

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2006

#### ISSUES RAISED DURING THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	<u>ISSUE RAISED</u>	<u>ACTION PROPOSED</u>	<u>CURRENT POSITION</u>
1	Community Representative Jean Brown raised concerns regarding road safety at the new junction – A77 – A719.	It was agreed that the Administrative Officer would write to Roads with the concerns.	The Head of Roads and Transportation responded to Jean and advised that an examination of their road accident database found that there had been no accidents reported to Strathclyde Police at the A77/A719 junction since the M77 motorway opened. He has been in contact with the Police and they have no particular concerns regarding the road safety at the junction and are of the view that it has become safer since the opening of the motorway.
2	Community Representative Jim Miller raised concerns regarding road safety on the Stewarton to Fenwick Road (B778) access to motorway in particular, speeding.	Councillor Stephanie Young agreed to speak to the Head of Roads and Transportation regarding the problem.	Roads and Transportation have advised that in an attempt to resolve the poor visibility at the southbound slip road junction of the M77 junction with the B778, a relining scheme would be carried out to bring the Give Way marking forward at the bottom of the slip road. This is achieved by moving the centre line on the B778 and reducing the lane width.
3	Community Representative Charles Lindsay again raised the issue of missing coping stones at Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton.	Councillor O'Neill advised that the stones had been replaced following Mr Lindsay's previous concerns and it was, therefore, agreed that the Administrative Officer check with the Department of Educational and Social Services to see if the stones had been displaced again.	Educational and Social Services have advised that the issue has been included on a list of repairs by the Area Property Officer.
4	Community Representative Charles Lindsay raised concerns regarding water lying on steps of the school at David Dale Avenue, Stewarton.	It was agreed that the Administrative Officer write to the Director of Educational and Social Services with the concerns.	Letter issued to Mr Lindsay. Property Section has been asked to ensure that the issue was investigated. If the steps are within school grounds the janitor will routinely ensure that they are treated accordingly with rock salt during winter months. However, if the steps are not within the school boundary they will ensue that the Roads Section, who have responsibility for public footpaths, are made aware of the concerns.

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5	Community Representative Charles Lindsay advised that an old lamp standard had been thrown over the wall and left following the road widening at the corner of David Dale Avenue, Stewarton.	It was agreed that the Administrative Officer write to the Head of Roads and Transportation with the concern.	Len Paget, Principal Engineer, Lighting, advised that the lamp standard had been removed by the contractor.
6	Community Representative Linzie Haggerty asked if penalties could be imposed on owners of horses who let their animals foul the pavement.	It was agreed that the Administrative Officer write to the Executive Director of Community Services to seek clarification.	The Head of Protective Services responded to Linzie and advised that the Council has no powers to deal with the owners of riders of horses who allow their animals to foul the footpaths. He would however, have thought that responsible horse ownership would encourage the animals to be either rode or led on the carriageway which would certainly minimise or reduce the problem. He further advised that he would be happy to write to anyone in East Ayrshire who was either leading or riding a horse on a public footpath, seeking their co-operation in dealing with this problem.
7	Community Representative Linzie Haggerty asked for information on whether the Doctors Surgery in Fenwick was to be rebuilt and if so, where.	Agreed that the Administrative Officer write to Ayrshire and Arran NHS to ask for clarification on the matter.	Ayrshire and Arran NHS have confirmed that the present surgery is no longer fit for purpose and it has been agreed to redevelop. The Council's Department of Property Services are currently looking to identify suitable land in Fenwick to accommodate such a purpose.

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