

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN OCHILTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Julie Faulds and Provost Jimmy Boyd; Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Mr Ronnie Hamilton, Mr Kevin Dorman, Mr William Lees, Mr John McBean; and Substitute Community Representative Mr James Hastie.

ATTENDING: Ron Murray, Environmental Health Officer (Community Services); Matthew Lowther, Health Development Manager (Community Services); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Jim Clark, Senior Project Planning Officer (Homes and Technical Services); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson and George Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

1. 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

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

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meetings of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 20 June and 13 September 2001 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

4.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided information on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to the Local Committee.

4.2 NEW ISSUES

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

It was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on the Scottish Executive's response to the Council's representations to the Executive strongly opposing the proposed disposal, at Garlaff Landfill Site, Cumnock, of ash resulting from the incineration of sheep and cattle during the foot and mouth disease outbreak.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: REVEREND JASON BOYD

5. It was reported that Reverend Jason Boyd, who had been appointed to serve on the Local Committee as Community Representative for the Local Churches, had intimated his resignation, due to other commitments; and that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources would be endeavouring to facilitate a new nomination from the Local Churches and would report on the outcome to a future meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report; and
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources ensure that Local Churches are aware that they have the opportunity to nominate a non clergy person as their Community Representative.

LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: PERIOD UNTIL 30 JUNE 2002

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 2001 (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 to 30 June 2002; 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 to 30 June 2002, as detailed in (ii) below; and
- (ii) that the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be held at the undernoted venues:-
 - (a) Thursday 31 January 2002 - Logan Community Wing;
 - (b) Thursday 11 April 2002 - Auchinleck Community Centre; and
 - (c) Thursday 23 May 2002 - Catrine Community Centre.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

7. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" and other activities and crime trends over the recent period.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report, together with additional information provided by the Chief Inspector at the meeting relating to a "Spotlight" on licensed

premises which would be taking place within the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area on Saturday 10 November 2001.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

8. The Committee received a presentation from Matthew Lowther, Health Development Manager, on the Community Health Improvement Project. The Manager indicated, amongst other things, that the Project had received funding for five years jointly from East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership and the New Opportunities Fund and would target 17 areas across East Ayrshire including Cumnock, New Cumnock, Muirkirk, Auchinleck, Catrine and Logan within the Local Committee's area.

The Chair thanked Matthew Lowther for his presentation which had been most interesting and informative.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

OPERATION OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL GARDEN MAINTENANCE SCHEME (Item 5.2, Page 1006, 99/02)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the detail and operation of East Ayrshire Council Garden Maintenance Scheme.

The meeting terminated at 1438 hours.

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