

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 13 SEPTEMBER 2005

MATTERS RAISED UNDER THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	<u>MATTER RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>	<u>CURRENT POSITION</u>
1.	Charles McGowan, Community Representative, was aware that East Ayrshire Council had received funding for the Community Regeneration Fund and asked to be provided with details of the funding and when would the Local committee be consulted on the spending proposals.	The Administrative Officer advised that the request would be referred to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager for a response direct to the Community Representative.	The Community Planning and Partnership Manager replied to the Community Representative on 29 September 2005 regarding the matters raised.
2.	Beryl Graham, Community Representative, asked for details of the selection process for Community Representatives to establish the new North Federation and enquired if any contact had been made with the existing Federation of Community Groups of Kilmarnock North to be represented on the new North Federation.	The Administrative Officer advised that the request would be referred to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager for a response direct to the Community Representative.	The Community Planning and Partnership Manager replied to the Community Representative on 29 September 2005 regarding the matters raised.
3.	Billy Sullivan, Community Representative asked for clarification of the service being provided from the Local Office at Murray Place, New Farm Loch including Health Service provision.	Councillor McIntyre confirmed that the Community Services Committee on 14 September 2005 would be considering a recommendation to withdraw the Local Office provision but not the remaining services delivered from the building and that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services would be asked to clarify the position.	The Head of Leisure Services replied to the Community Representative on 10 October 2005 regarding the matters raised.

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4.	Dorothy McGowan, Community Representative asked for an update on the establishment of a Shop Mobility Scheme for Kilmarnock.	The Administrative Officer advised that an Officer Working Group was currently examining various options in relation to establishing a Shopmobility Scheme and it was noted that a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting on 8 November 2005. The Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support would be advised accordingly of the Committee's request.	The Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support has confirmed that the matter continues to be progressed and will report to the Local Committee at a future meeting.
5.	Beryl Graham, Community Representative, in relation to the closure of Altonhill Community Centre, enquired if East Ayrshire Council could help local groups to establish arrangements for take over of responsibility of the Community Centre, specifically identifying funding for employing a Caretaker and to cover running costs.	Councillor McIntyre advised that the Community Services Committee on 14 September 2005 would consider a recommendation to declare Altonhill Community Centre surplus to requirements. However, the Administrative Officer would request the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to respond on what levels of support could be made available to a potential Management Committee to take on responsibility for Altonhill Community Centre.	The Head of Leisure Services replied to the Community Representative on 29 September 2005 regarding the matters raised.
6.	Charles McGowan, Community Representative, confirmed that rubbish had been dumped at the Thorn Terrace Swing Park and asked that this be uplifted by the Council.	The Administrative Officer indicated that he would contact the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services who had responsibility for this matter.	Jim Dunnachie, Commercial Waste and Recycling Manager has arranged for the item to be uplifted.
7.	Billy Sullivan, Community Representative, enquired if the Council was considering installing CCTV for the Kilmarnock Cemeteries to safeguard against vandalism attacks to graveyard stones.	Councillor McIntyre indicated that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services would look into the matter and respond direct to the Community Representative.	The Head of Leisure Services replied to the Community Representative on 10 October 2005 on the matters raised.

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8.	Dorothy McGowan, Community Representative, raised that road markings had appeared at Sturrock Street, Kilmarnock, and asked for clarification of the purpose of the white hatching and to request if a sign be erected to inform road users of the purpose.	The Administrative Officer referred the enquiry to Kerr Chalmers, Senior Engineer, Roads for a response direct to the respondent.	The Head of Roads and Transportation replied to the Community Representative on 17 October 2005 on the matters raised.
9.	Pauline Quinn, Community Representative highlighted that cleaning of New Farm Loch Community Centre, Main Hall, had not undertaken since June 2005.	Councillor McIntyre confirmed that he had contacted the Management Committee and that buffing of the hall was currently being looked at with a view to being undertaken shortly.	
10.	Beryl Graham, Community Representative enquired if a system of petty cash could be put in place at Local Committee meetings to pay Community Representatives expenses.	The Administrative Officer indicated that there was currently an expenses procedure in place for Community Representatives and would forward details to the Community Representative. However, would undertake to review the current procedure and advise accordingly.	The Administration Manager requested comments on the practicality of a petty cash scheme from the Executive Head of Finance and Internal Audit and replied to the Community Representative on 25 October 2005.

25 October 2005
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