530) - £150.00;
- (v) CREATE (CG 3531) - noted hat a grant award of £1,500.00 had been approved by Council;
- (vi) Cumnock Acoustic Open Stage (CG 3532);

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Ross declared a non financial interest and took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

Determination of Item

It was agreed that a grant of £740.00 be made;

- (vii) Catrine Visual Arts (CG 3534) - £250.00;
- (viii) Catrine Angling Club (CG 3537) - £100.00;
- (ix) Able Activities (CG 3559) - £450.00;
- (x) Asian Cultural Group (CG 3561) - £700.00;
- (xi) Auchinleck Recreation Centre (CG 3562) - £500.00;
- (xii) Mauchline Horticultural & Agricultural Society (CG 3574) - £200.00;
- (xiii) VIVID (CG 3576) - £250.00;
- (xiv) Auchinleck Gardening Club (CG 3579)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor N McGhee declared a non financial interest and took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

Determination of Item

It was agreed that a grant of £150.00 be made;

- (xv) SCAN Fun Day Group (CG 3581)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Menzies declared a non financial interest and took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

Determination of Item

It was agreed that a grant of £300.00 be made;

- (xvi) Cumnock & District Round Table (CG 3582) - £1,000.00;
- (xvii) Stair Craft Club (CG 3586) - £50.00;
- (xviii) Mauchline Arts & Crafts Club (CG 3590) - £200.00;
- (xix) Cumnock Community Council (Highland Games 2007) (CG 3601) - £1,300.00;
- (xx) Catrine Community Trust (CG 3604) - noted that an award of £500.00 had been made under delegated powers;
- (xxi) Bizzie Bees (CG 3611) - £150.00;
- (xxii) Catrine Drama Group (CG 3612) - £150.00;
- (xxiii) Skerrington Farm Residents Association (CG 3620) - that, in principle, a grant of £600.00 be made, subject to clarification of any obligations or responsibilities on the developer of the Skerrington Farm Estate to provide play equipment, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum;
- (xxiv) Auchinleck Hillwalking Club (CG 3637) - £100.00;
- (xxv) Cumnock Sports Centre (CG 3650) - that, in principle, a grant of £500.00 be made, subject to clarification as to whether the organisation would be eligible to apply to East Ayrshire Sports Council for funding in respect of the proposed purchase of equipment, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum.

Arising from discussion, it was also agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Forum to provide an analysis of grant awards made by East Ayrshire Sports Council over the last three years;

- (xxvi) Darvel Horticultural Society (CG 3685) - £19.50; and
- (xxvii) Keir Hardie Hill Tenants & Residents Association (CG 3557) - £600.00

(d) Disability

- (i) Cumnock & District Blind Club (CG 3522)

Declaration of Interest

Community Representative Jean Smith declared an interest and took no part in the consideration or determination of this application.

Determination of Item

It was agreed that a grant of £2,564.80 be made;

- (ii) Cumnock & Doon Valley Independent Living and Friendship Group (CG 3563) - £1,160.72;
- (iii) Cumnock & Doon Valley Deaf Club (CG 3564) - £1,122.40; and
- (iv) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club (CG 3626) - £206.85;

(e) Environmental

- (i) Ochiltree Community Council (CG 3470) - noted that an award of £317.50 had been made under delegated powers;
- (ii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Accountants Fees) (CG 3525) - £100.00;
- (iii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Information & Tourist Signs) (CG 3526) - £300.00;
- (iv) Muirkirk Community Association (Refurbishment of Xmas Lights (CG 3528) - £350.00;
- (v) Auchinleck Community Council (CG 3577) - £250.00;
- (vi) Catrine Environmental Group (Improvements at Riverbank) (CG 3584) - £750.00;
- (vii) Catrine Environmental Group (Running costs) (CG 3585) - £150.00;
- (viii) Mauchline Community Council (CG 3589) - £100.00;
- (ix) Cumnock Community Council (Hanging Baskets 2007) (CG 3600) - £500.00.

Arising from discussion, it was agreed that, in future, in respect of applications for hanging baskets, planters or similar, applicants be made aware of the availability of plants etc from the Auchinleck Gardening Scheme, at a cost below commercial prices;

- (x) Sorn Community Council (Judges Accommodation) (CG 3615) - £50.00;
- (xi) Sorn CC (3 Supports for Hanging Baskets for Sorn Village Hall) (CG 3616) - £100.00;
- (xii) Sorn Community Council (Planters) (CG 3617) - £350.00;
- (xiii) Sorn Community Council (Hanging Baskets) (CG 3618) - £200.00;
- (xiv) Catrine Community Council (CG 3619) - £100.00; and

(xv) CRAVE (CG 3621) - £350.00.

(f) Health/Well Being

- (i) Auchinleck Self Help Group (CG 3538) - £742.70;
- (ii) Cumnock Osteoporosis Support Group (CG 3551) - £331.42;
- (iii) Cumnock Self Help Group (CG 3556) - £698.17;
- (iv) Carers Support Group (CG 3575) - £396.95; and
- (v) Dalmellington Self Help Group (CG 3692) - that, in principle, a grant of £210.15 be made, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, following receipt of a satisfactory assessment and consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum;

(g) Social Inclusion

- (i) Cumnock and District Widows Group (CG 3548) - £650.00;
- (ii) Cairnhill Community House Management Committee (CG 3549) - £1,900.00;
- (iii) Barshare Tenants & Residents Association (CG 3567) - £550.00;
- (iv) Muirkirk WRI (CG 3608) - that a grant of £250.00 be made and that the organisation be advised to apply for funding for the purpose of this application from the Council's Civic Hospitality Fund;
- (v) Netherthird & District Wives and Mothers Group (CG 3614) - £250.00;
- (vi) Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group (CG 3570) - £250.00;
- (vii) Muirkirk Learners Group (CG 3648) - that, in principle, a grant of £600.00 be made, subject to the group providing information to confirm the reasons for using premises other than Muirkirk IFE Wing for their activities; and that value for money is being achieved with respect to letting costs, the application to be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to process, following consultation with Members of the Forum;
- (viii) Cumnock & Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme (CG 3498) - that, in principle, a grant of £350.00 be made, subject to clarification of how funding will be spent in relation to the operation of this organisation within East Ayrshire arising from the possible future development of the Ayrshire Household Recycling Company, and that it be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to progress the application following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Forum; and
- (ix) Glebe Neighbourhood Watch (CG 3583) - £650.00 in respect of the purposes of the application except for the provision of a light;

(4) it was agreed that the unallocated balance of £1,311.42 remaining from the financial allocation for this year for the Cumnock Area Local

Committee area be available to deal with applications received from organisations newly formed during the year or which are emergency in nature;

- (vi) it was agreed that grant awards approved by the Forum be paid only where the applicant has (a) submitted all documentation relative to the application, and this has been found to be satisfactory; (b) submitted a satisfactory report, with appropriate documentary evidence, to confirm use of any grant award made during the 2006/2007 year; and (c) provided evidence to confirm that, where appropriate, any requisite permissions have been obtained for the project which is the subject of the application; and
- (vii) it was agreed to remit to the Head of Democratic Services to report back to a future meeting on the options for dealing with Community Grant applications in future years.

The meeting terminated at 1722 hours.