

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 31 AUGUST 2004

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<u>MATTER RAISED</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>CURRENT POSITION</u>
Community Representative Esther Caldwell referred to a roads issue in connection with a recent planning application for the new maternity unit at Crosshouse Hospital.	Whilst confirming that the purpose of the question and answer session was not for the pursuit of personal business, the Administration Manager undertook in this instance to establish that the correct procedures had been implemented in terms of the submission of Mrs Caldwell's individual letter of objection to the planning application.	The Planning Section has no record of a formal objection from Mrs Caldwell as an individual. A consultation response was received from the Community Council indicating that it had no objection to the development.
Community Representative Tom Cook referred to the introduction of the three bin system for household waste and sought clarification as to the decision to change from a weekly to fortnightly collection for ordinary household waste.	The Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter with the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.	A detailed reply has been sent by the Head of Protective Services on the background to the recycling initiative.
Community Representative Maurice Ashbridge requested information on the results of a recent review of community representation on Local Committees.	The Administration Manager advised that the review in question had been completed and that it was his intention to submit a report to the relevant Service Committee of the Council and, thereafter, to advise Local Committees of the outcome.	-
Community Representative Maurice Ashbridge raised the issue of the redesignation of footpaths to shared use (footpaths/cycleways) and advised that, whilst Community Councils had been consulted, other pedestrian groups, such as the elderly and disability fora, had not.	The Senior Engineer (Roads, Transportation and Design) undertook to investigate this matter.	To be advised.
Community Representative Charles Calman also referred to recent consultation on the dual use of footpaths and cycleways and specifically to a fax submission by Piersland-Bentinck Community Council in connection with insurance matters, to which he awaited a reply.	The Administration Manager undertook to pursue the matter with the Head of Roads and Transportation.	To be advised.

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Community Representative John McIvor reported that he continued to await a reply in connection with a request for additional dog litter bins within the Gatehead area.	The Administration Manager undertook to pursue this matter with the Department of Neighbourhood Services.	To be advised.
Community Representative John Donaldson referred to the development of the Town Centre and requested further information on the status of the Town Centre Steering Group.	The Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter with the Department of Development and Property Services.	To be advised.
Community Representative Charles Calman requested further information on the Council's plans in connection with Howard Park Bowling Club.	In response to Mr Calman's earlier enquiry, the Administration Manager confirmed that the matter had been raised with the appropriate Director and that communication had take place with the Secretary of the Club. In terms of the new enquiry specifically about next year's activity within the Club, the Administration Manager advised of an ongoing review of bowling clubs and indicated that the eventual recommendations of the Working Group would be considered by the Community Services Committee and the Club informed in due course. However, the Administration Manager undertook to raise this matter again with the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.	The Head of Leisure Services has written to Mr Calman on the current status of the Member/Officer Working Group on Bowling Facilities.
Community Representative John Donaldson expressed concern at the state of repair of Foregate Square, Kilmarnock.	The Administration Manager undertook to convey Mr Donaldson's concerns to the relevant Department.	To be advised.
Community Representative John Donaldson reported confusing road markings at the junction of Portland Street/East George Street entering Green Street, Kilmarnock.	The Senior Engineer (Roads, Transportation and Design) undertook to look into the issue of road markings.	The Head of Roads and Transportation has written to Mr Donaldson to advise that he will review the road markings in question.
Community Representative John Donaldson highlighted a road safety issue in respect of St Marnock Street, where a filter arrangement at the traffic lights allowed traffic to proceed onto Irvine Road whilst holding traffic for John Finnie Street. Mr Donaldson expressed concern that pedestrians might attempt to cross in the belief that all three lanes of traffic would be stationary.	The Senior Engineer (Roads Transportation and Design) undertook to look into the staggered phasing in operation.	The Head of Roads and Transportation has written to advise that "cross only with green man" signs have been erected. The Council's consultants who designed the current layout have also been asked to review the operation of the current pedestrian crossing arrangements in view of Mr Donaldson's comments.

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Community Representative Tom Cook referred to the exit from the new Morrison's Supermarket and expressed the view that the left lane, which was currently for traffic going left only, should be altered to provide for traffic going left and straight on and that the right lane, currently for traffic going right and straight on, should instead be for traffic turning right only.	The Senior Engineer (Roads Transportation and Design) undertook to look into this matter.	To be advised.
Community Representative John Tannock requested clarification on the need for two sets of traffic lights at the new Morrison's store.	The Senior Engineer (Roads Transportation and Design) undertook to look into this matter.	To be advised.
Community Representative Charles Calman expressed concern at the state of repair of the Glebe Old Men's Cabin and referred to the lack of disability access. He sought information as to the future of the Cabin and expressed concern at the lack of alternative facilities within the Piersland area.	The Administration Manager advised that the Council had carried out a survey of all premises in connection with disability access and had identified work which required to be undertaken. He undertook to seek information on the intended future of the Cabin from the appropriate Department. Councillors Cree and Campbell also undertook to look into the matter.	The Head of Community Support has written to Mr Calman confirming that a corporate survey has been carried out about disability access to all Council properties. She advised that any repairs/maintenance carried out on the cabin would be prioritised along with other Council properties and that there were no current plans with regard to Glebe Cabin.

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