

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2002 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN AUCHINLECK COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson and Provost Jimmy Boyd; Community Representatives: Mr William Lees, Mr John McBean, Mrs Margaret Campbell, Mr Jack Campbell, Mr James Brown and Mr John Brady; and Substitute Community Representative: Mrs Jean Smith.

**ATTENDING:** Catriona Morrison, Access Officer; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Andrew Scott-Martin, Dean Castle Country Park Manager; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Representing Strathclyde Police: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representative Mr Kevin Dorman.

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The Chair, as his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 4 on the Agenda at this point.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2002/2003  
(Item 6, Page 2341, 99/02)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

In this connection, the Administrative Officer provided a verbal update on nominations which had been received following circulation of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the undernoted nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes made by the local organisations:-
  - (a) Community Councils - Mr Jack Campbell (Secretary, Cumnock Community Council); and Mr James Brown (Member, Ochiltree Community Council); and Substitutes - Mr Brian Broadley (Member, Lugar and Logan Community Council); and Mr Iain Clark (Secretary, Ochiltree Community Council);

- (b) Older Peoples' Interest Groups - Mr William Lees (Secretary, 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 - Mrs Jean Smith (Member of the Forum);
  - (d) Sports Groups - Mr John Brady (Member, Executive Committee of East Ayrshire Sports Council);
  - (e) Local Churches - Mrs Mary Rankin (Elder, Lugar and Logan Parish Church)/Mrs Margaret Whitelaw (Elder, Ochiltree Parish Church) (designation of Community Representative and Substitute still to be determined);
  - (f) Business Community - Mr John McBean (General Manager, J Wilson & Son (Coylton), Dalleagles, New Cumnock); and
  - (g) Tenants' Groups - Mrs Margaret Campbell (Secretary, Safe Barshare);
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted nominations for Community Representatives/Substitutes; 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 Community Representatives/Substitutes.

The Chair then formally welcomed the new Community Representatives and Substitutes to the meeting.

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

- 3. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

### **RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

- 4. The meeting reconvened at 1409 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

### **MINUTES**

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

- 5. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 31 January 2002 (circulated).

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

#### **6.1 LOCAL ISSUES**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 March 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.

## 6.2 NEW ISSUES

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

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

#### CATRINE VOES TRUST (Item 15, Page 2345, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Committee to consider a request from Catrine Voes Trust to utilise part of a Community Grant awarded during the 2001/2002 financial year, for a purpose other than that which was originally approved.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Trust had expended a sum of approximately £150.00 in respect of general administration costs;
- (ii) to allow the Trust to utilise the balance of the grant award of up to £2,000 towards meeting the cost of their current proposal as set out in Paragraph 3.3 of the report (Weir Study - £693.25; Conservation Management Plan - £750.00; Works in Woodland Area - £405.25) subject (a) to the Trust putting in place a confirmed funding package for the revised proposal and to expenditure being committed before 11 April 2003; (b) to the involvement of the Council's Planning and Dean Castle Country Park Sections in the implementation of the revised Conservation Management Plan as indicated in the report; and (c) to the Trust updating their membership details; and
- (iii) subject to (ii) above, to allow the Trust to now expend the sum of £750.00 in meeting the balance of the cost of the Conservation Management Plan.

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME: ALLOCATION FOR 2002/2003 (Item 11, Page 2404, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised (i) of the grant allocation for 2002/2003; and (ii) of the grant spend for the last two financial years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Community Grant allocation for the Local Committee for 2002/2003 is £53,463; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to note that the Chief Inspector would include in the next report to Committee, information on funding which may be available locally through Strathclyde Police for Community Safety projects.

**RIGHTS OF WAY AND OUTDOOR ACCESS IN EAST AYRSHIRE  
(Item 4.2, Page 2341, 99/02)**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 19 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised on Rights of Way in East Ayrshire and Outdoor Access as it relates to the draft Land Reform Bill.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the action taken so far, as indicated in the report;
- (ii) to note that the role of the East Ayrshire Outdoor Access Forum would be to consult with, and involve, Community Councils and local groups in the development of access throughout East Ayrshire; and that the Director of Community Services would also arrange for appropriate literature to be forwarded to these organisations when available; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**CORPORATE RESOURCES**

**STREET NAMING**

**11.1 AUCHINLECK: DEVELOPMENT AT BARONY ROAD**

There was submitted a report dated 18 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for one street within a new housing development at Barony Road, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street concerned be named Highhouse View; and
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

**11.2 MAUCLINE: DEVELOPMENT OFF HORWOOD PLACE**

There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for one street within a new housing development located off Horwood Place, Mauchline.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street concerned be named Curling Stone Place; and
- (ii) that the Department of Homes and Technical Services be advised accordingly.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL PLAN: 1999/2002 - A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC AND  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT IN THE CUMNOCK AREA**

**(Item 4.1, Page 2049, 99/02)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the support and assistance which had been given through the Council to businesses operating in the area of the Local Committee, within the context of the Council Plan 1999/2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information provided in the report, particularly in relation to the Council's priority of tackling unemployment; and
- (ii) that John Spooner, Business Development Manager, would arrange to provide to Community Representative John McBean, information indicating the rate of unemployment within East Ayrshire as compared to other Scottish Local Authorities.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

13. The Chair extended best wishes to John Spooner on his recent appointment as Chief Executive of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry and wished him well in his new position.

The meeting terminated at 1444 hours.

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