

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives Mr William Crawford, Mr Kevin Dorman, Mr John McBean, Mr William Lees, Mr James Brown; and Substitute Community Representatives Mr William Frew and Miss Lorna Phillips.

ATTENDING: John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Irene Hall, Assistant Area Housing Manager (Acting); John Spooner, Business Development Manager (Development Services); Alistair Wyper, Chief Engineer - Contracts (Development Services - Roads); Campbell Dempster, Engineer (Development Services - Roads); Gordon Bell, Head - Cumnock Academy; Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer (Community Services); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Resources); Paul Todd, Principal Officer - Environmental Health and Waste Management (Community Services); Sheila Beck, PSCO - Pre-Five Services (Educational and Social Services); Hugh Carswell, Support Services Manager (Educational and Social Services); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Councillor Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. 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

2. The meeting reconvened at 1414 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 9 November 2000 (circulated).

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CUMNOCK NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL (Item 7, Page 1381, 99/02 and Item 5, Page 1367, 99/02)

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the submission of the next phase of East Ayrshire's New Community School's bid for Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Educational and Social Services to submit a further report to this Committee in the light of the outcome of the bid; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

LOCAL ISSUES

5.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 January 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.

5.2 NEW ISSUES

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

It was agreed that reports be submitted to future meetings of this Committee on the following matters, namely:-

- (i) proposals by East Ayrshire Council to facilitate the sale of home composters to householders; and
- (ii) issues relating to the transportation of coal on the A76 route.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/2001: DISBURSEMENT OF REFUNDED MONIES (Item 2, Page 1491, 99/02)

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Committee to consider and determine how monies which had been refunded to the community grants budget for the 2000/2001 financial year should be expended.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a total sum of £1,992.17 was available for disbursement by the Committee as community grants for the 2000/2001 financial year;
- (ii) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purpose specified on the grant application form), as follows, namely:-
 - (a) Cumnock and Doon Valley Poverty Action Group - that this application be deferred in order to enable the Social Inclusion Team to liaise with the Group with a view to examining possible links with/to the activities of the Coalfield Communities Federation;

- (b) Cumnock Floral Art Club - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (c) Netherthird Community Dance Group - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (d) Bright Sparks Toddler Playscheme - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (e) Muirkirk Community Association (Gala Day 2000) - that a grant of £300 be made;
 - (f) Muirkirk Elderly Forum - that a grant of £200 be made and that the Social Inclusion Team be made aware of this application; and
- (iii) that the uncommitted balance of monies remaining being £742.17 be disbursed equally amongst each of the following nine Older People's Organisations which previously this year had been awarded nominal grants of £71.43 each, up to a total grant not exceeding the original recommended grant and accordingly the additional and total grant award to each organisation concerned being as indicated, namely:-
- Auchinleck Parish Church Seniors Section- £78.57 (total grant for year - £150);
 - Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Gents Club - £82.95 (£154.38);
 - Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Ladies Club - £82.95 (£154.38);
 - WRVS, Cumnock - £82.95 (£154.38);
 - Cumnock Landward Senior Citizens Club - £82.95 (£154.38);
 - The Cabin, Muirkirk - £82.95 (£154.38);
 - Warrick Court Tenants' Association, Cumnock - £82.95 (£154.38);
 - Senior Ladies Friday Club (Logan) - £82.95 (£154.38); and
 - Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' Association, Cumnock - £82.95 (£154.38).

DECENTRALISATION

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2001/2002

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (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 2001 to 31 March 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation on this Committee as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that the present community organisation representation on this Committee be continued for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, as follows:-
 - Community Councils (two representatives)
 - East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability
 - Business Community
 - Local Churches
 - Tenants' Groups

- Sports Groups
 - Older People's Interest Groups
 - School Pupils
 - Youth Forums;
- (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 2001 to 31 March 2002, and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process; and
- (iv) that report(s) on progress relative to (iii) above, be submitted to future meetings of this Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period, together with a supplementary report by the Chief Inspector dated 26 January 2001 (circulated) entitled "Performance Report: April - December 2000".

It was agreed (a) to note the reports and also further information provided verbally by the Chief Inspector at the meeting; and (b) that the Head of Administrative and Legal Services make representations on behalf of the Local Committee regarding concerns which the Committee have about the seemingly short period of time for which some offenders are held in custody before being released on bail, and report back to a future meeting.

CORPORATE RESOURCES

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME 1997 - PROGRAMME FOR SECOND REVIEW (Item 17, Page 1417, 99/02)

9. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the programme for the Second Review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme 1997.

It was agreed to note that the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 30 November 2000 had agreed to undertake a second review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, in consultation with Community Councils, Local Members and the public.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 2001/2002 (Item 5, Page 1455, 99/02)

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the roads and footways structural maintenance programmes 2001/2002 for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development

Services Committee; and which sought approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or “desirable” options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2001/2002 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) 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.

**A REVIEW OF BUSINESS SUPPORT IN THE CUMNOCK AREA: 1996-2000
(Item 6, Page 1235, 99/02)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the support and assistance which had been given through East Ayrshire Council to businesses operating in the Cumnock Area during the period from the formation of East Ayrshire Council in April 1996 until the present day.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services submit update reports to this Committee at six monthly intervals.

Provost Boyd and Community Representative Mr James Brown left the meeting at this point.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

**REQUEST FOR GRANT: UPPER BLARENE AND ARDNITH AVENUE TENANTS’
AND RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION, NEW CUMNOCK**

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant from the Upper Blarene and Ardnith Avenue Tenant’s and Residents’ Association, New Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that an annual operating grant of £100 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payment to be made.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

**REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE’S SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLEMENTATION
ARRANGEMENTS (Item 13, Page 1291, 99/02)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of the Council’s Review of Social Inclusion Implementation Arrangements.

Provost Boyd and Community Representative Mr James Brown re-joined the meeting at this point.

It was agreed to note the outcome of the review and the establishment of the new arrangements to secure Social Inclusion Initiatives throughout East Ayrshire.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.

AGENDA