

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2005**

**QUESTIONS ARISING FROM 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

<b><u>MATTER RAISED</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUIRED</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT POSITION</u></b>
<p>Community Representative Mr Alec Cochrane, on behalf of Community Representative Mrs Jean Smith enquired as to the possibility of a pelican crossing being provided on Auchinleck Road, Cumnock, in the vicinity of Holmhead Road in view of the various hazard factors, and the level of pedestrian usage, at this location.</p>	<p>John Bryson, Area Roads Engineer, advised that the Roads Section would investigate this matter but confirmed that there were certain criteria which had to be met before a crossing could be approved. Pedestrian and vehicle counts would require to be undertaken to determine whether the criteria would be met and the surveys would be carried out in the Spring and a report on the outcome of the investigation submitted to the Local Committee.</p>	<p>The Area Roads Engineer has submitted a request to the Principal Engineer (Traffic) to programme the necessary survey work.</p>
<p>Community Representative Mr Alex Currie enquired as to whether there were any proposals for the removal of the remaining wooden street lighting poles in Muirkirk.</p>	<p>John Bryson, Area Roads Engineer, explained that insofar as he was aware, wooden poles which were primarily put in place to carry overhead electricity lines and upon which street lights may also have been erected by the Local Authority, are the responsibility of Scottish Power. Scottish Power had in recent times been undertaking a programme of "undergrounding" overhead power lines thereby permitting the removal of wooden poles which have been used for this purpose. The Council, for its part, as a standardised approach, provides metal lighting columns. John Bryson, however, undertook to clarify the position with the Lighting Section within his Department and to respond to Mr Currie.</p>	<p>Upon the request of the Area Roads Engineer, the Principal Engineer, Lighting and General, within the Roads Section has provided clarification on this issue to Community Representative Mr Alex Currie.</p> <p>The position is that any remaining wooden poles which have street lights located on them in Muirkirk are now the responsibility of the Roads Division to replace. There is no programme currently to carry out this work, however, it is hoped to make progress when funding becomes available and subject to Committee approval.</p>

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