

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2005 AT 1403 HOURS IN MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY WING, BURNS AVENUE, MUIRKIRK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Neil McGhee and William Crawford; Community Representatives: Mr Alex Currie, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mr Alec Cochrane and Mrs Margaret Campbell; and Substitute Community Representative: Mrs Anne Bell.

ATTENDING: John Bryson, Area Roads Engineer; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager; David Wotherspoon, Community Worker; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Douglas Robertson, Inspector Ramsay McArthur and Sergeant Sandy Douglas, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly and Eric Ross; and Community Representative Mrs Jean Smith and Substitute Community Representative Mr Iain Clark.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours to allow for a public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1414 hours 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 4 November 2004.

LOCAL ISSUES

- 4.1 There was submitted a report dated 10 January 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) on the matter being raised by the Administrative Officer, that the outstanding report on "Effectiveness of the Local Committee System within East Ayrshire" be deleted from the Forward Planner, but that the Administration Manager consult further with Community Representative Mr William Lees, who had

originally requested a report on this topic, to identify any particular or specific areas of interest which he may have with regard to the operation of Local Committees and thereafter appropriately deal with the issues identified by Mr Lees; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

4.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting on implications for local organisations of the Review of the Council's transport provision for community and voluntary groups.

POLICE REPORT

5.1 CRIME TRENDS AND POLICE ACTIVITY

There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Robertson, 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 terms of the report and further information provided by the Chief Inspector in response to questions put by Members of the Committee; and
- (ii) on the matter being raised by Community Representative Mr William Lees, to note that the Chair would pursue with the appropriate Officers of the Council, issues relating to security of the vacant former Afton Dryers building in New Cumnock.

5.2 COMMUNITY POLICING

Inspector McArthur advised of his recent appointment to the newly created position of Community Policing Inspector and outlined the role, remit and responsibilities of his position.

The Committee noted the report given by Inspector McArthur and the further information provided by him in response to questions put by Members of the Committee.

5.3 ROUTING OF VEHICLES WITH ABNORMAL/LARGE LOADS (Item 6, Page 963, 03/07)

Sergeant Douglas advised of the position with regard to the routing of vehicles with abnormal/large loads and the role and responsibilities of the Police in this regard.

The Committee noted the information provided by Sergeant Douglas.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2004 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives held on 20 November 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Annual Seminar would now form part of the training cycle for Community Representatives; and
- (ii) to note the success of the 2004 Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

MEETINGS OF THE CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: MARCH TO DECEMBER 2005

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 November 2004 (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 March to December 2005; and invited the Committee to determine venues at which each of the meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period March to December 2005, as detailed in (ii) below; and
- (ii) that venues for meetings of the Committee during the period in question be as follows, namely:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Wednesday 23 March 2005	Cumnock Town Hall
Thursday 28 April 2005 (Special Meeting)	Ochiltree Community Centre
Thursday 19 May 2005	Logan Community Wing
Thursday 8 September 2005	Auchinleck Community Centre
Thursday 3 November 2005	Catrine Community Centre

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2005/2006

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 November 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation on this Committee as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that community organisation sector representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 be drawn from the following organisational sectors, this matter to be considered further at the next meeting in the light of nominations received, namely:-
 - Community Councils (two nominations to be invited);
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability;

- Older People's Interest Groups;
 - Youth Forum (or equivalent) organisation;
 - Business Community;
 - Local Churches;
 - Tenants Groups;
 - Sports Groups;
 - School Pupils; and
 - Ethnic Minority Groups;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations to serve during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process; and
- (iv) that a report on progress relative to (iii) above, be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

2005/2006 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 9, Page 1154, 03/07)

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the 2005/2006 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and sought the Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that under the "desirable" section of the "footway resurfacing" heading, within the Appendix to the report, the proposal for Auld Avenue related to Mauchline rather than Auchinleck as indicated and for Laigh Road/St Cuthbert Street related to Catrine rather than Auchinleck as indicated;
- (ii) to note the 2005/2006 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (iii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iv) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON'S SERVICE PLAN 2005-2008

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the development of the East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Service Plan 2005/2008; and sought comments from the Local Committee regarding the proposed priorities.

The Committee also received a presentation from Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager, on the subject.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Members of the Committee would submit any comments which they may have on the outline priorities to be contained within the East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Service Plan 2005/2008, to Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager within the Department of Educational and Social Services, as soon as possible; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 11.** There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 1 December 2004 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1543 hours.