

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors George Smith, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives: Mr Jack Campbell, Mr James Brown, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr John Brady and Mrs Margaret Campbell, and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Brian Broadley.

ATTENDING: Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager (Educational and Social Services); Andy Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly and Julie Faulds; and Community Representatives: Mr John McBean and Mr Ian McGregor.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair, in the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representative and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 12 September 2002.

LOCAL ISSUES

4.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 August 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the local issues raised, and where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

4.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

Following an invitation, it was noted that Community Representatives had not raised any local issues for inclusion on a future Agenda.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EXTENSION OF KERBSIDE WASTE RECYCLING SCHEME

5. The Local Committee received a presentation by Robert Robb, Recycling Officer, on the extension of the Council's Kerbside Waste Recycling Scheme in Mauchline, Lugar, Cumnock (part) and Ochiltree (part).

There then followed a discussion during which Robert Robb answered questions put by Members of the Committee.

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted and noted (a) a report dated 18 October 2002 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period within the local area; and (b) further updated information provided by the Chief Inspector at the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the Annual Reports on the New Community School Initiatives in East Ayrshire.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2002/2003: UNCOMMITTED MONIES (Item 9, page 2781, 99/03)

8. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of monies not yet committed under the Community Grants budget for the current financial year; drew attention to an application for Community Grant which had been received from a new organisation; and invited the Committee to consider how the remaining balance of the allocation should be expended.

The Administrative Officer also reported (a) with reference to the grant award of £500.00 approved by the Local Committee at their meeting on 13 June 2002 to Cumnock Community Council in order to assist in meeting the cost of a Christmas Pantomime, that the Community Council had now withdrawn this application and that, consequently, the total sum now remaining for disbursement for Community Grants was £5,562.41; (b) that a further application had been received from Muirkirk Toddlers Group, a new organisation; and (c) that a request had been received from Auchinleck Self Help Group for a top-up grant of £150.00 in respect of the purchase of office equipment.

It was agreed, namely:-

- (i) to note that Cumnock Community Council had withdrawn their application for Community Grant;
- (ii) that a grant of £500.00 be made to Catrine Environmental Group which was a newly formed organisation;
- (iii) in principle, that a grant of £300.00 be made to Muirkirk Toddlers Group, subject to a satisfactory assessment of this application by the appropriate Department of the Council, this matter to be dealt with in detail by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair;
- (iv) that supplementary grant awards be made to the undernoted organisations which had previously been awarded grant funding this year, as undernoted, the total expenditure in this regard being £4,762.41 (for ease of reference the total grant now awarded in each case is shown in brackets), viz:-
 - (a) Arts and Cultural
 - (i) Catrine Drama Group - £250.00 (£500.00);
 - (ii) Mauchline Arts and Crafts Group - £50.00 (£250.00);
 - (b) Community Associations
 - (i) Muirkirk Community Association - £500.00 (£1,000.00);
 - (c) Community Safety
 - (i) Safe Barshare - £200.00 (£800.00);
 - (ii) East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime - £250.00 (£750.00);
 - (d) Disability
 - (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club - £138.00 (£1,738.00);
 - (ii) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - £100.00 (£730.00);
 - (iii) Cumnock and District Blind Club - £350.00 (£1,850.00);
 - (iv) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - £100.00 (£1,100.00);
 - (e) Early Education and Childcare
 - (i) Mauchline Burns Bairns Under 5's Group - £100.00 (£350.00);
 - (ii) Jolly Tots Under 5's - £100.00 (£300.00);
 - (f) Ethnic Minorities
 - (i) Asian Cultural Group - £250.00 (£1,000.00);
 - (g) Leisure Activities
 - (i) Catrine Angling Club - £200.00 (£600.00);
 - (ii) Able Activities - £200.00 (£600.00);
 - (iii) Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society - £25.00 (£175.00);
 - (iv) Cumnock and District Round Table - £500.00 - (£2,080.00);

- (h) Older People
 - (i) Muirkirk and District Elderly Forum - £150.00 (£200.00);
 - (ii) Cumnock Living Memory Group - £100.00 (£300.00);
- (i) Sport
 - (i) New Cumnock Amateur Boxing Club - £387.41 (£1,387.41);
 - (ii) Glenafton Boys Club - £112.00 (£612.00);
- (j) Women's Issues
 - (i) Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group - £150.00 (£550.00);
 - (ii) Muirkirk WRI - £50.00 - (£150.00);
- (k) Young People
 - (i) 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade - £100.00 (£500.00);
 - (ii) 1st Mauchline Scout Group - £100.00 (£500.00); and
 - (iii) Four Connections - £300.00 - (£2,300.00).
- (v) that the supplementary grant award to Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group, as referred to above, be made subject to confirmation that the purpose of the supplementary grant has not been funded from another source, and if so, the supplementary grant award be not made to this group and instead a supplementary grant of £150.00 to be made to Auchinleck Self Help Group, this matter to be dealt with in detail by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair; and
- (vi) to note that the Principal Administrative Officer would ensure that appropriate account is taken of views expressed by the Committee in relation to the need to emphasise to groups which are applying for Community Grant, of their responsibility to advise the Council of any funding which they subsequently receive from other sources in respect of the project concerned.

The meeting terminated at 1507 hours.