

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives: Mr Jack Campbell, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr John Brady, Mrs Margaret Campbell and Mr Ian McGregor; and Substitute Community Representative Mr Iain Clark.

ATTENDING: John Bryson, Area Roads Engineer; Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager; Sandra Marshall, Project Development Officer; Neil Bell, Senior Roads Engineer; David Wotherspoon, Team Leader - Support to Communities; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly and Julie Faulds; and Community Representatives Mr James Brown and Mr John McBean.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE: "CAMERAS CUT CRASHES"

1. The Committee viewed and noted a video presentation on road safety entitled "Cameras Cut Crashes" which was commissioned by Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership.

Provost Boyd and Councillor Ross joined the meeting during the video presentation.

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

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1415 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1416 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 7 November 2002.

4.1 **Matter Arising**

Community Grants 2002/2003: Uncommitted Monies (Item 8(v), Page 2900, 99/03)

The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the Auchinleck Ladies Friendship Group had confirmed that they had no requirement for supplementary grant funding and, accordingly, that a supplementary grant award of £150.00 had been made to Auchinleck Self Help Group.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW LOCAL ISSUES

5. Community Representatives were invited to raise any local issues of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed that an update report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee on East Ayrshire Council's business support/economic development activities within the Cumnock Area.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2003/2004

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation on this Committee as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that community organisation representation on this Committee for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 be drawn from the following organisational sectors, this matter to be considered further at the next meeting in the light of nominations received, namely:-
 - Community Councils (2 nominations to be invited);
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability;
 - Older People's Interest Groups;
 - Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation);
 - Business Community;
 - Local Churches;
 - Tenants' Groups;
 - Sports Groups;
 - School Pupils; and
 - Ethnic Minority Groups;

- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations to serve during the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004, and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process; and
- (iv) that a report on progress relative to (iii) above be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

7. It was (a) reported and noted that the Council's Meetings Calendar for the period until 8 May 2003 had been approved, which included for a meeting of this Local Committee to take place on Thursday 27 March 2003; and (b) agreed that that meeting be held in Muirkirk Community Wing, Burns Avenue, Muirkirk, in accordance with the pattern of venues for meetings of the Local Committee as previously agreed.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2002/2003: LADIES WEDNESDAY GROUP (Item 11(i)(iv), Page 2665, 99/03)

8. The Members were reminded that this Committee on 13 June 2002 had agreed to make a Community Grant award of £165.00 to the Ladies Wednesday Group, Cumnock, in order to assist in meeting the cost of an outing for group members in September of last year.

In this connection it was (a) reported that the group had achieved a substantial saving on transport costs relating to the trip through use of the Coalfield Community Transport bus, such that a balance of £62.00 remained from the grant award and had requested that they be allowed to utilise this sum in order to assist in meeting the cost of a proposed trip for members in the early Spring of this year to Gretna Market; (b) confirmed that the Group's latest proposal accords with the purpose and aims of the original grant application; and (c) recommended that the Committee accede to this request since this would off-set any application which the Group may submit to the Committee for grant funding for the trip to Gretna Market for the 2003/2004 financial year.

It was agreed to accede to this request.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

9. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 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, namely:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and further information provided by the Chief Inspector at the meeting; and
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, on behalf of the Local Committee, write to Strathclyde Police, advising of this Committee's

recognition of the value of, and support for, the work carried out by the Traffic Warden in Cumnock; and requesting that consideration be given to the possibility of additional support being made available to enable the Warden(s) to visit the other communities within the local area.

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this point.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

STREET NAMING

10.1 CATRINE: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF MAUCHLINE ROAD

There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to homologate action taken by Officers of the Council in connection with the naming of streets at a new housing development located off Mauchline Road, Catrine, and to re-determine the street names accordingly.

In this connection, the Assistant Administration Manager advised of correspondence from the Director of Homes and Technical Services which offered an apology in respect of the error which had occurred within his Department and had resulted in the incorrect street names being allocated within this development; and indicated that the Department had reviewed its procedures to prevent a similar error occurring in future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the correspondence from the Director of Homes and Technical Services;
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services advise the Chair and the Local Member of the nature of the revised procedures which have been implemented;
- (iii) that, in future, upon determination of a street name by this Local Committee, the Administration Manager to ensure as a matter of routine process that both the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Head of Planning and Building Control are notified of the decision in respect of their Departments' interests; and
- (iv) to homologate the naming of the three streets within this development as follows, namely:-
 - Street 1 - "Ballochmyle View";
 - Street 2 - "Burn O'Need Way"; and
 - Street 3 - "Burnpark".

10.2 AUCHINLECK: DEVELOPMENT AT MAIN STREET

The Committee were invited to determine a street name for a new private housing development located off Main Street, Auchinleck.

It was agreed, as jointly recommended by the Local Member and Auchinleck Community Council, that this development be named "Railway Court".

10.3 CUMNOCK: DEVELOPMENT OFF GLAISNOCK ROAD

The Committee were invited to determine a street name for a new private housing development located off Glaisnock Road, Cumnock.

It was agreed, as jointly recommended by the Local Member and Cumnock Landward Community Council, that this development be named "Glaisnock View".

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 2003/2004

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised of the 2003/2004 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2003/2004 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) that the Area Roads Engineer would arrange for appropriate consideration to be given to a possible alteration to the footway schemes included within the "highly desirable" and "desirable" categories relating to works in Ochiltree, as suggested by Community Representative Iain Clark; and subject to this, to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

FUNDING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME BASED IN KILMARNOCK

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the work undertaken to implement the funding of a Feasibility Study for a Shopmobility Scheme based in Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Elected Members and Community Representatives with a personal interest in Shopmobility, or who would wish to act on behalf of any individual, were invited to contact Officers for further information; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Ross left the meeting at this point.

AUCHINLECK, SORN ROAD: TRAFFIC CALMING

13. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of proposals for the provision of traffic calming on Sorn Road, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the implementation of traffic calming on Sorn Road, Auchinleck, as described in the report; and
- (ii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation take cognisance of comments by Provost Boyd regarding possible extension of the existing off-road parking facility at Sorn Road, Auchinleck, in light of future monitoring of the operation of the proposed traffic calming.

Councillor Ross rejoined the meeting at this point.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

2003 ANNUAL REVIEW OF “INSPIRING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE”

14. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the annual review of “Inspiring Children and Young People”, East Ayrshire Council’s Children and Young Person’s Service Plan, and sought comment from the Local Committee which might inform the process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Members of the Local Committee were invited to offer comments and suggestions which would help shape the implementation of “Inspiring Children and Young People” and that these could be submitted on the “Consultation Questionnaire” circulated at the meeting, no later than Friday 28 February 2003;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report; and
- (iii) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on the outcome of the consultation process currently being undertaken and on the outcome of the Council’s Annual Youth Conference.

The meeting terminated at 1519 hours.