

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK**

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

**ATTENDING:** Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Susan Morris, Policy Officer; Neil Bell, Senior Roads Engineer; Kerr Chalmers, Senior Roads Engineer; Alan Patterson, Team Leader - Community Learning and Development; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Ramsay MacArthur, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric Jackson and Jimmy Kelly; and Community Representative Mrs Margaret Campbell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

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

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

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1409 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 20 May 2004.

**LOCAL ISSUES****4.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting 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 there were no local issues raised by Community Representatives.

## **POLICE REPORT**

### **CRIME TRENDS AND POLICE ACTIVITY**

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Brown, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends and Police activity within the local area over the recent period.

During discussion arising from the report, Inspector MacArthur responded to questions put by Members of the Committee.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and further information provided by the Inspector.

### **ROUTING OF VEHICLES WITH ABNORMAL/LARGE LOADS**

6. The Members were reminded that this Committee, on 25 March 2004, had agreed that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, on behalf of the Local Committee, write to Chief Inspector Smith, Strathclyde Police, to inform of the Committee's concern about the need for sensitivity in the timing and routing of vehicles with abnormal/large loads in order to minimise the risk of danger and disruption to local communities.

In this connection, there was submitted, for information, a letter (circulated) received by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources from the Road Policing Inspector.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the letter; and
- (ii) to note comments by Inspector MacArthur that he would endeavour to ensure that an appropriate Officer from the Roads Traffic Unit would be present at the next meeting of the Local Committee in order to respond to issues which Members of the Committee might have and which are within the remit of that Unit.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY**

7. The Committee received a presentation by Susan Morris, Policy Officer, within the Department of Neighbourhood Services on the Council's Local Housing Strategy.

Susan then responded to questions put by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked Susan for the presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

## **CORPORATE SUPPORT**

### **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF AFTON BRIDGEND, NEW CUMNOCK**

8. The Administrative Officer (a) reported that the Committee had been requested to consider and determine a name for a proposed new street to be created by a private housing development located off Afton Bridgend, New Cumnock; (b) advised that

New Cumnock Community Council had not yet had the opportunity to consider a suggestion or suggestions for the name of a new street, for submission to this Committee; and (c) recommended that the Committee continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending a response from New Cumnock Community Council; and remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, following consultation with the Chair and the Local Member, to deal with the matter prior to the next meeting in the event that this should prove necessary.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position as advised by the Administrative Officer; and
- (ii) to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending a response from New Cumnock Community Council; and to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, following consultation with the Chair and the Local Member, to deal with the matter prior to the next meeting in the event that this should prove necessary.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: LOCAL CHURCHES AND YOUTH FORUM**

9. It was reported (a) that Mr Ian Scade, Elder at Sorn Parish Church, had resigned his position as Community Representative representing the local Churches; and that the local Churches had nominated Mr Alec Cochrane, Elder at Church of Scotland Old Cumnock/Crichton West and St Ninian's, Cumnock, to serve as their Community Representative for the remainder of the 2004/2005 year; and (b) that Jessie Marsh had resigned her position as Community Representative representing the local Youth Forum; and that Officers of the Council were progressing arrangements for recruitment of a replacement Community Representative from the Youth Forum for the remainder of the year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information provided; and
- (ii) to accept the nomination of Mr Alec Cochrane as the local Churches' new Community Representative.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

#### **QUALITY BUS CORRIDORS**

10. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (a) informed of progress in implementing Quality Bus Corridor measures within the Local Committee area; and (b) sought comments on the preliminary design drawings.

It was agreed to note the work undertaken to date on the Cumnock Corridor QBC.

#### **MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS**

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on proposals for the implementation of mandatory 20mph speed limits in the vicinity of schools in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area.

In this connection, Neil Bell, Senior Roads Engineer advised (a) that it was now proposed that the mandatory 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of Sorn Primary School would be full-time during school hours rather than part-time as intimated in the report; and (b) that AMEY were currently formulating, and would be consulting appropriately on, proposals for a possible mandatory 20mph speed limit on the A76 route within the vicinity of Castle Primary School in New Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be informed of this Committee's view that all of the proposed mandatory 20mph speed limits within the vicinity of schools, as indicated in the report, should be full-time during school hours; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by the Senior Roads Engineer.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 7 April 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the success of this year's Youth Conference; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES/NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

### **LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE**

13. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 18 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which clarified the criteria for determining the cost of lets for East Ayrshire Council premises across the relevant Council Departments.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

### **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 2 June 2004.

The meeting terminated at 1554 hours.