

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 MAY 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN
OCHILTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE**

PRESENT: Councillors William Crawford, George Smith and William Menzies; Community Representatives: Mr William Lees, Mr James McMillan and Mrs Joyce Muir; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr James Hastie and Mr Matthew Burns.

ATTENDING: Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Alan Murray, Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; Andrew Davidson, Technical Officer - Roads and Transportation; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector James Drennan and Sergeant Paul Quinn, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee and Eric Ross; Community Representatives: Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Jim Smith and Mr Alex Cochrane; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr William Smith and Mr Wilson Hignett.

CHAIR: Councillor William Crawford, Vice-Chair.

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

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a public question and answer session.

**1.1 MATTER ARISING: POSTING BOX AT CASTLEMAINS AVENUE, NEW
CUMNOCK**

It was agreed to note the terms of a letter (circulated) from Toby Thomas, Royal Mail Headquarters, advising that Royal Mail did not intend to replace the posting box which had been stolen from Castlemains Avenue, New Cumnock, in February 2006; and that Substitute Community Representative Mr James Hastie was collecting signatures for a petition supporting reinstatement of this posting box, for submission to Royal Mail.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1408 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

3. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meetings of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 30 March and 26 April 2006 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

4.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 May 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.

4.2 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

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2006 (circulated) by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir 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.

Inspector Drennan 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 Drennan at the meeting.

COMMUNITY GRANT

KEIR HARDIE HILL TENANTS AND RESIDENTS GROUP (CG 3226) (Item 3(viii), Page 2152, 03/07)

6. The Committee continued consideration from the meeting held on 26 April 2006 of an application for Community Grant funding from Keir Hardie Hill Tenants and Residents Group, Cumnock.

Having heard the comments of the Chair, it was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting in order to give the Group a further opportunity to submit the necessary documentation to enable the application to be processed and an assessment report and recommendation to be submitted to this Committee.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING RESIDENTS' SURVEY AND RESIDENTS' PANEL

7. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented a summary of the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey for the Cumnock Area and provided a progress report in respect of the proposed Residents' Panel.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the 2005 East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey for the Cumnock Area, as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to note the progress in establishing a Representative Residents' Panel; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

ADDITIONAL ITEM: STREET NAMING: OCHILTREE: PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF MAIN STREET

8. The Chair agreed that the undernoted additional item be considered as a decision was required prior to the next meeting of the Local Committee scheduled for 7 September 2006.

The Administrative Officer reported that a request had recently been received for the allocation of a street name for a proposed new housing development located off Main Street, Ochiltree, at the former Primary School; and advised that Ochiltree Community Council and Councillor Menzies, the local Elected Member, had suggested the name "Old School Wynd".

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new development be named "Old School Wynd"; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised of the decision of this Committee.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP
(Item 10, Page 2135, 03/07)**

9. The Committee continued consideration from the meeting on 30 March 2006 of the nomination of a Community Representative to serve as this Committee's Substitute on the Community Representatives' Annual Seminar Working Group for the period to 31 March 2007.

It was noted that there were no nominations at this time from the Community Representatives to serve as the Substitute Representative on the Annual Seminar Working Group; and, accordingly, to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

CONSULTATION ON THE NEXT LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (a) advised that consultation on the next Local Transport Strategy was about to begin; and (b) invited those present at the meeting to complete and return the consultation questionnaire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that consultations on the next Local Transport Strategy were about to begin; and

- (ii) to note that Members of the Committee could, if they so wished, complete the consultation questionnaire, and return it to the Roads and Transportation Officer either after the meeting or subsequently by post.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2005 - COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

- 11. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the publication of the annual Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development, in 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the standards and quality report for Community Learning and Development for 2005;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report; and
- (iii) that the Administrative Officer would arrange for the appropriate Officer of the Council to provide confirmation to Substitute Community Representative Mr James Hastie regarding the withdrawal of the mobile Library Service at Cairnhill, New Cumnock.

NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY CAMPUS CONSULTATION

- 12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of the community consultation which took place on the proposal to build a new Community Centre in Netherthird.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

MEMORIAL SAFETY PROGRESS REPORT

- 13. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which informed of the updated position regarding the memorial safety inspections and remedial work carried out by the Council's Cemetery Safety Squad; and advised of the ongoing programme of making safe dangerous headstones towards meeting the requirements of the Health and Safety Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in the implementation of the programme of inspections and addressing the issue of dangerous memorials; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

14. There were submitted for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 1 March 2006 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1512 hours.