

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN AUCHINLECK COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Eric Jackson, Neil McGhee and William Crawford; Community Representatives: Mr James McMillan, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mr Alec Cochrane, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Mr John Timpany; and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Matthew Burns.

ATTENDING: Jim Gribben, Community Worker; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer; Marlene Harkis, Service Manager - Older People; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors George Smith and William Menzies; Community Representatives Mrs Jean Smith and Mr Jim Monaghan; and Substitute Community Representatives Mrs Anne Bell and Mr David Gibson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Mr John Timpany, who was attending his first meeting of the Local Committee as a Community Representative representing local sports groups.

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

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1407 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 19 May 2005 (circulated).

CHAIR'S REMARKS: ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

5. The Chair referred to the significant difficulties which had been encountered this year by the Committee in determining applications for Community Grants, as a result of the considerable amount by which the value of grant applications received exceeded the allocation available and suggested that there was currently an opportunity for the

Committee to consider the possibility of some means of prioritisation being applied in dealing with grant applications for the coming year, bearing in mind that the process for dealing with grant applications for the 2006/2007 would commence in November of this year with the issue of letters/posters inviting the submission of applications by a closing date in February 2006.

Having heard the further comments of the Chair in respect of how this matter could be progressed, it was agreed to remit to the Officers concerned to prepare proposals for the prioritisation of Community Grant applications in the future, on the basis of the established grant categories, and to include consideration of grants to Older People's organisations in respect of social and recreational purposes which are currently disbursed on a per capita basis.

LOCAL ISSUES

6.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 August 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.

6.2 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

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 August 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 areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

Inspector Ramsay McArthur provided further information arising from the report, following which he and Sergeant Alistair Kelly 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 the Strathclyde Police Officers at the meeting.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

STREET NAMING: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED OFF STATION ROAD, MAUCLINE (Item 8, Page 1502, 03/07)

8.1 Reconsideration of Decision

It was unanimously agreed, in terms of Standing Order 40, to re-consider this matter.

8.2 Consideration of Report

There was submitted a report dated 2 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider a request by the developer that a new street to be created by a private housing development located off Station Road, Mauchline, be renamed "Battleview Crescent".

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to accede to the developer's request and that the name of the street in question remain "Pollock's Way" as previously agreed by this Committee on 19 May 2005; and
- (ii) to note that the local Elected Member would bear in mind the views of the developer when considering requests for street names in respect of further developments in this vicinity.

STREET NAMING: PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED OFF FERNLEA AVENUE, MAUCHLINE

9. There was submitted a report dated 8 August 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 Fernlea Avenue, Mauchline.

It was agreed:-

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

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

MEALS AT HOME SERVICE

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on development of the Community Meals Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Marlene Harkis (Service Manager - Older People) would respond directly to questions on the Meals at Home Service raised by Community Representative Jean Smith and as intimated to the meeting by Community Representative William Lees; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

11. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the 9th Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 30 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the success of this year's Youth Conference; and

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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 1 June 2005 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1518 hours.