

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2005

MEETINGS OF CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: MARCH TO DECEMBER 2005

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee are scheduled to take place during the period March to December 2005 and to invite the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council at its meeting held on 14 October 2004, approved the Calendar of Committee Meetings for the period January to December 2005. The Calendar includes dates for the meetings of each Local Committee.
- 2.2 Determination of the venues at which Local Committee meetings are to be held at this stage will generally assist Members, Community Representatives and Officers in planning their diaries and will greatly facilitate arrangements for booking of the venues concerned.

3. ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

- 3.1 The undernoted premises within the Local Committee's area are suitable and routinely available for meetings of the Committee, namely:-
- (a) Auchinleck Community Centre - Lesser Hall;
 - (b) Mauchline Community Centre - Cooper Trust Suite;
 - (c) Cumnock Town Hall - Main Hall;
 - (d) Catrine Community Centre - Main Hall;
 - (e) New Cumnock Community Centre - Lesser Hall;
 - (f) Muirkirk Community Wing;
 - (g) Logan Community Wing;
 - (h) Netherthird Community Wing;
 - (i) Ochiltree Community Centre - Main Hall; and
 - (j) Barrhill Centre, Cumnock - Activity Room.
- 3.2 It had previously been suggested that the former Chambers at Cumnock Town Hall could also be used as a venue for future Local Committee meetings. However, while the former Chambers can comfortably accommodate the normal number of attendees at meetings of the Local Committee, i.e. approximately 20 persons in total, it is suggested that this venue be not utilised in order to avoid any difficulties which may arise from a greater than

the usual number of persons attending, the need to make provision for a reasonably sized public gallery, setting up the sound/loop system or providing suitable facilities for presentations to be made, all at the same time as ensuring proper access is maintained for all individuals at all times. Furthermore, as indicated elsewhere in this report, it is proposed that meetings take place in Cumnock Town Hall within the Main Hall which has been used in the past for Local Committee meetings without problem.

4. DATES AND VENUES FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2004

4.1 During the period January to December 2004, meetings of the Local Committee took place on the dates and at the venues undernoted, as follows, namely:-

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| Thursday 29 January 2004 | - | Auchinleck Community Centre; |
| Thursday 25 March 2004 | - | Catrine Community Centre; |
| Thursday 29 April 2004 | - | Cumnock Town Hall; |
| Thursday 20 May 2004 | - | Netherthird Community Wing; |
| Thursday 9 September 2004 | - | New Cumnock Community Centre; and |
| Thursday 4 November 2004 | - | Mauchline Community Centre. |

5. MEETINGS PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2005

5.1 The venue for the meeting for today's meeting, being Muirkirk Community Wing, has been agreed in consultation with the Chair, and follows the pattern of meeting venues established in the past.

5.2 The dates fixed for the meetings of the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period March to December 2005, together with suggested venues, are as follows, namely:-

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| 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; and |
| Thursday 3 November 2005 | - | Catrine Community Centre. |

5.3 The venues above are suggested as being suitable in terms of likely availability and physical size and layout while at the same time an effort has been made to continue with the previous pattern of holding meetings at venues throughout the Committee's area, having regard to the venues at which recent meetings have been held as detailed in Section 4 above.

6. FINANCIAL/LLEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period March to December 2005 as detailed in Paragraph 5.1 above; and
- (ii) consider and determine venues for the meetings of the Committee which will take place during the period in question taking account of the information provided in the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire Council Meetings Calendar January to December 2005.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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