

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2006 AT 1400 HRS
IN MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee and William Crawford; Community Representatives: Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alec Cochrane, Mrs Margaret Campbell, Mr James Hastie, Mr James McMillan and Mr William Lees.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Elaine Caldwell, Community Planning and Health Improvement Specialist; David Johnstone, Licensing and Community Safety Manager; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay McArthur (Community Policing) and Sergeant Alistair Kelly, Strathclyde Police; and Mark McCabe, Audit Scotland, as an observer.

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

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1.1 MR MARK McCABE, AUDIT SCOTLAND

The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting Mr Mark McCabe, Audit Scotland, as an observer.

1.2 MR ALEX McCALL

The Chair made reference to the recent sad death of Mr Alex McCall of Cumnock, who had been a serving Substitute Community Representative on the Local Committee, representing Older People's Groups, arising from his role as President of Age Concern, Cumnock, an organisation which he had been involved with for over 35 years; and at the request of the Chair those present were upstanding and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hrs to allow for a 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, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 2 February 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

5.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 March 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided information on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

5.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was agreed to request that reports on the following issues be submitted to future meetings of this Committee, namely:-

- (i) an update on progress with restoration of current and former opencast coal sites within the Local Committee's area; and
- (ii) the updated position regarding memorial safety inspections at cemeteries and churchyards and responsibilities in this connection.

Community Representative Jean Smith left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

POLICE REPORT

SAFER STREETS: STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2006 (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.

Community Representative Jean Smith re-joined the meeting at this point.

Inspector McArthur and Sergeant Kelly provided further information arising from the report, and in response to questions asked by members of the Committee.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Inspector McArthur and Sergeant Kelly at the meeting.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the process for the forthcoming Community Planning Four Yearly Review.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the opportunity for members of the Committee to provide comments on the Community Plan Aims and Aspirations to the Community Planning and Partnership Unit by 14 April 2006, and that Margaret MacBain, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development would be available to assist Community Representatives in this matter;
- (ii) to participate in Stage 2 of the review process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**STREET NAMING: NEW CUMNOCK: PROPOSED NEW HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AT FORMER POLQUHIRTER NURSERIES**

8. The Committee were invited to consider a name for a new street to be created by a private housing development located off the A76 at the former Polquhirter Nurseries, New Cumnock.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the Special Meeting of this Committee to be held in April, pending submission, by New Cumnock Community Council, of a suggestion or suggestions for the name for the new street.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007
(Item 8, Page 1965, 03/07)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised on progress in respect of the recruitment of Community Representatives and Substitutes to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. In this connection, the Administrative Officer also advised of nominations which had been submitted by the Community Councils and local churches following circulation of the report.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the undernoted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by local organisations, namely:-
 - Community Councils - Mr James McMillan, Cumnock Community Council and Mrs Joyce Muir, New Cumnock Community Council; and Substitutes - Mr James Hastie, New Cumnock Community Council and Mr James Brown, Ochiltree Community Council;
 - Older People's Interest Groups - Mr William Lees, Secretary, New Cumnock Age Concern;
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Mrs Jean Smith, Treasurer to the Forum; and Substitute - Mr Wilson Hignett, member of the Forum;
 - Business Community - Mr Jim Smith, Kerr & Smith, Cumnock; and Substitute - Mr William Smith, Kerr & Smith, Cumnock;
 - Tenants Groups - Mrs Margaret Campbell, Barshare Tenants and Residents Association, Cumnock; and
 - Local Churches - Mr Alec Cochrane, Cumnock Trinity Church;

- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and Substitutes;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate 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 2006 to 31 March 2007, in the light of the submission of outstanding nominations.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

- 10.** The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives' Annual Seminar Working Group for the period until 31 March 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mrs Jean Smith as this Committee's representative; and
- (ii) to continue consideration to the next meeting of filling of the position of Substitute, in order to enable the Community Representatives to consider this matter further and report back to the next meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

PUBLIC SPACE CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION (Item 5, Page 1964, 03/07)

- 11.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 March 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the functions and operation of the Public Space Close Circuit Television System in the Cumnock Area.

The meeting terminated at 1528 hrs.