

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 9 MAY 2006**

#### **PROPERTIES AT PLANN ROAD, KNOCKENTIBER**

##### **Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Local Committee of a request to rename part of the new development off Kilmaurs Road, Knockentiber, recently addressed Plann Road; and to seek consideration of the request and determination as to whether the necessary statutory notification procedures should be carried out for renaming Plann Road.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** At the Local Committee meeting held on 18 January 2006, consideration was given to a report by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested names for a new development off Kilmaurs Road, Knockentiber and it was agreed to name street B on the attached site plan, Plann Road, and to advise the Executive Director of the Committee's decision in this regard.
- 2.2** Thereafter, correspondence (attached hereto) was received during March 2006 from a purchaser of a house at this location who, whilst recognising that there was local significance to the name Plann Road, Plann after brickworks previously located on the site, which was a local employer, nonetheless expressed disappointment at the name which was considered uninspiring. The correspondent asked that the matter be remitted back to the Local Committee for further consideration.
- 2.3** Accordingly, the Local Committee is invited to give consideration to the issues and determine whether the necessary statutory notification should be carried out for the renaming of Plann Road.

### **3. ISSUES**

- 3.1** Should the Local Committee agree to proceed with the statutory notification procedures, this would involve placing a statutory notification in a local newspaper, inviting objections to the proposed change of name and writing to the owners of the affected properties informing them of the proposals and implications and seeking their views thereon. Thereafter, a further report would be submitted to the Local Committee, informing on responses received and inviting a decision on renaming.

- 3.2** The Department of Development and Property Services have advised that five purchasers have already moved into Plann Road, and a further 61 houses have been reserved, completing at a rate of 6 each month, with the address as Plann Road.
- 3.3** Based on previous experience of such matters, it is unlikely that there would be any financial implications resulting from notification of change of name requirements, should this be the outcome of the Local Committee's consideration. However, there may be some inconvenience for those in the affected properties.
- 3.4** Further, the Department of Development and Property Services are of the opinion that retaining the name Plann Road would be beneficial geographically, as there is already an association with the name at Plann Cottages, off Fisher Road. Such an association can facilitate mail delivery and emergency services, through identification with a particular geographical area.
- 3.5** The Committee will require to determine an alternative name for the purposes of the statutory notice.

#### **4. LEGAL /POLICY/COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 gives authority to East Ayrshire Council in relation to naming streets and the preparation of house numbers etc. Authority is also given to alter any such name, after advertising in a newspaper circulating in their area any such proposal, and taking into account any representations received thereon within 28 days of publishing the advertisement.
- 4.2** The Decentralisation Sub Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 4 June 1996, agreed that the naming of streets be included within the remit of Local Committees.
- 4.3** Standing Order 40 of the Council's Standing Orders for regulating meetings and proceedings prevents reconsideration of any item of business the same or substantially the same as one previously determined within six months of the making of the previous decision, unless two thirds of the members present agreed otherwise. Since the request for renaming falls within this timescale, two thirds of elected members present are required to agree to consider the above request.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** Advertising of the proposal for change of street name would cost in the region of £250 - £300, to be met from the Corporate Management Budget.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **6.1 The Committee is invited:-**

- (i) to consider whether or not to reconsider in terms of Standing Order 40;
- (ii) to consider the request for a name change and determine whether the necessary statutory notification procedures should be carried out for the renaming of the development known as Plann Road and to identify an alternative name;
- (iii) in the event that (ii) above is agreed, that a further report on the matter, following the statutory notification procedures, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

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Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

GH/DL  
21 April 2006

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Report by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services submitted to Kilmarnock Central Local Committee on 18 January 2006 and related correspondence.

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

**Implementation Officer: Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer**

20/3/06

Dear Mr Walkinshaw ,

My wife and I recently purchased a house at The Kyles, the Abbey development in Knockentiber. We were informed at the weekend that the street name is to be Plann Road. We expressed our disappointment and were told by the representative of Abbey Developers that everyone else has given the same view that the street name is uninspiring and boring.

I understand that there is local significance in the name but that has already been acknowledged with Plann Cottages.

The development has views of Arran and we feel that a bit more imagination could have been used in naming this street. Even numbering the houses as 1-68 The Kyles would have been better .

Although this has been passed by committee, I have spoken with the local councillor and his view is that he is there to represent constituents and would take on board our views.

Could you please refer this to the appropriate committee for further consideration. I realize that in the grand scheme of things this may seem insignificant but as we and the other residents have to live with this, I ask that some thought and imagination be used in naming the streets in this development.

(Name and address supplied)

cc Councillor Reeves, Mr Alan Neish

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