

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Eric Ross; Community Representatives: Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alec Cochrane, Mr James Hastie, Mr James McMillan and Mr William Lees; and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Matthew Burns.

ATTENDING: Alastair Wyper, Chief Engineer - Operations, Development and Property Services; Kevan Aitken, Senior Engineer, Development and Property Services; Sandra Marshall, Project Co-ordinator (Working for Families), Development and Property Services; Alan Murray, Team Leader, Educational and Social Services; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer, Neighbourhood Services; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Eric Jackson and Community Representative Mrs Margaret Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, 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.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1415 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Smith, who left the meeting during the adjournment and Councillors Ross and Crawford who joined the meeting during the adjournment.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and noted, for information, the Minutes of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 3 November 2005 (circulated).

Councillor Smith re-joined the meeting after determination of the above item.

LOCAL ISSUES

4.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 January 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 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 12 January 2006 (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 feedback to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

Sergeant Kelly advised that the Mobile Police Office was available in the car park, for those Members of the Committee who wished to view the Mobile Office, and it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the Safer Streets: Strathclyde Police Report to view the Mobile Police Office.

Inspector McArthur and Sergeant Kelly provided further information arising from the report, following which they responded to questions asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Ross advised the Committee of his concerns that the CCTV cameras situated in Cumnock were monitored by staff at specific times, and requested that a report, providing details of the operation of CCTV cameras in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area, be brought to a future meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Inspector McArthur and Sergeant Kelly; and
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to prepare a report providing details of the operation of CCTV cameras within the Cumnock and Doon Valley areas, to a future meeting of the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

6. The meeting adjourned at 1500 hours and reconvened at 1510 hours, with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitute and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Smith who left the meeting during the adjournment.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 2005 (circulated) by the Annual Seminar Working Group which advised of the outcome of the Annual Seminar for Community Representatives held on 12 November 2005.

Councillor Smith rejoined the meeting at this point.

Councillor Ross made reference to Appendix 2 of the report, in particular to the issue relating to Darvel War Memorial, and asked whether the response provided indicated that External Funding would not be available if work were required for War Memorials.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the 2005 Annual Seminar; and
- (ii) to remit to the Administrative Officer to contact the External Funding and Sustainability Officer to investigate Councillor Ross's query as detailed above, and that a response be sent direct to Councillor Ross.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2006/2007

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2006 (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 2006 to 31 March 2007.

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 2006 to 31 March 2007 be drawn from the following organisational sectors, this matter to be considered further at the next meeting in light of the nominations received, namely:-
 - Community Councils (2 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 2006 to 31 March 2007 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.

SHOPMOBILITY UPDATE (Item 14, Page 1819, 03/07)

9. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 December 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the Council's intention to establish a Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposals to establish a Shopmobility Scheme within Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

**COMMUNITY GRANT: AUCHINLECK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA (CG 2948)
(Item 3.2(f)(vi), Page 1455, 03/07)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of and enabled the Committee to deal with, a request from Auchinleck Primary School PTA regarding use of an approved grant award.

It was agreed to grant the request by Auchinleck Primary School PTA to utilise the grant monies of £1,403.40 for Phase 1 of their project, i.e. the development of the eco garden within the courtyard area of the school, subject to (i) the standard Community Grant conditions; (ii) appropriate insurance cover in place in respect of the project; (iii) the requisite permissions have been obtained; and (iv) other necessary funding for the project is in place.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES

**2006/2007 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND
FOOTWAYS (Item 8, Page 1869, 03/07)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (a) advised of the roads and footways structural maintenance programmes 2006/2007 for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (b) sought the Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

The Chair advised, and it was noted, that any Member who had any issues with the maintenance programme for footways or carriageways in their respective Wards, should contact the Roads Department direct.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2006/2007 roads and footways structural maintenance programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and

- (iii) 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

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY LEARNING PLANS IN THE CUMNOCK AREA (Item 6, Page 1796, 03/07)

12. There was submitted a report dated 22 December 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised (i) of the outcome of the inspection of Community Learning and Development Services in the Cumnock Area; (ii) the progress made in relation to Community Learning Plans in the Cumnock Area; and (iii) which updated on the future arrangements for Community Learning and Development Plans.

The Team Leader advised that copies of the Cumnock Community Learning Plan and the Young People's Community Learning Plan (Cumnock Area) were available for Members of the Committee to collect at the end of the meeting, and that in connection with the next Community Learning Plan, advised that it would be his intention to hold meetings with Community Representatives and Substitutes immediately prior to future meetings of the Cumnock Area Local Committee, for the Community Representatives and Substitutes to participate in the production of the next Learning Plan, and invited the Community Representatives and Substitutes to attend.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outcome of the HMIE Inspection of Community Learning and Development Services in the Cumnock Area;
- (ii) to note the proposals regarding Community Learning Plans;
- (iii) to note the proposal to hold meetings with the Community Representatives and Substitutes prior to future Local Committee meetings; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

13. There were submitted and noted, for information, Minutes of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 1 December 2005 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.