

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2004

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

NAME	ISSUE RAISED	ACTION REQUIRED/TAKEN
Steven Fegan	<p><u>Future Venues for Kilmarnock South Local Committee meetings</u></p> <p>Steven Fegan asked for an update on the position regarding accommodation for future meetings in particular, on the position with the Salvation Army Hall (Witchknowe Road).</p>	<p>The Administrative Officer advised that (a) the Salvation Army Hall was for sale and as such was no longer available for use, and (b) that the fire station was not suitable for meetings as it did not have adequate disabled access.</p>
John Timpany	<p><u>Traffic Calming – Shortlees/Bellfield Area</u></p> <p>John Timpany raised concerns about the need for arrows to be painted on the speed bumps.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a memo be issued to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to investigate this matter and report back directly to John Timpany and to the Committee.</p> <p>Subsequently, a letter dated 5 August 2004 was issued to Mr John Timpany confirming that the appropriate road markings and road signs have been provided at the speed reduction measures that have been installed. The road markings include an arrow on the leading edge of all of the road humps.</p>
Joan Wark	<p><u>Vandalism at Shortlees Church</u></p> <p>Joan Wark raised concerns about the ongoing issue of vandalism at Shortlees Church and highlighted the need for a perimeter fence.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a memo be issued to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to investigate this matter and report back directly to Joan Wark and to the Committee.</p> <p>Subsequently, a letter dated 23 June 2004 was issued to Mrs Wark advising that with the benefit of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund, the Council have been working closely with Reverend Taylor over the last few months, to address some of the vandalism problems at the Church.</p>

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		<p>The discussions with the Reverend have led to the Council's Environmental Hit Squad removing graffiti from the Church walls and entrance roadway and through the Community Directed Environmental Improvement Budget; work is currently underway to form new copes to the front wall of the church. Prior to repair work starting on the wall, consultations took place with the church on whether the wall should be repaired or removed. The Congregational Board felt that the appearance of the Church and general area would be better served by having the wall repaired rather than having it removed.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, the work to form a new cope to the front wall is in progress and should be completed in the very near future.</p> <p>At present, the Council do not have any plans to erect fencing around the perimeter of the church; however, with the continuing permission of the church, the Environmental Hit Squad will continue to provide a rapid response to graffiti problems in this area.</p>
Susan Anderson	<p><u>Security Fencing surrounding Shortlees Primary School and Nursery School</u></p> <p>Susan Anderson raised concerns about access to Shortlees School and Nursery as a result of the new security fence surrounding Shortlees Primary School and Nursery School.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a memo be issued to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to investigate this matter and report directly to Susan Anderson and to the Committee.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Head of Community Support, issued a letter dated 27 July 2004 to Ms Susan Anderson advising that the final phase of security fencing at Shortlees Primary School and Nursery School was completed some time ago and that Ms Anderson was involved in consultation regarding the final scheme to ensure that netball courts were taken into account. It is hoped that from the perspective of security, that the fencing has achieved its overall aims.</p> <p>It is understood, that the path near the teenage recreation area,</p>

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		<p>only leads to the entrance of the recreation area.</p> <p>Although it is feasible to extend the path beyond the entrance of the teenage recreation area, unfortunately there are no resources available this financial year to allow this work to be progressed. If, however, resources become available and agreement is reached that the walkway could be extended, then the Council may be in a position to take the matter forward.</p>
Steven Fegan	<p><u>Campbell Street, Kilmarnock – Difficulties for Pedestrians</u></p> <p>Steven Fegan raised concerns about the difficulties in crossing the road at Campbell Street (near the fire station) and requested that this matter be investigated as he had serious concerns about public safety.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a memo be issued to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to investigate this matter and report back directly to Steven Fegan and to the Committee.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Head of Roads and Transportation issued a letter dated 28 June 2004 to Mr Steven Fegan advising that following a previous enquiry, surveys of pedestrians crossing Campbell Street and traffic travelling along the road were carried out last year to assess whether or not a pedestrian crossing was justified. The surveys indicated that pedestrian activity was generally low and the number of people crossing Campbell Street would have to be significantly higher to meet the criteria for a controlled crossing.</p> <p>The Police accident statistics have been examined which indicate that there have been no pedestrian injury accidents on Campbell Street during the last 5 years.</p> <p>Because funding for traffic management works is limited, it is necessary to prioritise works on the basis of achieving a reduction in road accidents involving personal injury. The funding is therefore used to address problems at locations where there is a significant road accident history. This policy has resulted in the Council achieving significant reductions in road accidents casualties in recent years.</p>

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		<p>In view of the low pedestrian crossing demand on Campbell Street and the good safety record, the provision of a controlled crossing at this location cannot be justified. However this matter will be investigated further to see if measures such as road markings and traffic signs can be identified that would make it easier for pedestrians to cross and encourage drivers to reduce their speed. Any proposals will be considered for a future programme when funding becoming available.</p>
<p>Elaine Wallace</p>	<p><u>Loudoun Avenue, Kilmarnock – Road Safety (Request for Speed Bumps)</u></p> <p>Elaine Wallace expressed concern about road safety on Loudoun Avenue and requested that consideration be given to the provision of traffic calming.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a memo be issued to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to investigate this matter and report back directly to Elaine Wallace and to the Committee.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Head of Roads and Transportation issued a letter dated 12 July 2004 to Mrs Elaine Wallace advising that with regard to the Council's Road Safety budget, unfortunately it is necessary to prioritise works on the basis of achieving a reduction in road accidents involving personal injury. The fund is therefore used to address locations where there is significant road accident history. The Police accident records have been examined and during the last 5 years, there have been no reported injury accidents.</p> <p>Nevertheless, it is the Council's objective to extend road safety measures to all residential areas. The request for traffic calming on Loudoun Avenue will be kept on file and will be considered when future funding becomes available.</p>