

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2001

MATTERS RAISED UNDER THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<u>MATTER RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>
<p>Community Representative Maureen Brown made reference to the Council's proposals to introduce payment by cheque in respect of ex-gratia payments to tenants to assist with decoration costs, to replace the existing Tenants Decoration Voucher Scheme and made reference to difficulties that might occur for those individuals who do not have bank accounts.</p>	<p>Councillor McIntyre advised that the Council were aware of this issue and that mechanisms to overcome this difficulty would be put in place for example by enabling tenants to cash cheques at East Ayrshire Council Local Offices.</p>
<p>Community Representative Maureen Brown made reference to the ongoing problem of litter collecting in and around the grounds of St Joseph's Academy, Grassyards Road.</p>	<p>Councillor McIntyre advised that arrangements had been made with the appropriate Departments of the Council for litter picking to be carried out prior to grass cutting at the areas affected and, in addition, for litter picking to be undertaken from time to time when required.</p> <p>Agreed that the Administrative Officer pursue the matter with the Director of Educational and Social Services and Director of Community Services and arrange to respond directly to Mrs Brown.</p>
<p>Community Representative Matt Donnelly sought clarification of the position regarding the acquisition and redevelopment of various gap sites within Kilmarnock by a local contractor and enquired as to the locus of East Ayrshire Council in respect of the disposal of such sites.</p>	<p>Councillor McIntyre advised that transactions between private concerns for the disposal of development sites was a matter for the parties concerned and that East Ayrshire Council has no involvement in such transactions; and that it would be usual for the party which submits the highest bid to be successful in acquiring any particular site.</p>
<p>Community Representative Matt Donnelly enquired as to progress with regard to the proposal for the provision of security cameras at the homes of elderly/vulnerable people in the local area.</p>	<p>Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, advised that he had had some initial discussions with Officers from the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative and hoped to be in a position to make further progress over the Summer period and report further to a future meeting of the Local Committee.</p>

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Community Representative Beryl Graham advised that information meetings on the Community Learning Plan would be held on Tuesday 19 June 2001 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in Onthank Community Centre and on Thursday 21 June 2001 commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Onthank Community Centre, and all interested parties were welcome to attend.	Noted.
Community Representative Hugh Stirling sought information in respect of the possibility of subsidence affecting properties in Gillsburn Gardens and also at Dean Street.	<p>In respect of the Gillsburn Gardens location, Councillor John Weir advised that the Department of Homes and Technical Services were in the process of investigating this matter and that a formal report would be prepared and made available within the near future. Councillor Weir also advised that a survey of the properties in Gillsburn Gardens had previously been undertaken a number of years ago and at that time no problems were identified as a consequence of subsidence.</p> <p>With regard to the possible incidence of subsidence at Dean Street, it was agreed that this matter be referred to the appropriate Department of the Council for consideration and response to Mr Stirling.</p>
Community Representative Beryl Graham advised that the After School Care Group had secured grant funding which would alleviate the impact of the proposed charges on service users.	Noted.

31 May 2001

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AGENDA