

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2007

LOGAN DAY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Cumnock Area Local Committee of the refurbishment work that has taken place within Logan Day Centre and the subsequent developments taking place within the Centre.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At the Education Committee of 23 March 2004 funding was allocated for the refurbishment and redevelopment of Logan Day Centre following a fire which extensively damaged Logan IFE Wing which subsequently resulted in it being demolished.
- 2.2** Funding was also secured from the Social Inclusion Partnership in 2004 for the redevelopment and refurbishment of the Centre. In 2005/06 and 2006/07, funding was allocated by the Community Regeneration Fund to support the active involvement of young people in the Centre

3. REPORT

- 3.1** Extensive consultation including an 'Open Day' took place with Logan and Lugar Community Council and local community groups regarding the refurbishment of Logan Day Centre prior to work commencing.
- 3.2** Work in the Centre started in April 2005 and the community now have a fully refurbished Centre, which includes an extended hall, refurbished toilets and kitchen and disabled access. Redecoration has taken place throughout and new furniture and fittings purchased for use by all community groups.
- 3.3** A new Community Association has been established and is being supported by Community Learning and Development to take over the responsibility of the letting of this community facility.
- 3.4** Forge Ahead are delivering Silver Bytes, an ICT course for the over 50's and working with the local community to develop other learning opportunities.
- 3.5** Twelve Community groups are currently using the centre, this includes a new parent and toddler group, youth groups, Community Council, WRI, Podiatry Clinic, an arts and crafts group and Age Concern.

3.6 Young people attend youth initiatives two evenings per week in the Centre. The youth club offers twenty two young people a varied programme of learning activities and the Enterprise Group has seven young people participating in the East Ayrshire Youth Awards. A further seven young people took part in Committee Skills training to encourage and support them to become involved in the Community Association and more actively involved in the Centre.

3.7 The official opening of the refurbished centre took place on 26 January 2006.

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Working with community groups and young people and supporting them to manage their own facilities is a key strand of the Promoting Community Learning Theme of the Community Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Members of the Cumnock Area Local Committee:

- (i) note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Education Capital Programme 2004/05 - Education Committee 23 March 2004

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