

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN
NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY WING, CRAIGENS ROAD, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Crawford, George Smith and William Menzies; Community Representatives: Mr James McMillan, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alec Cochrane, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Mr James Monaghan; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Alex Currie, Mr David Gibson and Mr Matthew Burns.

ATTENDING: David Wotherspoon, Acting Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Jim Drennan, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor William Crawford, Vice-Chair.

CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. The Chair welcomed to the meeting those Community Representatives and Substitutes who were attending their first Local Committee meeting and thereafter, at the request of the Chair, those present and in attendance introduced themselves.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1418 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 30 March 2005 (circulated).

4.1 Matter Arising: Item 3.1(d)

It was noted that arrangements had been made for action to be taken to secure the vacant former Afton Dyers Building in New Cumnock, but that the Administrative Officer would confirm the position and advise Community Representative Mr William Lees accordingly.

LOCAL ISSUES

5.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 May 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.

5.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was agreed to request that a report be submitted to a future meeting on the new arrangements for East Ayrshire Council's Meals at Home Service.

POLICE REPORT

SAFER STREETS: STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 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 their areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

In this connection, Inspector Drennan (a) responded to questions and issues raised by Members of the Committee; and (b) circulated, for information, a standard format version of the "Parent Alert" letter which was sent to parents of a young person who was found at or near a location where youth disorder was a concern and in a circumstance not relating to a criminal act.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Inspector Drennan at the meeting; and
- (ii) to note that Inspector Drennan would arrange for appropriate consideration to be given to comments made by Members of the Committee relative to the content of the "Parent Alert" letter.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP

7. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives' Annual Seminar Working Group for the coming year.

It was agreed to nominate Jean Smith as this Committee's Representative and Alex Currie as the Substitute on the Working Group.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF STATION ROAD, MAUCHLINE

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 May 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 Station Road, Mauchline.

It was agreed:-

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

9. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 2 March 2005 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.