

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 15 MARCH 2005

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<u>Matters Raised</u>	<u>Response/Action to be Taken</u>	<u>Current Position</u>
<p>Community Representative Maurice Ashbridge asked whether the Shop Mobility Scheme had been cut back.</p>	<p>Agreed to seek clarification from the Executive Director of Development and Property Services.</p>	<p>Response issued to Mr Ashbridge advising that an application to the National Lottery Community Fund in August 2004, to advance the Project, was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Reasons given were that there had been a change in lottery priorities and there were also concerns about the future sustainability of the Project.</p> <p>During January 2005, at a meeting held to discuss the outcome of the application, the Board formally agreed, by majority vote, to dissolve the company. However a small number of members would pursue further avenues of support.</p> <p>Early discussions with potential funders indicate that a smaller project, which may not be free at source to clients, may be supported.</p>

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<p>Community Representative Charles Calman asked for details of the Council's proposals to celebrate Bannockburn Day.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager reported that a decision had been taken at the last Council Meeting to run an annual competition to celebrate Bannockburn Day and undertook to ascertain the timescales for the competition.</p>	<p>The Head of Schools has since advised that the competition will be based on a piece of artwork, produced by pupils as part of the curriculum related to the Scottish Wars of Independence, whenever this is covered during the session. Schools will submit work from a boy and a girl. The winning piece will be included in a calendar for the month of June. Schools have been contacted to ensure submissions this year.</p>
<p>Community Representative Thomas Cook referred to his previous complaint about litter at the grassed area at Grange Academy and, whilst acknowledging that the situation had improved, sought clarification as to who was responsible for maintenance.</p>	<p>Agreed to seek clarification from the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.</p>	<p>Response issued to Mr Cook advising that Grange Academy is responsible for the grassed areas surrounding the school.</p> <p>In the past, the level of litter was such that cleansing staff were asked to undertake weekend litter picking, the cost of which was met by the school.</p>
<p>Community Representative Charles Calman asked for an update on repairs to the Burns Monument in Kay Park.</p>	<p>The Chair responded that this was in hand and would involve a considerable period of time.</p>	<p>The Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services has since advised that the Project Team is progressing well.</p> <p>It is intended to submit a report on the matter to the Community Services Committee on 23 March 2005.</p>

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<p>Community Representative Charles Calman asked for information on disabled access provision at community facilities in Piersland Park.</p>	<p>The Team Leader, Community Learning and Development confirmed that Glebe Old Men's Cabin and others were subject to assessment in terms of the needs of the DDA. No timescales had been set for specific works. Any decisions in respect of work on this property would be subject to corporate overview for the identification of funds and timetabling of works.</p>	
<p>Councillor Linton asked for an update on John Finnie Street redevelopment proposals.</p>	<p>The Chair advised that a report would be submitted to Development Services in due course.</p>	

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