

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1400 HRS
IN MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, George Smith, Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Eric Ross; Community Representative: Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alex Cochrane and Mrs Margaret Campbell; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Ian Clark and Mr Matthew Burns.

ATTENDING: Iain Edenborough, Senior Surveyor (Development Services); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian L Murray, Procurator Fiscal, Ayr; and Chief Inspector Robert Brown, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1403 hrs to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1421 hrs with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes 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 9 September 2004.

Arising from discussion, it was agreed to request Chief Inspector Smith, Strathclyde Police Roads Unit to arrange for an appropriate Officer from that Unit to be in attendance at the next meeting to respond to relevant issues that may be of concern to members of the Committee.

PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT PROCURATOR FISCAL

4. The Committee received a presentation by Mr Ian L Murray, District Procurator Fiscal, Ayr. Mr Murray outlined the role of the Fiscal's Service within the Criminal Justice System and in particular provided information on the legal process which follows, and the level of successful prosecutions which result from, arrests by Police in the local area.

During a full discussion on a range of pertinent issues, Mr Murray responded to questions put by members of the Committee.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr Murray for the presentation which had been comprehensive and very informative in its nature and had provided clarification on a number of issues which were of interest to members of the Committee.

Mr Murray then left the meeting.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 5.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 October 2004 (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.

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

- 5.2 Community Representatives were invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda and it was noted that there were no local issues raised under this heading.

POLICE REPORT

CRIME TRENDS AND POLICE ACTIVITY

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 2004 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Brown, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends and Police activity within the local area over the recent period.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the new format of the report presented by the Chief Inspector which, for the first time, provided crime statistics broken down according to community; and to confirm that this was a format which was most useful and suitable for the purposes of this Committee and should continue in future;
- (ii) to suggest that the reporting format now adopted for Police reports to this Committee, in terms of the nature, content and presentation of information, could also be adopted by other Local Committees; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

Arising from discussion, it was agreed to request the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to report to future meetings of this Committee on the work of the Community Wardens Service operating within the Local Committee's area, and for an appropriate representative from the Service to attend future meetings.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVE: HANGING BASKETS 2004

7. The Administrative Officer reported that, following recent discussions between the Administration Section and Cumnock Town Centre Initiative, the Initiative had confirmed that their hanging baskets project within Cumnock Town Centre during 2004 in respect of which a grant of £760 had been approved, but not paid, did not proceed as intended, but that they anticipated being in a position to purchase and install brackets for the hanging baskets during the current financial year with a view

to the filling and hanging of baskets during the 2005 season; and had requested the Committee's agreement to proceed on this basis.

It was agreed to allow the Initiative to utilise the approved grant award of £760 for the current year for the purchase and installation of brackets and the purchase of basket frames.

FINANCIAL POSITION 2004/2005

8. There was submitted a statement dated 11 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which showed, for information, committed expenditure so far during the 2004/2005 financial year on Community Grants.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note, as confirmed by the Administrative Officer, the amended financial position from that set out in the statement as a result of the Committee's decision under Item 7, above; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

NEWMILNS AND GALSTON BAND

9. There was submitted an assessment report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on an application for Community Grant funding for Newmilns and Galston Band.

It was agreed to refuse this application since the application was neither from a newly formed organisation, nor was it of an urgent nature, being the criteria which the Committee had previously agreed would be applied in respect of the determination of applications for the remainder of the current financial year.

VIVID

10. There was submitted an assessment report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on an application for Community Grant funding from Vivid, which was a recently established organisation.

It was agreed that a grant of £155 be made in respect of this application.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF AFTON BRIDGEND, NEW CUMNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2004 (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 Afton Bridgend, New Cumnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the new street be named "Coupla Gate"; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the legal requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 with particular reference to Council owned properties, and of the approach which was being adopted by East Ayrshire Council to address these requirements.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

13. There were submitted, for information, and noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 22 September 2004 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1623 hrs.