

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -28 FEBRUARY 2001

CUMNOCK SWIMMING POOL- FIRE DAMAGE TO CAFE

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of the extent of the damage to the cafe at Cumnock Swimming Pool by fire in the early hours of 13th February 2001.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Fire Service attended a fire at the Cumnock Swimming Pool Cafe in the early morning of 13th February. The damage to this building, which is situated outside the main pool building, was extensive. The cause of the fire is not known but arson has not been ruled out. All furniture, fittings and equipment within the building were destroyed.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 An insurance claim has been submitted and the outcome is awaited. .
- 3.2 In normal circumstances the re-building of the cafe would be a high priority. However, the swimming pool itself has a limited lifespan due to its deteriorating condition and it would be inappropriate to construct a new cafe without taking this factor into account.
- 3.3 As the damaged building is in a public park the priority must be to maintain public safety, this will most effectively be achieved by demolition of the building, reinstatement of the tarmacadam surface and any necessary repairs to the perimeter wall of the swimming pool.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of demolition and re-instatement of the building will be met by the Council's Insurers. The cash settlement in lieu of rebuilding the property will be negotiated and it is suggested that the Committee may wish to consider including this as part of the contribution to the proposed pool at Cumnock.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Demolition of the cafe building is the most appropriate action in this case, insurance monies will cover any necessary expenditure.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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AGENDA