

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 28 FEBRUARY 2007

#### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES – COMPOSITE REPORT

##### Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 4.0. To advise the Forum of the issues arising and initiatives that have taken place by the community and voluntary groups represented on the Forum.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. It was agreed at the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 that community and voluntary representatives should provide the Community Safety Co-ordinator with a report prior to the Forum meeting. Returns would be collated and a composite report tabled at future meetings.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Co-ordinator would take up the issues raised with the appropriate agency and provide any response at the Forum.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. Five reports in total were received from the following representatives:

Charles Lindsay, Northern Area Local Committee

- *Mr Lindsay raised several environmental issues and requested that leaflets should be pushed fully through the door. A copy of the report is attached.*

Mary Fraser, Elderly Forum

- *We (the Elderly Forum) have a membership of 60 men and women. We meet on the last Monday each month except July and December in the Grand Hall Complex. We have speakers at each meeting giving us advice on Benefits, Healthy Eating, Exercise, Current Affairs and other relevant news concerning older people. We are a non denominational group open to anyone over 50 years of age interested in information and helping others to live better lives.*

PC Sandy Brown, East Ayrshire South Against Crime

- *Report attached*

Joan Wark, The Sky Project

- *Report Attached*

Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel

- *Report Attached*

- 3.2 Steps have been taken to address any issues raised with the appropriate personnel / department and the Chair will give appropriate responses at the meeting of the Forum.

## **1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. Any costs associated with issues raised are met by budgets set by various groups.

## **5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Nil

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1. The Community Safety Forum provides a platform for voluntary and community groups to raise issues of concern and raise awareness of the initiatives and projects that are currently being undertaken.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

W Stafford  
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

WS/AW

12<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

Implementation Officer Ann Williams

**East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum 28th February 2007.**

**I read a recent report of The Dounreay Particles Advisory Group (DPAG) which tells us that leaks from the nuclear reactor will contaminate the environment forever. Hundreds of thousands of radio active particles have escaped from the power plant since it began operating, lodging in the seabed or being washed up on the beach.**

**So far, 1000 significant particles have been identified, the largest of which, if ingested could prove 'life threatening' to humans. The group is calling for the immediate foreshore at Dounreay to be closed to the public with nearby beaches to be better monitored than at present. However I recollect the Scottish Labour Party Conference decided to drop any opposition to a new nuclear energy programme. I wonder if this is the way to go. Have any colleagues an opinion on this matter**

**I also note that The Scottish Environmental Agency has scored a dramatic own goal. Whilst urging the public to reject cheap air travel in order to reduce our carbon footprint SEPA staff took 1500 domestic flights in 2005, nearly six a day. Still they are doing better than they did in 2004 when they racked up some 2000 flights, with a bill to the taxpayer in 2005 of £1 m in car mileage.**

**Friends of the Earth and TRANSform Scotland on the other hand only use air travel as a last resort and in 2005 TRANSform Scotland racked up no flights at all. It is time this quango put it's house in order before lecturing the public on reducing our carbon footprint. It seems to be a case of don't do as I do but do as I say!**

**The last issue of 'Headlines' was pushed in my letter box and left protruding informing all and sundry that I was not at home. Can whoever was contracted to deliver the magazine be instructed to push the item fully through the door and not leave them protruding from the letterbox thereby inviting the burglar into our homes**



**CHAS. M. LINDSAY.**  
Northern Area Representative.

Further to the report I submitted I enclose for the perusal of the committee the following article on the clean up of the Dounreay site

# Final curtain for Dounreay as clean up starts on site

INSTALLATION OF a grout curtain to stabilise a nuclear waste-filled shaft at Dounreay, Scotland, started last week, paving the way for its decommissioning.

Contractor Ritchies has a £16M design and build contract to install an impermeable barrier around the 65m deep shaft, cutting it off from groundwater (NCE 26 May 2005).

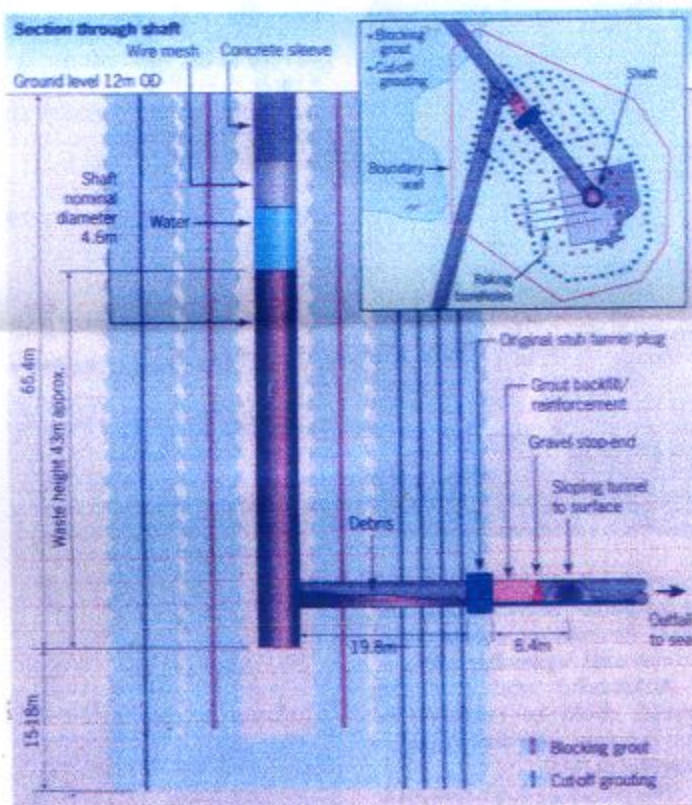
The contract is one of the most "delicate and challenging" geotechnical projects in the UK, said project manager for client UKAEA Warren Jones.

The shaft was filled with nuclear waste, including plutonium and uranium swarf, from the 1950s to 1977, when hydrogen produced by the decomposing waste exploded.

It is thought that the shaft is a source of radioactive pollution regularly found on nearby beaches.

An inner ring of "blocker grout holes" is being installed first, said Jones. "That will protect the shaft when we do main cut-off grouting."

Boreholes up to 80m deep are being drilled to create the blocker ring. They will be at 3m centres. The nearest will be 4m



from the shaft.

Injection pressure will be relatively low to prevent grout spilling through fissures into the shaft itself, Jones said.

Ritchies will next create an outer ring of cut-off boreholes up to 90m deep and at 2m centres, into which grout will be injected at high pressure.

"We're going below the base of the shaft. By grouting at very high pressures we'll be able to cut off under the shaft, as well as around it," said Jones.

A specially designed medium-strength thixotropic grout (a grout that swells on contact with water) is being used. It is a low-water mix to resist washing away by groundwater flows, but is able to penetrate fissures of as little as 15 microns, said Jones.

The grout is also a low shrinkage, low heat of hydration mix.

Boreholes have to be drilled to within 1% accuracy.

The shaft was built as a muck away route during construction of a sub-sea outfall tunnel for low level radioactive liquid waste. After completion a reinforced concrete plug was built in the adit connecting the shaft and outfall tunnel.

UKAEA decided to use the unlined shaft for solid radioactive waste disposal, rather than backfill it. Last November Ritchies completed reinforcement of a concrete plug in the adit at the base of the shaft and backfilled the adit with medium-strength grout.

Andrew Mylius

Res. M. Lindsay

# East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime



## Report to East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum February 2007

- 1. The Panel, are endeavouring to encourage new members to attend. To this end PC Brown has prepared a leaflet for distribution in The Cumnock and Doon Valley, outlining who we are and how to become a member. We are at present ascertaining costs for printing. They will hopefully be distributed in the near future. It was encouraging to welcome a new member at our January meeting from Ochiltree.**
- 2. They recently assisted in the funding of a youth diversion event in the Zone, Dalmellington, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007, when PC Iain Bain, Community Constable, organised a Pool competition, for the local youth.**
- 3. At our recent meeting in January, discussion took place re assistance with funding for East Ayrshire Danger Detectives for this year. It was agreed that this was a very worthwhile event and that we should continue to support. It was agreed to donate £250 this year.**
- 4. The Bi-annual Crime Prevention Panel School Quiz will take place this year on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. All the schools from the Cumnock and Doon Valley have been invited to participate and thanks have to go to the East Ayrshire Council Community Safety Officers for their assistance in the funding of this event.**



## STUFF FOR KIDS AND YOUTH

Registered Charity SC033497

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### REPORT JUNE 2006 – JANUARY 2007

*The SKY Project is a needs led service.*

*By listening to our children, young people and parents/carers*

*we aim to offer a service that is moulded by their needs alongside our resources.*

*Based in the heart of their community we are accessed by many of the most vulnerable children and young people*

#### GROUP WORK

We continue to run four after school groups with ages ranging from 5 – 16. Arts and Crafts, games, sports, baking and other similar activities are enjoyed by between 50 – 60 children each week. We continue to work with a high ratio of staff to children in order to ensure that good quality youth work takes place, and the children and young people's safety is at the fore of all that we do.

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVALUATION

Last year we carried out an evaluation with all our children and young people and this gave us an insight on what they want us to provide in the way of activities. One favourite activity is baking and we have now increased that to twice a month instead of monthly. Each child also chose an outing of their choice.

#### PARENTS/CARERS EVALUATION

Last year a number of parents/carers of our children/yp who use our service were visited to find out what services they feel are missing and were needed for their children and young people. One area that was highlighted was the need for support in the way of befriending services for some of our most vulnerable children and young people. Bereavement support was also mentioned. We listened to this and are in process of setting both of these Projects up. [See below]

#### DEVELOPMENT WORK

##### BEFRIENDING PROJECT

We now have a Befriending Co-ordinator in post and are in process of setting up a Befriending Project. We have been offered training from Social Work Befriending Dept and they have already indicated they may have referrals for us. We have already identified some children and young people within the Project who would really benefit from this service.

##### BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS

In the process of setting this group up and aim to begin March. Using excellent material, Seasons for Growth an educational programme that is used within a number of schools.

Evaluation of this service will take place halfway through the year and if the evaluation highlights a need for this work to continue, funding will be sought and other staff trained.



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## BOYS GROUP

We have felt a need for a boys group for some time for those boys who have difficulty with relationships within our larger groups. This will be a group for around 8 boys held within the community centre and where they can play pool and other games including board games and baking. [which they love]

There will also be opportunities for issue-based work in an informal setting alongside male and female experienced workers. For many of these young lads that we work with, they often have no positive role models or an adult in their life who takes time with them and is interested in them. This small group work aims to give them that.

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The following are just some of the agencies we work alongside and/or receive referrals from  
There are other excellent community groups that we are aware of and are able to recommend/ refer others to.  
Being aware of other services in the community means we do not duplicate what others are offering.

- **Social Work**
- **School Support Worker [Shortlees School]**
- **Community Wardens**
- **Young Carers**
- **Prince's Youth Trust**
- **Youth Advocacy Project**
- **Women's Aid**
- **Home start**

## DIARY OF EVENTS JUNE 2006 – JANUARY 2007

### **JUNE**

- A.G.M. Held within the local community centre
- Met with co-ordinator of Home start – in process of setting up in Shortlees.
- Preparation for our Residential Holiday. Parents meetings, kids meetings and flights booked.
- Outing for some of our little ones who are not going on the holiday Bowling and burgers.
- Project Co-ordinator attended Befriending and Mentoring Annual Conference.
- Sessional Staff and volunteers staff meeting and training.

### **JULY**

- Residential Holiday to Honeypot in the New Forest

### **AUGUST**

- Lloyds TSB Presentation of £21,000 to set up Befriending Project. This award given to us at a community celebration where staff, volunteers, kids, parents and other agencies were represented.
- Awarded the Community Group Award from Atrium Homes [who lease us our flat without cost] in recognition of our work at their AGM.
- Project Co-ordinator ran training session on Child Protection for Prince's Trust young people
- Prince's Trust young people along with our own staff took a group of our young people on an outing to Loudon Castle.
- Prince's Trust young people attended groups to show our kids how to make smoothies
- Project Worker attended Prince's Youth Trust presentation to thank them for their input with our children and young people



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- Project Co-ordinator and members of the management group spent working weekend at Dunblane Churches House working on Recruitment, Staffing issues and Policies.
- Visit from ministers from Norway.

### SEPTEMBER

- Outing for some of our young people to a Kilmarnock Football game. A first for some and for one staff member, who ended up shouting herself hoarse.
- Advert in local paper for new posts Befriending Co-ordinator and Project Worker.
- Start of fundraising campaign involving children/yp and their families. Fones4schools. Collecting and recycling of mobile phones.

### OCTOBER

- Visit by Gary Williams, a consultant employed by Parish Development Fund to meet with Project Co-ordinator and members of Management group to help us reflect on the work of the Project. We welcomed this piece of consultancy work being offered to us, and it was agreed by all who attended, that this was very helpful in the development and evaluation of our Project.
- Interviews held for Project Worker and Befriending Co-ordinator
- Training for all staff on self-harm facilitated by staff member from Penumbra.

### NOVEMBER

- Prince's Trust young people started work on our garden.
- Co-ordinator at Child Protection Procedure Training
- Visiting families carrying out an evaluation with parents and carers.
- Management Group meeting with representative from Lighthouse Project to advise us on becoming a Company Ltd by Guarantee.
- Gary Williams PDF visiting junior group to work on evaluations with children.

### DECEMBER

- Christmas parties for all groups funded by Cash for Kids.
- Giving out toys and turkeys to families in need donated by local church, Salvation Army, and food vouchers from Sunday Post.
- Staff night out

### JANUARY

- Three new workers in post. Project Worker, Befriending Co-ordinator and a sessional worker.



**EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH CRIME PREVENTION PANEL  
REPORT FROM MRS JEAN McFARLANE**

1. At the Panel's first meeting of 2007, Sgt Alan Morley reported on the success of the Christmas "Safe East" initiatives. Regrettably, because of safety issues no Panel members participated.

With the information in the Safety Forum report for December I was able to advise the Panel of the £40,000 award by the Scottish Executive to East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership and the initiatives planned in Phase 1 and Phase 2 to reduce town centre alcohol-related violence and disorder. The Panel agreed that the plans outlined must enhance Kilmarnock as a safer and pleasanter place for an evening out. Sgt Morley informed the panel of a new device known as "MOSQUITO" which emits a high pitched whine only detected by persons under 25 years of age. A sample had been used in an area where youths were gathering and causing annoyance. The positive result was fewer calls complaining of youth disorder. Sgt Morley would be monitoring its use and advising of its effectiveness which if proven, may lead to a Panel initiative.

2. At the next Panel meeting, March 15 2007 Ian Hiles, Anti Social Behaviour Investigator for East Ayrshire, will address the Panel. Members may invite colleagues from their organisations and private members may invite friends with an interest in this subject. The presentation would be given from 7pm -8pm in East Ayrshire Council Headquarters.

3. "Nutz to Litter" competition was postponed and meantime I have no information on the result planned for late January.

4. Dates, time and venue for the Primary Schools' Quiz are being explored at the moment.

5. The Panel Chair announced that Mrs Alison Jamieson representing Victim Support would join the Panel.

6. Again the Panel would benefit greatly from recruiting new members whether as a representative of an organisation or as a private member.