

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2003 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY WING, BURNS AVENUE, MUIRKIRK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, George Smith and Julie Faulds; and Community Representatives: Mr Jack Campbell, Mr James Brown, Mr William Lees, Mr John McBean and Mrs Margaret Campbell.

**ATTENDING:** Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Billy Gilchrist, Environmental Health Officer; David Wotherspoon, Acting Team Leader - Support to Communities; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sergeant James Richmond, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representative Mrs Jean Smith.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW A PUBLIC QUESTION AND  
ANSWER SESSION**

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 30 January 2003.

**LOCAL ISSUES**

**4.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on local issues raised, and where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

**4.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES**

It was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on East Ayrshire Council's policy relative to the restoration of opencast coal sites and the current position with regard to restoration of individual sites in the area.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004 (Item 6, Page 3027, 99/03)

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2003 - 31 March 2004.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer provided a verbal update on nominations which had been received following circulation of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local organisations for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives and/or Substitutes, as follows, viz:-

<u>Community Organisation</u>	<u>Community Representative</u>	<u>Substitute Community Representative</u>
Community Councils	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Older Peoples' Interest Groups	Mr William Lees	Mr Alex McCall
East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability	Mrs Jean Smith	To be confirmed
Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Sports Groups	Mr John Brady	No nomination
Local Churches	Mrs Margaret Whitelaw	Mr Ian Scade
Business Community	Mr John McBean	Mr David Mann
School Pupil	Miss Elaine McIlvenney	Miss Kirsten Liddell
Tenants' Groups	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Ethnic Minority Groups	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitute Community Representatives; and

- (iii) to continue consideration of the final community organisation sector representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 to the next meeting in the light of receipt of the outstanding nominations.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

#### **6.1 CATRINE VOES TRUST (Item 7, Page 2519, 99/03)**

There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Committee to consider matters relating to a Community Grant award made to the Catrine Voes Trust.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current proposals for the preparation and implementation of a Community Environmental Improvement Action Plan by the Planning and Building Control Division on behalf of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership which would cover a wide range of regeneration/improvement work within Catrine and the surrounding area over a number of years, including works associated with the Catrine Voes and Woodlands Local Nature Reserve;
- (ii) to formally agree to allow the Trust to utilise part of the outstanding community grant award to meet the cost of the Weir Feasibility Study and the Conservation Management Plan, i.e. £693.00 and £750.00, respectively, on the understanding that these items will contribute to the Action Plan; and
- (iii) to require the Trust to repay that part of the community grant award which had been allocated for the carrying out of works in the woodland area, i.e. a sum of £405.00.

#### **6.2 CATRINE, SORN AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (Item 3.2, Page 1923, 99/03)**

There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Committee to consider how to proceed in respect of community grant funding awarded to Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group in the light of the period of time which had passed since approval of the application.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to allow the Group a further period of time, until 30 June 2003, to have the work involved in reprinting of the Catrine Chronicle 1906-1908 carried out and the grant monies expended; and
- (ii) that the Group be advised that should they fail to meet the requirements of (i) above, a further report will be submitted to this Committee to enable consideration to be given to the possibility of requiring repayment of the grant award, or part thereof.

#### **6.3 SOUTH EAST AYRSHIRE DISABLED CLUB (Item 11(e)(iii), Page 2664, 99/03)**

There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the current

position with regard to a community grant approved for the South East Ayrshire Disabled Club for the current financial year; and sought the agreement of the Local Committee to issue the grant payment in this case.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that payment of the approved grant of £730.00 to the Club be now issued, conditional upon the Club agreeing to undertake a review of its accounting arrangements, assisted by Officers of the Council;
- (ii) to remit to the Officers concerned to make appropriate assistance available to the Club in undertaking the above-mentioned review; and
- (iii) that a report on progress with the review be included with the Officers' assessment to be submitted to this Committee at a future date on the Club's application for community grant funding for the 2003/2004 financial year.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **POLICE REPORT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends and Police activity within the local area over the recent period.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and additional information provided by Sergeant Jim Richmond at the meeting.

Arising from discussion, the Committee also noted comments by Sergeant Richmond that any concerns which individual Members of the Committee might have with regard to illegal or inappropriate car parking within local communities should be drawn to the attention of Officers at Cumnock Police Office in order that endeavours can be made for the Traffic Warden service to respond.

### **THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2002 (Item 11, Page 3055, 99/03)**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of new regulations to help Local Authorities deal more quickly with the nuisance of abandoned cars.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2002**

9. There were submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 4 December 2002.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT 2002/2003 (Item 5, Page 3027, 99/03)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the support and assistance which had been given by East Ayrshire Council to businesses operating in the area of the Local Committee during the financial year 2002/2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information provided in the report, in relation to the Council's priority of tackling unemployment; and
- (ii) that an update report providing similar information relative to the 2003/2004 year be submitted to this Committee in March/April 2004.

## **HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **TENANTS/RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS: OPERATING GRANTS**

#### **11.1 KEIR HARDIE HILL TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant by the Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association, Cumnock.

It was agreed that an annual operating grant of £100.00 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

#### **11.2 SAFE BARSHARE GROUP**

There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant by the Safe Barshare Group, Cumnock.

It was agreed that an annual operating grant of £100.00 be made to the Group, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

#### **11.3 UPPER BLARENE DRIVE AND ARDNITH AVENUE TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant by Upper Blarene Drive and Ardnith Avenue Tenants' and Residents' Association, New Cumnock.

It was agreed that an annual operating grant of £100.00 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

The meeting terminated at 1503 hours.