

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1400 HOURS IN MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY WING, BURNS AVENUE, MUIRKIRK

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly and Provost Jimmy Boyd; and Community Representatives: Ronnie Hamilton, William Lees, John McBean, Margaret Campbell, Lorna Phillips and Substitute Community Representative: James Hastie.

ATTENDING: John Stokes, Assistant Area Housing Manager; Paul Todd, Principal Officer, Environmental Health and Waste Management; Stuart Norval, Senior Engineer, Roads; John Butler, Service Officer, Educational and Social Services; Alan Patterson, Team Leader - Support to Communities; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Julie Faulds and Eric Ross; and Community Representatives William Crawford and Kevin Dorman.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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 1407 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There were submitted, for information, and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 23 May 2001 (circulated).

LOCAL ISSUES

4.1 LOCAL ISSUES

There was submitted a report dated 27 August 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.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Development Services to provide a six monthly monitoring report on the regeneration of business within the Cumnock Area to a future meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

4.2 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.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

5. The Administrative Officer reported, and it was agreed, that the next meeting of the Local Committee be held on Thursday 8 November 2001 within Ochiltree Community Centre; and to further note that following approval of the Meetings Calendar at the Council Meeting on 25 October 2001, a further report would be submitted giving details of times, dates and to request approval for venues until June 2002.

STREET NAMING: LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested the Local Committee to consider arrangements for the involvement of the local community in the process of the determination of names for new streets within the Cumnock Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in principle, to involve the local Primary Schools in the street naming process; and
- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to implement appropriate arrangements as detailed in the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME

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7.1 DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS 2001/2002 (Item 3.4(ix), Page 1925, 99/02)

It was reported and noted that, in accordance with the decision of the Local Committee on 20 June 2001, the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources had determined that the grant awards approved in principle to the undernoted organisations be amended as follows, and that as a result the total expenditure committed on community grants within the Cumnock Area for the current financial year amounted to £51,959.00, being the allocation available to the Committee for this purpose, namely:-

| <u>ORGANISATION</u> | <u>AMOUNT OF GRANT APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE</u> | <u>AMENDED GRANT</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Catrine & District Visual Arts Group | £450.00 | £400.00 |
| Catrine Voes Trust | Maximum of £2,500.00 | Maximum of £2,000.00 |
| Asian Cultural Group | £1,250.00 | £1,200.00 |
| Cumnock Living Memory Group | £500.00 | £450.00 |
| Afton Lone Parents Group (Playscheme) | £500.00 | £434.04 |
| 1st Cumnock Company Boys Brigade | £800.00 | £500.00 |
| Ayrshire South Guide Association | £1,000.00 | £750.00 |

7.2 REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANT: CUMNOCK LUNCH CLUB (Item 4.2(vi), Page 4267, 96/99)

It was reported that the Cumnock Lunch Club, to which a community grant was awarded by this Committee during the 1998/99 financial year, had ceased to operate; and that the organiser of the Club had advised that the grant award had not been expended by the Club and had forwarded a remittance for the sum of £126.56 in reimbursement.

It was agreed to note the position in the meantime; and that consideration be given to the possible disbursement of this sum at a future meeting, when the position regarding the utilisation of grant awards made to local organisations this year will be clearer.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought the nomination of a Community Representative and a Substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Miss Lorna Phillips as Representative and Billy Lees as Substitute to serve on the Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL FROM GLENMUCKLOCH OPENCAST COAL SITE (Item 5, Page 1515, 99/02)

10.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Menzies, Chair, declared a non direct pecuniary interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or determination of the item.

10.2 Appointment of Chair

Councillor Menzies vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Smith, Vice-Chair, for this item of business.

10.3 Consideration of Item

There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of Scottish Coal's proposals for the transportation of coal from the Glenmuckloch Opencast Coal Site, north of Kirkconnell.

10.4 Re-appointment of Chair

Following determination of this item, Councillor Smith vacated the Chair in favour of Councillor Menzies.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001-2004 (Item 9, Page 1902, 99/02)

11. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the completion, content and implementation of East Ayrshire Council's second Children's Service Plan entitled "Inspiring Young People"; and which sought endorsement of the participation of Community Representatives in the Plan's review process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Local Committee's representation on the Community Representative Forum as part of the Plan's review process; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

PATRICK FINN COURT TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, CUMNOCK: REQUEST FOR GRANT

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for an annual operating grant by Patrick Finn Court Tenants and Residents Association, Cumnock.

It was agreed that an annual operating grant of £100.00 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account.

The meeting terminated at 1444 hours.

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