

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BARRHILL CENTRE, BANK AVENUE, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, George Smith, Neil McGhee and William Crawford; Community Representatives Mr Alex Currie, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alec Cochrane and Mrs Margaret Campbell; and Substitute Community Representative Mr Alex McCall.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Gilchrist, Environmental Health Officer; Alex Fraser, Transport Manager; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Jim Drennan, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; and Substitute Community Representative Mr Matthew Burns.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 27 January 2005 (circulated).

**3.1 Matters Arising:**

**(a) Item 7: Meetings of the Cumnock Area Local Committee: March to December 2005**

It was (a) noted, as reported by the Administrative Officer, that the venue for the meeting of the Local Committee to be held on 19 May 2005 would now be Netherthird Community Wing, rather than Logan Community Wing as previously intimated; and (b) agreed that the Administrative Officer would give further consideration to the venue for the meeting of the Local Committee to be held on 8 September 2005 in view of difficulties associated with previous meetings at the selected venue.

**(b) Budget Consultation - Involvement of Community Representatives**

On the matter being raised by Community Representative Mr Alex Currie, it was agreed to suggest that the annual budget consultation meeting with Community Representatives be reinstated in future years.

**(c) Item 4.1(i): Local Issues**

It was agreed to request the Annual Seminar Working Group to consider the possibility, at the next Community Representatives Annual Seminar, of a topic entitled "Effectiveness of the Local Committee System within East Ayrshire", being discussed.

**(d) Item 5.1(ii): Former Afton Dyers Building, New Cumnock**

It was noted that the Chair would pursue further, with the appropriate Officer of the Council, action to secure the vacant former Afton Dyers Building in New Cumnock.

## LOCAL ISSUES

**4.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided information on issues raised, and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

**4.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

It was noted that no new local issues were raised by Community Representatives.

## POLICE REPORT

### SAFER STREETS: STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime figures and Police activity within the local area; and provided an opportunity for Members of the Committee to feedback to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Inspector Drennan would discuss with Superintendent Weir the possibility of future reports under this heading reverting to the previous format and content which the Committee felt was more useful and suitable for its purposes; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report and further information provided by Inspector Drennan at the meeting.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### COMMUNITY GRANTS 2004/2005: DISBURSEMENT OF BALANCE OF FINANCIAL ALLOCATION (Item 8, Page 1081, 03/07)

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of committed expenditure on Community Grants for the current 2004/2005, year; and invited the Committee to consider how the remaining balance should be disbursed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the financial position in respect of the Community Grants budget for 2004/2005, as set out in Appendix I to the report; and
- (ii) that the remaining balance of the financial allocation available for Community Grants for the current financial year, being a sum of £769.10 be distributed to those Older People's organisations who had applied for grant assistance during the current financial year for social and recreational purposes, on a per capita basis, at the rate of approximately 15p per head, according to the membership numbers indicated in their original applications, viz:-

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT</u>
CG 2490	Opportunities in Retirement, Cumnock	£10.52
CG 2544	Age Concern, Muirkirk	£57.35
CG 2550	Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association	£86.64
CG 2536	New Cumnock Age Concern	£99.15
CG 2528	Age Concern, Cumnock	£165.20
CG 2520	Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Committee	£114.25
CG 2510	Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Committee	£73.22
CG 2549	Cumnock Landward Age Concern	£64.07
CG 2538	Lugar and Logan Age Concern	£22.42
CG 2438	Netherthird and Craigens Senior Citizens Thursday Club	£6.86
CG 2489	Auchinleck Senior Citizens (Gents)	£4.58
CG 2514	WRVS, Cumnock (Darby and Joan Club)	£8.39
CG 2493	The Cabin, Muirkirk	£5.64
CG 2352	Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Committee	£28.83
CG 2553	Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association	£21.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£769.08</b>

## **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006**

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local organisations, namely:-
  - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Jean Smith and Substitute - Annie Bell, both members of the Forum;
  - Youth Forum - Jim Monaghan, Secretary, Four Connections;
  - Sports Groups - John Timpany, Glenafton Athletic Football Club;
  - Local Churches - Mr Alec Cochrane, Clerk to the Board, Cumnock Trinity Church;
  - Tenants' Groups - Mrs Margaret Campbell, Secretary, Safe Barshare;
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and/or Substitutes;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives; and
- (iv) to continue consideration to the next meeting of the community organisation representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 in the light of the submission of outstanding nominations.

### **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF FORD STREET, CATRINE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for a proposed new street to be created by a private housing development located off Ford Street, Catrine.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new street be named "Waterside"; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the decision of this Committee.

### **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF SOMERVILLE STREET, CATRINE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for a new street to be created by a private housing development located off Somerville Street, Catrine.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new street be named "Hillside"; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the decision of this Committee.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **TRANSPORT PROVISION FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS**

- 10.** Alex Fraser, Transport Manager within the Department of Educational and Social Services advised that the implementation of revised arrangements pertaining to transport provision for community and voluntary groups which had resulted from a recent review and had been due to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2005, would now be held in abeyance until the Department had had the opportunity to further consider the issue in consultation with the organisations concerned.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report provided by Alex Fraser; and
- (ii) that a report on the final outcome of this matter be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

### **DOG WARDEN PATROLS AND FIXED PENALTY NOTICES**

**(Item 9, Page 788, 03/07)**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised and updated on pest control/dog warden patrols in the Local Committee area; and highlighted the outcome of patrols relative to dog fouling and Fixed Penalty Notices.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to bear in mind a request by Community Representative Mr Alex Currie that dog fouling bins be provided at appropriate locations within Muirkirk, when funds become available for this purpose; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.