

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2007 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE BARRHILL CENTRE, BANK AVENUE, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Eric Jackson, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee and Eric Ross; Community Representatives: Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alec Cochrane and Mrs Margaret Campbell; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Geoff Crolley and Mr James Hastie.

ATTENDING: John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager; Derek Spence, Community Recreation Manager; Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer; Alan Murray, Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; Colin Graham, Assistant Minerals Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Paul Quinn, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly and William Crawford; Community Representative Mr James McMillan; and Substitute Community Representative Mr Matthew Burns.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting Mr Geoff Crolley, Substitute Community Representative representing Community Councils, to this his first meeting of the Local Committee.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours for a public question and answer session.

During the adjournment, Members of the Committee had the opportunity to inspect two street sweeping machines which had been brought to the car park at the meeting venue for this purpose; and heard from the Outdoor Amenities Manager, the Area Operations Manager and the machine operators in this connection.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1428 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Eric Ross who joined the meeting at this point.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

PRESENTATION BY THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATION MANAGER ON ELECTIONS 2007

4. The Local Committee received a presentation by the Assistant Administration Manager on issues associated with the forthcoming Local Government and Scottish Parliament Elections to be held on 3 May 2007.

Thereafter, the Assistant Administration Manager responded to questions put, and issues raised, by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Administration Manager for the presentation.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 1 February 2007 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

6.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 2007 (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.

6.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

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

- (i) amendments to The Building (Scotland) Act 2003, which come into effect in May 2007; and
- (ii) proposals for the Year of Homecoming in 2009 to mark the 250th Anniversary of Robert Burns' birth.

POLICE REPORT

SAFER STREETS: STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 9 March 2007 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime figures and Police activity within the local area; and afforded an opportunity for Members of the Committee to provide feedback to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to note further information provided by Sergeant Quinn in response to questions put by Members of the Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

FINANCIAL POSITION 2006/2007

8. There was submitted and noted a statement dated 8 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the financial position in respect of Community Grants to local organisations for the 2006/2007 financial year.

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS 2006/2007

9.1 KILMARNOCK BALMORAL BOYS' CLUB UNDER 16'S (CG 3515)

There was submitted an assessment report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (circulated) in respect of this application which was presented as a cross-boundary application.

It was agreed to refuse this application, the Committee being of the view that the Club should make application for the cost of equipment from East Ayrshire Sports Council.

9.2 ASIAN CULTURAL GROUP (CG 3638)

There was submitted an assessment report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (circulated) in respect of this application which was presented to the Committee as an urgent application

It was agreed that a grant award of £444.00 be made in respect of this application.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

STREET NAMING: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT BALLOCHMYLE, MAUCHLINE

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider and determine names for eight new streets to be created by a private housing development located at Ballochmyle, Mauchline.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new streets be named "Wilhelmina Walk", "Northgate", "Westgate", "Howford", "Adam Way", "Montgarswood", "Whitefoord" and "Jacob's Way", the allocation of names to individual streets to be in accordance with the plan displayed at the meeting; and
- (ii) that the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the decision of this Committee.

STREET NAMING: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED OFF AUCHINLECK ROAD, CUMNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2007 (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 Auchinleck Road, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH RESTORATION OF CURRENT AND FORMER OPENCAST COAL SITES WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMITTEE'S AREA (Item 5.2(i), Page 2133, 03/07)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 2007 (circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards which provided information on the restoration of current and former Opencast Coal Sites within the Local Committee's area.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS (PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT) ACT 2006 (Item 10.2(ii), Page 2687, 03/07)

13. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of progress on the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the developments in the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006;
- (ii) to approve, in respect of this Committee's interest, the further steps proposed to promote parental involvement in schools; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY DEAF CLUB: LETTING OF MEETING VENUES (Item 4(v), Page 2679, 03/07)

14. Alan Murray, Team Leader - Community Learning and Development, provided a verbal report which advised of the issues relating to the let of accommodation within the Barrhill Centre to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club; and confirmed that, with the assistance of Community Worker Support, the Group had now successfully relocated to Auchinleck Community Centre.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

CUMNOCK TOWN HALL: PRICING POLICY (Item 6, Page 2680, 03/07)

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided information relating to the Pricing Policy in place at Cumnock Town Hall.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

16. There were submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 28 February 2007 (circulated).

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

17. The Chair confirmed that this would be his last meeting as Chair of the Local Committee since he would be standing down as an Elected Member at the Local Government Elections in May; commented that he had found his time as Chair of the Local Committee to be both enjoyable and worthwhile; thanked fellow Councillors and Community Representatives and Officers for their assistance and contribution to the work of the Committee over the period; and wished all concerned best wishes for the future.

The meeting terminated at 1543 hours.