

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 JANUARY 2004

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

MATTERS RAISED	ACTION	CURRENT POSITION
<p>Community Representative John Tannock requested information in the role of the Community Police Officers within Community Council areas given the absence from recent Bonnyton Community Council meetings of the relevant Community Police Officer</p>	<p>Sergeant Andy McInnes confirmed that the Community Police Officer would attend Community Council meetings subject to policing commitments and undertook to look into the particular case referred to.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Community Representative Charles Calman referred to unfinished work on roads and pavements in various locations near the Town Centre, including in the vicinity of the Grand Hall and Galleon Centre, and requested information on the likely timescale for completion. Named Substitute Ian McVey also expressed concern about other locations, including pavements within John Finnie Street.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager undertook to seek information from the Department of Development Services on the timescales for road and pavement repairs; liaison with utility companies; the development of John Finnie Street; and town centre traffic. Councillor Reid also advised of a meeting on roads issues being organised by Bonnyton Community Council that evening and indicated that Officers of the Council's Roads Division would be present to answer questions.</p>	<p>The Head of Roads and Transportation has provided information on roads and footways repair works, including liaison with utility companies, and on town centre traffic works (plans for which are available for inspection during office hours in Holmquarry House, Holmquarry Road, Kilmarnock)</p>
<p>Named Substitute Tom Morrison referred to the inadequate provision of useful disabled parking in the vicinity of the Post Office on John Finnie Street. Community Representative Linda Thompson suggested that adding white lineage within disabled parking bays to the left hand side of John Finnie Street of the same type used to give wider parking bays to disabled users within car parks, might allow disabled drivers to park with more confidence on that side of the street.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter with the Department of Development Services.</p>	<p>The Head of Roads and Transportation has indicated that two disabled parking bays have been marked out in front of the Post office and the legality of these will be reinforced by the provision of double yellow lines. Unfortunately, the restricted overall width of John Finnie Street does not permit the provision of wider parking bays and keep safe running lane widths for the traffic. However, under the new Kilmarnock Town Centre parking proposals, Blue Badge holders would be able to park free of charge in the bays in the side streets off John Finnie Street.</p>

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Councillor Reid reported on the difficulty experienced by older people accessing the raised kerb when getting off buses on John Finnie Street and near Bonnyton Café and to impaired visibility due to illegal parking.	Sergeant McInnes undertook to request relevant officers/traffic wardens to look into the issue of illegal parking.	-
Community Representative Tom Cook referred to consultation work being undertaken on assessing the transportation impact within the Irvine Road area of a PPP initiative relating to Grange Academy and sought reassurances that a comprehensive approach would be taken to considering the outcome of both this consultation exercise and consultation work done previously in the same area. Councillor Reid asked if Local Members could be kept informed of the outcome of any consultation undertaken.	The Administration Manager undertook to raise this issue with the relevant Department.	An initial response was provided to Mr Cook but, on clarification of the nature of his enquiry, further advice is currently being sought from the Director of Educational and Social Services.

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