

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 1402 HOURS IN CATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSTITUTE AVENUE, CATRINE

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Eric Jackson, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee and William Crawford; and Community Representatives: Mr James McMillan, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Mr James Monaghan; and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Matt Burns.

ATTENDING: Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager; Susanne Brodie, Senior Practitioner; Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Ramsay MacArthur (Community Policing) and Sergeant Alistair Kelly, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Kelly; and Community Representative Mr Alec Cochrane.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: MR ALEX CURRIE

1. The Chair made reference to the recent sad death of Mr Alex Currie of Muirkirk, who had been a serving Substitute Community Representative on the Local Committee, representing Community Councils; 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 1404 hours to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1408 hours 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 8 September 2005 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

- 5.1 There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 October 2005 (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 noted that no new local issues were raised by Community Representatives for inclusion on a future Agenda.

POLICE REPORT

SAFER STREETS: STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2005 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime figures and Police activity within the local area; and provided the opportunity for Members of the Committee to feed back to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

Inspector MacArthur provided further information arising from the report, following which he responded 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 MacArthur at the meeting.

Councillors Menzies and Jackson joined the meeting during consideration, but prior to determination, of this item.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY REVIEW

7. The Committee received a joint presentation by Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, and Wendy Johnstone, Project Manager, both within the Department of Neighbourhood Services on the Council's Housing Allocations Policy Review.

There then followed a full discussion during which Gerry Darroch and Wendy Johnstone responded to questions put by Members of the Committee. Gerry invited Members of the Committee to complete and return to him the "East Ayrshire Council Housing Service Allocation Policy Consultation Response" sheet which had been circulated at the meeting.

The Chair thanked Gerry and Wendy for the presentation.

CUMNOCK COMMUNITY COMPACT

8. The Committee received a presentation by Gerry Darroch, Housing Services Manager, on the Cumnock Community Compact (a copy of the Agreement had been circulated, for information).

There then followed a discussion during which Gerry responded to questions put by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked Gerry for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

MEETINGS OF CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2006

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period January to December 2006; and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for meetings of the Committee for the period January to December 2006, as detailed in (ii) below; and
- (ii) that the venues for meetings of the Committee during the period in question be as follows, namely: -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Thursday 2 February 2006	New Cumnock Community Centre
Thursday 30 March 2006	Mauchline Community Centre
Thursday 26 April 2006 (Special Meeting)	Barrhill Centre, Cumnock
Thursday 25 May 2006	Muirkirk Community Wing
Thursday 7 September 2006	Ochiltree Community Centre
Thursday 9 November 2006	Netherthird Community Wing

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

PRIORITISATION OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS (Item 5, Page 1662, 03/07)

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to enable the Committee to consider priorities to be applied in dealing with Community Grant applications received from local organisations during the 2006/2007 financial year, and beyond.

It was agreed that, in future:-

- (i) prioritisation of Community Grant applications be based on the seven categories and other arrangements detailed in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) the priority weighting of grant allocation to be afforded to each of the identified categories be as indicated in Paragraph 3.2 of the report;
- (iii) that applications for Community Grants from Older People's organisations in respect of social and recreational activities be dealt with, each on its individual merits and in accordance with the established criteria and priorities determined by the Committee; and

- (iv) that applications from Younger People's Uniformed Organisations in respect of running costs be determined each on its individual merits and in accordance with the established criteria and priorities determined by the Committee.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

- 11. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 5 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police, on progress made on the six aims contained within the Improving Community Safety Action Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 12. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 21 September 2005.

The meeting terminated at 1628 hours.