

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2001 AT 1400 HOURS
IN NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives Mr James Brown, Mr William Lees, Mr Kevin Dorman and Mrs Caroline McBride; and Substitute Community Representative Miss Lorna Phillips.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Patrick Gray, Assistant Area Manager (Homes); John Butler and Steven Sheach, Service Officers (Educational and Social Services); Doreen Montgomery, Team Leader, Community Care; Mike Rooney, Team Leader, Environmental Health; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors George Smith, Jimmy Kelly and Eric Ross; and Community Representative Mr William Crawford.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair agreed that an additional item of business be dealt with following the Adjournment of Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. 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

3. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

ADDITIONAL ITEM: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE UPDATE

4. The Director of Community Services provided, and there was noted, a verbal report on the current position with regard to the current outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Provost Jimmy Boyd and Community Representative Caroline McBride joined the meeting during the above item.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meetings of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 24 January 2001 and 1 February 2001 (circulated).

5.1 MATTERS ARISING

5.1.1 In connection with the Item: Operation Spotlight (Item 8, Page 1517, 99/02) the Administrative Officer reported, and there was noted, the terms of a response from the Solicitor to the Council on the matter raised by the Committee regarding the time for which some offenders are held in custody before being released on bail.

LOCAL ISSUES

6.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on the local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

6.2 NEW ISSUES

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

DECENTRALISATION

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 7, Page 1516, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a report dated 23 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the position in respect of the nominations of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by local organisations:-
 - (a) Community Councils - Mr William Crawford (Chair, Cumnock Community Council); and Mr Ronnie Hamilton (Chair, Lugar and Logan Community Council); and Substitutes - Mr John Wilson (Vice-Chair, Lugar and Logan Community Council); and Mr James Hastie (Member, New Cumnock Community Council);
 - (b) Elderly Persons Interest Groups - Mr William Lees (Member, New Cumnock Age Concern); and Substitute - Mr Alex McCall (Chairperson, Age Concern, Cumnock);
 - (c) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Mr Kevin Dorman (Secretary of the Forum); and Substitute - Ms Christine Notman (Member of the Forum);
 - (d) Youth Forum - Mr Richard Brown (Member, Youth Forum);
 - (e) Sports Groups - Mr John Rae (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council); and Substitute - Mrs Marilyn Ferguson (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council);
 - (f) Local Churches - Reverend Jason Boyd (Minister, Congregational Church, Cumnock);

- (g) Business Community - Mr John McBean (General Manager, J Wilson & Son (Coylton), Dalleagles, New Cumnock); and Substitute - Liliias Dunlop (Shire Housing Association Ltd., Netherthird);
- (h) Tenants Groups - Mrs Margaret Campbell (Member, Safe Barshare); and Substitute - Mrs Caroline McBride (Member, McClymont Court Tenants Association); and
- (i) School Pupil - Lorna Phillips (Cumnock Academy);
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which have not submitted nominations for Substitute Representatives; and
- (iii) 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 Substitute Community Representatives.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

Arising from discussion, it was agreed to request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with Chief Inspector McKnight, to arrange for the Local Committee to inspect the CCTV system installed at a location within the Cumnock Area.

CONTROL OF DOG FOULING (Item 15, Page 2962, 96/99)

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on measures available to the Council for dealing with dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services determine the area within the Cumnock Area at which dog fouling control measures are to be directed on the basis of complaints received by, and other information available to, his Department; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HOME COMPOSTERS (Item 5.2, Page 1515, 99/02)

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Council's recycling and composting plans.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DRAFT CHILD AND YOUNG PERSONS CHARTER OF RIGHTS

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the history and development of East Ayrshire

Council's Draft Child and Young Person's Charter of Rights, upon which the Committee's views were sought as an essential part of the community consultation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that copies of the draft Child and Young Person's Charter of Rights be provided to YIPworld.com and Lorna Phillips, School Pupil Representative on the Local Committee with a request that these be made available to young people in the local community.

A FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCOTLAND: PROGRESS REPORT ON JOINT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES (Item 15, Page 4105, 96/99)

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the progress made in implementing the Mental Health Strategy for Adults and the Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Difficulties, both covering the period 1999/2004.

EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004

13. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the contents of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 and overall strategic direction of Community Care Services in the next three years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the strategic direction of the plan as being relevant to the needs of service users and carers in the local area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR GRANTS

14.1 KEIR HARDIE HILL TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

There was submitted a report dated 26 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant by Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association.

It was agreed that a grant of £100.00 be made to Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

14.2 SAFE BARSHARE

There was submitted a report dated 26 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant by Safe Barshare.

It was agreed that a grant of £100.00 be made to Safe Barshare, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

**LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME - ALLOCATION FOR 2001/2002 AND
SETTING PRIORITIES**

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the grant allocation for 2001/2002; the grant spend for the last two financial years; and which provided the Committee with an opportunity of setting local priorities for grant funding within their area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the community grant allocation for the Committee for 2001/2002 was £51,709.00;
- (ii) to continue consideration of the setting of local priorities for 2001/2002 to the Special Meeting of this Committee to be held as soon as possible following commencement of the new financial year for the purpose of considering grant applications for that year; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.