

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN AUCHINLECK COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives John McBean and William Lees; and Substitute Community Representatives Mr Kevin Dorman and Miss Lorna Phillips.

ATTENDING: Alan Patterson, Community Learning Officer (Educational and Social Services Department); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Paul Todd, Principal Officer, Environmental Health and Waste Management; Doreen Montgomery, Team Leader (Educational and Social Services Department); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight and Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives Mr William Crawford and Mrs Caroline McBride.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1404 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 14 September 2000 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

4.1 UPDATED LOCAL ISSUES FORWARD PLANNER

There was submitted and noted the updated Local Issues Forward Planner dated 30 October 2000 (circulated) which provided information on the local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to Local Committees.

4.2 NEW ISSUES

It was noted that no local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda were put forward at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 9 on the Agenda at this point.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which requested the nomination, in principle, of two Community Representatives onto a Community Representative Forum as part of the preparation for the next three year Strategic Plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the nomination of two representatives to attend the Community Representative Forum, be determined at the next meeting of the Community Representatives and notified to the Administrative Officer; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION

REVIEW OF DECISION MAKING IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (Item 18, Page 1293, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the consultation phase of the review of decision making structures and arrangements within the Council and which sought the Local Committee's views thereon.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that the groups represented on the Local Committee would submit any comments which they might have directly to the Department of Corporate Resources before 15 November 2000.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

8. The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the next Cumnock Area Community Forum would be held on Monday 13 November 2000 at 1900 hours in Ochiltree Community Centre, Main Street, Ochiltree; and that the Council item to be discussed at the Forum would be "Review of Council Decision Making Structures" and that the local item would be "Community Transport".

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 October 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period. The Chief Inspector also provided updated statistical information at the meeting.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by the Chief Inspector.

Councillor Eric Ross joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

STREET NAMING: CUMNOCK: DEVELOPMENT AT HOLMBURN ROAD

10. The Committee were asked to determine a name for a new private housing development located off Holmburn Road, Netherthird, Cumnock.

After discussion, and having heard the comments of Councillor Faulds, being the local Member concerned, who had consulted on this matter with the local Community Council, it was agreed that the new street be named Holmburn Close.

DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS TO OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS 2001/02: PROGRESS REPORT (Item 8, Page 1006, 99/02)

11. There was submitted a joint report dated 27 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on progress regarding the work remitted to Officers following the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 25 May 2000 and proposed a way forward for dealing with grants to Older People's Groups next financial year.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the arrangements for the disbursement of grants to older peoples groups at a special meeting, to be held on a date to be determined by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair, in the light of the submission of a further report by the Officers concerned setting out options for dealing with this matter.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT ON PILOT INITIATIVE AT MUIRKIRK

12. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on progress that had been made in relation to developing a Pilot Community Learning Plan in the Muirkirk area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the further development of the Community Learning Plan process; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

YOUTH OUTREACH PROPOSAL

13. There was submitted a joint report dated 18 October 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Educational and Social Services and of Corporate Resources which sought support for non-recurring funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to support an Outreach Youth Project in the Catrine area.

It was agreed to support the funding bid to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for £1,300 to deliver the Outreach Youth Project in Catrine.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.

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