

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN OCHILTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Neil McGhee and Eric Ross; and Community Representatives: Mr James Brown, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr John McBean and Mrs Margaret Campbell; and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Ian Scade.

**ATTENDING:** Paddy Gray, Area Housing Manager; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Jim Gribben, Project Worker - Community Learning and Development; Colin McKee, Senior Planning Officer; Angie Bennett, Sports Development Manager; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police; and Colin Ormston and Rhona Disberry, AMEC Wind.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Kelly, William Crawford and Jimmy Carmichael.

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed that Items 2, 7 and 8 on the Agenda be considered at Items 8, 7 and 6, respectively, below.

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

2. 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**

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

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 11 September 2003 (circulated).

**LOCAL ISSUES****5.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 October 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.

## 5.2 NEW LOCAL ISSUES

It was agreed to request the Director of Community Services to submit a report to a future meeting to provide information on the provision of dog fouling bins.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

### MEETINGS OF CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period January to December 2004 and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period January to December 2004 as detailed in (ii) below;
- (ii) that venues for meetings of the Committee during the period in question be as follows, namely:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Thursday 29 January 2004	Auchinleck Community Centre
Thursday 25 March 2004	Catrine Community Centre
Thursday 20 May 2004	Netherthird Community Wing
Thursday 9 September 2004	New Cumnock Community Centre
Thursday 4 November 2004	Mauchline Community Centre

- (iii) that, in future, consideration be given to using the former Council Chambers at Cumnock Town Hall, as a possible venue for meetings of the Local Committee.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### GRANTS AWARDED BY EAST AYRSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL (Item 11(xi), Page 169, 03/07)

7. There was submitted for information and noted, a statement which provided information on grants awarded by East Ayrshire Sports Council during the financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and so far during the 2003/2004 year.

## POLICE REPORT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 October 2003 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of crime trends and Police activity within the local area over the recent period.

The Chief Inspector also advised that Divisional Commander Corrigan would be visiting East Ayrshire on Friday 14 November 2003 and that he would be pleased to

have the opportunity of meeting with representatives of the local community at that time, including Elected Members and Community Representatives serving on this Local Committee; and it was noted that any Elected Member or Community Representatives with an interest in meeting with the Divisional Commander would advise the Chief Inspector either directly or through the Administrative Officer in order that the appropriate arrangements might be made.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **AMEC WIND: KYLE FOREST WIND FARM PROPOSAL**

#### **9.1 Participation of Elected Members**

The Committee noted comments by the Administrative Officer prior to the presentation, referring to a letter dated 29 October 2003 sent to all Elected Members serving on the Local Committee by the Solicitor to the Council, which set out the position with regard to the participation of Elected Members in any discussion arising from the presentation in view of the possibility of the proposal being the subject of a planning application which the Council may be requested to take a view on.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at this point.

#### **9.2 Presentation**

The Committee received a presentation from Colin Ormston, accompanied by Rhona Disberry, both of AMEC Wind, on that company's Kyle Forest Wind Farm proposal.

Mr Ormston responded to a question put by a Community Representative.

The Chair thanked Colin Ormston and Rhona Disberry for the presentation.

Councillor Smith rejoined the meeting at this point.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

#### **10.1 RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION (STEWARTON)**

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that a sum of £550.62 had been reimbursed to the Local Committee by the Riding for the Disabled Association (Stewarton) in respect of grant monies awarded but not expended; and that, accordingly, the balance of funds now remaining to the Local Committee for Community Grants for the current financial year was £1,205.41.

#### **10.2 CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH FORUM**

There was submitted an assessment report (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on an application for Community Grant funding from Cumnock and Doon Valley Mental Health Forum.

It was agreed that this application be refused since the application was neither from a newly formed organisation, nor was it of an urgent nature, being the criteria which the Committee had previously agreed would be applied in respect of the determination of applications which sought funding from the balance of the allocation available for Community Grants for the current financial year.

### **10.3 CATRINE, SORN AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (Item 7.4, Page 255, 03/07)**

The Committee continued consideration from the last meeting of a request from Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group for approval to an amended proposal to be carried out in respect of part of the Community Grant award made to this organisation in June 2000, and to be allowed an additional period of time within which to complete the project.

In this connection, the Chair advised that the Officers concerned were still in the process of endeavouring to obtain information on this application, in accordance with the finding of this Committee on 11 September 2003.

It was agreed to further continue consideration of this matter at the next Meeting.

### **10.4 GLENAFTON ATHLETIC BOYS CLUB (92's)**

There was submitted an assessment report (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for Community Grant funding from Glenafton Athletic Boys Club (92's).

It was agreed:-

- (i) that this application was urgent in nature; and
- (ii) that a grant award of £297.00 be made in respect of this application, subject to the Group (i) entering into discussions with the Community Recreation Manager on the possibility of making use of Droangan Games Hall for training purposes over the winter period, this matter to be dealt with in the light of the outcome of such discussions by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chair; and (ii) arrange to change the name of their bank account to Glenafton Athletic Boys Club (92's) rather than Glenafton Athletic Boys Club in order to avoid confusion with any of the other Glenafton Athletic Boys Clubs.

### **10.5 TIMESCALES FOR PROCESSING OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS (Item 11(x), Page 169, 03/07)**

There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which presented for approval, timescales to be applied in respect of the processing of applications for Community Grants during the next and subsequent financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, in future, the nominal closing date for the submission of Community Grant applications from local organisations be 14 February each year;
- (ii) that potential applicants be made aware that grant awards in respect of late applications will be considered in extenuating circumstances only; and
- (iii) to approve the timescales for the processing of Community Grants for the next and future financial years as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.

## **CORPORATE RESOURCES**

### **11.1 PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF ROBBIESLAND DRIVE, HOLMHEAD, CUMNOCK**

There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for a proposed new street to be created by a private housing development located off Robbiesland Drive, Holmhead, Cumnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the new street be named either "Sullivan's Way" or "Sullivan Way" and that Rev Matthew Sullivan be consulted as to his preference; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services be advised of the outcome.

### **11.2 PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF HIGHFIELD PLACE, OCHILTREE**

There was submitted a report dated 22 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for a proposed new street to be created by a private housing development located off Highfield Place, Ochiltree.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the new street be named "Knowe View"; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **FORMER CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY INITIATIVE FUNDS (Item 7, Page 4268, 96/99)**

12. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services to update Members on the progress of the environmental improvement projects funded from the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds and which sought Committee approval for the allocation of the balance of the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds which were transferred to East Ayrshire Council's Development Services Account.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made with the environmental improvement projects funded from the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds, as detailed in Section 3 of the report; and
- (ii) to approve, in respect of this Committee's interests, the allocation of the balance of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds, being a total of £49,257.06, as follows, namely:-
  - Restoring Communities Programme for upgrading/improvement at Well Road Park, Auchinleck (contribution - £10,000);
  - environmental improvement of site of former Social Work Offices at Aird Avenue, Auchinleck (£10,000);

- upgrading of existing site between Tanyard and Lugar Bridge/creation of feature site entrance to Lugar Street, Cumnock (£10,000), subject to further consultation between the Director of Development Services and the Chair of this Committee and Councillors Ross and Crawford, on the detailed nature of the works to be carried out, a further report to be submitted to this Committee, if necessary, in light of the outcome of those consultations; and
- the use of the remainder of the balance (£19,257.06) to be determined by the Doon Valley Local Committee.

### **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, AUCHINLECK: HMI REPORT**

- 13.** Arising from discussion, it was agreed to request the Director of Educational and Social Services:
- (i) to submit a report to a future Meeting of this Committee on the HMI Report on St Patrick's Primary School, Auchinleck; and
  - (ii) to report to this Committee on HMI Reports which may be produced in future relating to schools within the Cumnock Area.

### **HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

#### **OCHILTREE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION: REQUEST FOR GRANT 2003/2004**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for a start-up and an annual operating grant for 2003/2004 by Ochiltree Residents Association.

It was agreed that a start-up grant of £150.00 and an annual operating grant of £100.00 be made to Ochiltree Residents Association in respect of the 2003/2004 financial year, the cost to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

The meeting terminated at 1542 hours.