

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives: Mr William Lees, Mr John Brady, Mr John McBean, Mr Ian McGregor and Mrs Jean Smith; and Substitute Community Representative: Mr Brian Broadley.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Patrick Gray, Area Housing Manager; John Bryson, Area Roads Engineer; Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer (Roads); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Roads); Helen Sinclair, Service Officer - Development (Corporate Resources); Alan Patterson, Team Leader - Support to Communities; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight and Inspector Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jimmy Kelly; and Mr James Brown, Community Representative and Mr Iain Clark, Substitute Community Representative.

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

**PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION****1.1 COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' PRE-MEETINGS**

The Administrative Officer reported on the position with regard to a matter raised during the question and answer session held during the last Local Committee meeting in connection with Community Council representation at Community Representatives' Pre-Meetings, and this was noted.

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

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours to allow for a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives 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 13 June 2002, subject to the following amendment, namely:- Item 11(v) - Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association: the approved grant is £411, rather than £511.

**3.1 Matters Arising: Application for Community Grant - Cairnhill Community House Management Committee (Item 11(vi),(m)(i))**

The Team Leader - Support to Communities reported on the outcome of a consultation meeting held with the Cairnhill Community House Management Committee further to the decision of the Local Committee at the last meeting relative to the application for community grant submitted by this organisation.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of £3,500 be now paid in respect of this application; and that the Management Committee be advised that the Local Committee is not prepared to give consideration to making grant assistance available in future years for the purpose of assisting in meeting the cost of wages.

### 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.

### DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

#### RESIGNATION/NOMINATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

5. It was reported that Mr Kevin Dorman, who had been appointed to serve on the Local Committee as a Community Representative by the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability, had intimated his resignation; and that the Forum had now nominated Mrs Jean Smith, to serve as their Community Representative.

It was agreed to note the resignation of Mr Dorman and to accept the nomination of Mrs Jean Smith as the new Community Representative.

### VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

6. It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee would be held on Thursday 7 November 2002 in New Cumnock Community Centre, The Castle, New Cumnock; and that following approval of the Meetings Calendar at the Council Meeting in December 2002, a further report would be submitted giving details of dates and requesting approval of venues up until early Summer 2003.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

7. The Local Committee received a presentation from Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on Community Planning.

The Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources then answered questions put by Members of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources for what had been a most interesting and informative presentation.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2001/2002: 1ST MAUCLINE SCOUT GROUP (Item 3.4 (ix), (r), (xiv), Page 1829, 99/03)**

8. The Members were reminded that this Committee on 20 June 2001 had agreed to make a grant award of £1,250 to the 1st Mauchline Scout Group in order to assist in meeting the cost of fencing off an area of land to be gifted to the Scout Group for the construction of a new Scout Hall.

In this connection, it was (a) confirmed that the Conditions of Grant specified that the grant monies should be expended within a period of 12 months from the date of approval; and (b) reported that the Secretary to the Scout Group had indicated that due to circumstances outwith the control of the Group relating to the legal transfer of the land in question to the Group, the grant monies had not yet been expended and had requested that a further period of 12 months be allowed for the appropriate works to be carried out and the grant monies expended.

It was agreed to accede to this request.

#### **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2002/2003: UNCOMMITTED MONIES (Item 11, Page 2662, 99/03)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of monies which had not been committed under the Community Grants budget for the current financial year; and invited the Committee to consider how the balance of the monies available should be expended.

(i) **Outstanding Applications**

It was agreed in respect of the undernoted applications, as follows, namely:-

- (a) Mauchline Community Association - to note the Association's intention to make application for grant funding for the purpose of this application from Awards for All;
- (b) Cumnock Landward Community Association - to note the Association's intention to make application for grant funding for the purpose of this application from Awards for All;
- (c) Jolly Tots Under Fives - to note that this Group do not intend to proceed with the purpose of the application at this time; and

- (d) New Cumnock Baptist Church Youth Club - that this application be regarded as having lapsed.

(ii) **Reconsideration of Decision**

Having regard to the terms of Standing Order 40, it was unanimously agreed to reconsider setting aside part of the financial allocation available to the Committee for community grants for the current financial year to deal with further applications which might be received during the year.

(iii) **Future Applications**

It was agreed, namely:-

- (a) that a grant of £1,050.00 be made in respect of the application submitted by F.C. Kilmarnock Ladies; and
- (b) that the remaining balance of the allocation, being £5,062.41 be set aside in order to enable any further applications which might be received during the year from new organisations to be dealt with, a report by the Officers concerned on any such applications received to be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee in order that further consideration might be given to disbursement of the balance of funds available for community grants for the current financial year.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 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 ensure that all appropriate local organisations are aware of the opportunity to bid for funding from the Divisional Partnership Fund.

Councillor Faulds left the meeting at this point.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM (Item 9, Page 2050, 99/03)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought nomination of a Community Representative and, if necessary, a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mr William Lees as this Committee's Representative to serve on the Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) that the Community Representatives would consider and determine the nomination of a Substitute Representative, at their next Community

Representatives' Pre-Meeting, and advise the Administrative Officer accordingly.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES: EDGAR AVENUE, BARRHILL ROAD AND CRAIGENS ROAD, CUMNOCK (Item 12, Page 2283, 99/03)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of proposals for the provision of traffic calming and pedestrian facilities on Edgar Avenue, Barrhill Road and Craigens Road, Cumnock.

It was agreed to support the implementation of traffic calming and pedestrian facilities on Edgar Avenue, Barrhill Road and Craigens Road, Cumnock, as described in the report.

#### **TIMBER TRANSPORT (Item 14, Page 2560, 99/03)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of developments in relation to timber transport in Ayrshire and in particular the workings of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group; and invited the Committee to comment on the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map for Timber Haulage, which had been circulated with the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group and national groups to minimise the impact of increased timber transport on the road network;
- (ii) that Members of the Committee would, on an individual basis and if they so wished, submit comments on the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map for Timber Haulage, directly to the Head of Roads and Transportation no later than 15 October 2002; and
- (iii) to note that the Area Roads Manager would ensure that arrangements had been put in place to ensure that the local Police were appropriately consulted on the issues highlighted in the report.

### **HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

#### **VOID MANAGEMENT: NEW CUMNOCK (Item 6.2, Page 2661,99/03)**

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the Council's future policy in relation to vacant houses in New Cumnock.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.