

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 11 MAY 2004

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

MATTER RAISED	ACTION	CURRENT POSITION
<p>Named Substitute Ian McVey requested information on the possible closure of the Grand Hall on Sundays and Mondays, the future of the former infirmary and opera house/John Finnie Street sites.</p>	<p>Mr McVey was advised that consideration of Grand Hall opening times had been deferred, but that further information would be provided when available. It was also reported that the former infirmary and opera house sites were likely to be subject to future developments and that a planning application from a prospective purchaser had been considered in connection with the development of John Finnie Street. The Chair undertook to advise Mr McVey of any further available information on this matter.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>Community Representative Charles Calman requested further information on the change of status on Howard Park Bowling Club and expressed concern at the lack of communication on this issue.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter with the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.</p>	<p>The Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services has been in touch with the Bowling Club directly and Mr Calman advised of this accordingly.</p>
<p>Community Representative John Tannock expressed concern at the lack of parking near the North Hamilton Street area in the light of a proposed flatted development with minimum parking in the area and the introduction of a heritage centre with no parking.</p>	<p>The Chair advised that these matters had been subject to planning considerations and, in the case of the heritage centre, that parking would be provided within the Morrisons supermarket car park.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>

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<p>Community Representative John Donaldson tabled a paper summarising a number of issues arising from a lack of development of the town centre and expressed disappointment that a report had yet to be submitted to the Local Committee on town centre re-development.</p>	<p>Councillor Reid advised that he had requested the Department of Development and Property Services to arrange for the Town Centre Steering Group to reconvene to take this matter forward. The Chair undertook to contact the Chair of Development Services in connection with this matter.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Community Representative Tom Cook referred to the issue of recycling and requested further information as to whether consultation had been undertaken on the frequency of collections; if consideration was being given to the collection of plastics; why the provision for additional bags had been discontinued; and if there was any possibility that the frequency of collection could be altered.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager undertook to pursue this matter with the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.</p>	<p>The Head of Protective Services has written to Mr Cook indicating that additional funding provided by the Scottish Executive to introduce the new recycling service was conditional upon the Council reducing the frequency, of collection from weekly to fortnightly on the basis that the additional wheeled bins for paper recycle/garden waste and the black boxes for glass and cans would make this feasible. He advised that most households seemed to be operating well with the new system and the amount of good quality recycle being presented was exceeding original expectations.</p>
<p>Community Representative John McIvor requested information on the proposed timescale for improvement works on the four bus stops within Gatehead in line with recent legislation requiring bus stops to be more accessible to disabled users.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter with the relevant Department.</p>	<p>The Executive Director of Development and Property Services has written to Mr McIvor to advise that design work for the scheme is being undertaken by the Council's consultant Faber Maunsell, with the improvements programmed for before March 2005.</p>

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<p>Community Representative Bryan Thompson expressed concern at the continuing difficulties associated with parking at the Foregate and asked if the Dial-a-Bus service had been assigned a berth in the bus station.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager advised that the Police had increased monitoring arrangements by Traffic Wardens in an effort to counter illegal parking and misuse of disabled parking bays and it was confirmed by a Community Representative present that the Dial-a-Bus service did have a berth within the bus station. The Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter again with Strathclyde Police.</p>	<p>Sergeant McInnes has confirmed that this matter will be monitored.</p>
<p>Community Representative Charles Calman again raised the issue of the maintenance of the Burns Monument within the Kay Park.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager advised that a report on this matter would be submitted to the Community Services Committee in the first instance (and thereafter to the Local Committee). The Chair undertook to ensure that Piersland-Bentinck Community Council received information on this matter when it became available.</p>	<p>Refer to "Local Issues".</p>

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