

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23 MAY**

**MATTERS RAISED UNDER THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

	<b><u>MATTER RAISED</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSE/ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT POSITION</u></b>
1.	Community Representative Billy Sullivan requested that the Head of Leisure Services consider opening the New Farm Loch Local Office on a part-time basis as the usage figures were greater than for Patna Local Office. He also expressed concern about the future of the Podiatry Clinic in New Farm Loch being closed and transferred to the North West Area Centre when it opens later this year.	Councillor McIntyre confirmed that the request regarding the part-time opening of New Farm Loch Local Office would be passed to the Head of Leisure Services to respond and that the Administrative Officer would contact NHS Ayrshire & Arran to confirm about the future of the Podiatry Clinic at New Farm Loch.	The Head of Leisure Services has confirmed that decisions made relating to closure of the Local Offices were made by the Council's Community Services Committee after taking into account a number of factors and it is not within the remit of an individual Officer to reconsider or overrule a decision taken by a Council Committee. In addition, budgets for the current financial year do not include the funds to re-open and operate the facility and for these reasons it will not be possible to re-open the Local Office at this time.
2.	Community Representative Dorothy McGowan raised that a local resident who was disabled and a wheelchair user had experienced difficulty in travelling to Glasgow, as there was no direct bus service between Kilmarnock and Glasgow suitable for carrying a wheelchair and that the resident had to travel to Glasgow via East Kilbride on a suitably adapted Lo-line bus.	Councillor McIntyre advised that the Administrative Office would refer the request to Kerr Chalmers, Senior Roads Engineer, Development and Property Services.	The Head of Roads and Transportation has advised the Community Representative that the type of buses used on the service operated by Stagecoach Western are currently not wheelchair accessible. Due to fleet replacement times it may be some time before the buses on this service are wheelchair accessible. Contact details of Dial-a-Bus service and ScotRail have also been provided.
3.	Billy Sullivan, Community Representative requested support from the Council for maintenance/ reinstatement of dividing fences which had fallen down for residents in New Farm Loch.	Councillor McIntyre advised that although some assistance was available from the environmental budget, he was aware that in the majority of cases the dividing fence was between a Council House Tenant and a Private Owner/Occupier and not straight forward to resolve. He indicated that he was aware of	The Administration Officer has passed the enquiry on to the Housing Services Manager.

		the poor condition of some of the fencing and requested that the Housing Services Manager, Gerry Darroch, investigate the concerns and liaise accordingly with Tenants.	
4.	Community Representative Billy Sullivan raised that parking at the Scout Hall, MacKellar Place, New Farm Loch, was causing a problem and that he would raise it at the next Community Safety Forum meeting.	Noted.	

29 August 2006  
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