

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<u>MATTER RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION REQUIRED</u>	<u>CURRENT POSITION</u>
<p>Community Representative Mr James Hastie advised that, with regard to grass cutting by Council operatives, he had observed the operatives concerned carrying out this work without making proper use of the deflectors/shields provided on the equipment, thereby resulting in failure to properly contain grass cuttings and also a safety risk.</p>	<p>Councillor Carmichael undertook to pursue this matter with the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of his Department's Grounds Maintenance responsibilities.</p>	<p>The Head of Leisure Services has written to Mr Hastie advising that all appropriate Ground Maintenance staff will be reminded of the exact procedures for the correct and safe operation of grass cutting equipment to ensure that the deflectors and shields are used properly when grass is being cut. In addition, the Assistant Operations Manager within the Outdoor Amenities Section of the Department of Neighbourhood Services has been in contact with Mr Hastie regarding the incident.</p>
<p>Community Representative Mr William Lees expressed concern at the burning of rubbish at the rear of the Afton Bakers at Afton Bridgend, New Cumnock.</p>	<p>Agreed that the Administrative Officer make the Head of Protective Services aware of this matter for attention as appropriate.</p>	<p>The Head of Protective Services has written to Mr Lees advising that several inspections have been carried out by the Environmental Health Service and the proprietor has been given a written warning that if the practice continues he may be the subject of further enforcement action.</p>
<p>Community Representative Mr William Lees, with regard to the Castle Primary School, New Cumnock, drew attention to difficulties which were resulting from cars being parked on an area of hardstanding which is used as a turning area for buses dropping off/picking up pupils at the Primary School.</p>	<p>Agreed that the Administrative Officer would draw this matter to the attention of the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services for action as appropriate; and noted that Sergeant Alistair Kelly would arrange for the local Police Constable to monitor the situation and pursue any action which might be considered appropriate.</p>	<p>The Director of Educational and Social Services has written to Mr Lees outlining the Department's position on this issue.</p>

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<p>Community Representative Mr William Lees enquired as to whether East Ayrshire Council had any indication as to when “20’s Plenty” zones would be provided on the A76 adjacent to the Castle Primary School.</p>	<p>Councillor Carmichael advised that responsibility for providing the “20’s Plenty” zones on the A76, which is a trunk route, lies with AMEY; and Sergeant Kelly advised that AMEY had indicated that the necessary works in this connection would be commencing in December of this year.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

15 September 2005
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