

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 5 FEBRUARY 2002

MATTERS RAISED UNDER THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	<u>MATTER RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>
1.	Burns Mall - Beryl Graham raised issue that there was a continuing problem of youths gathering presenting an intimidating atmosphere to shoppers, especially older people. Request for action to be taken.	The Administrative Officer would refer the request to Strathclyde Police and the Centre Manager, Burns Mall, to investigate the matter and respond direct to the respondent.
2.	Baird Place/Baird Road: Accumulation of Litter - Maureen Brown raised issue of accumulation of litter at Baird Place/Baird Road.	The Administrative Officer would refer the matter to the Director of Community Services and Director of Educational and Social Services to (i) effect a litter pick-up event; (ii) to raise the profile of litter awareness with school pupils from St Joseph's Academy; and (iii) Director of Community Services to respond direct to respondent.
3.	Request for Road Traffic Calming at Kennedy Drive - Maureen Brown raised issue of request for Road Traffic Calming at Kennedy Drive.	Administrative Officer to refer to Head of Roads and Transportation to investigate and respond direct to respondent.
4.	Public Access to Banks/Building Societies in Kilmarnock Town Centre - Maureen Brown suggested that with the likelihood of further Post Office closures, this would lead to increased use of existing Banks and Building Societies. Consequently, there was a need to improve public access arrangements for the disabled and for older people using these facilities in view of the poor access arrangements presently in force. It was further suggested that the closure of the Halifax Building Society at King Street should be reviewed, as this building was the most accessible of all the Banks and Building Societies.	The Administrative Officer would refer these comments to the Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative for response direct to the respondent.
5.	Notification of Refuse Uplift Arrangements during Christmas/New Year Holiday Period - Matt Donnelly raised the point and it was noted that arrangements were advertised in local newspapers.	Administrative Officer to refer request to the Director of Community Services if the relevant information could be issued to householders in leaflet format to notify of the 2002 arrangements.

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6.	Matt Donnelly raised the point that the car park at St Kentigern's Parish Church was in ownership of the Council and that it was in need of resurfacing. In addition, improved lighting of the car park was also requested.	Councillor McIntyre advised that he had already raised the issue of lighting with the Head of Roads and Transportation and a written response would be made to the respondent. In relation to the resurfacing issue, the Administrative Officer would pass this matter to the Head of Roads and Transportation (i) to clarify the costs involved; and (ii) the Area Housing Manager to make a response direct to the respondent.
7.	Play Park Equipment - Planning Consent - Matt Donnelly raised the issue that as a result of play park equipment being vandalised, it was suggested to review the need for a planning condition to provide the facility in any new housing release.	Administrative Officer would request the Head of Planning and Building Control to respond direct to respondent.
8.	Shopmobility - Dorothy McGowan - Update on progress	Requested the Head of Roads and Transportation to advise the respondent on convening the next meeting of the Shopmobility Steering Group in order to be updated on progress.
9.	Criminal Justice System - Sentencing Procedures - Matt Donnelly raised concerns about the inadequate sentences being made.	Superintendent Thomson advised that sentencing was a matter for individual Sheriff's consideration. The Scottish Executive through the Crown Office could issue guidance. In this respect, it was suggested that the respondent write directly to local MSP's to influence this matter.

7 February 2002
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AGENDA