

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

STREET NAMING - PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT LONGPARK, KILMARNOCK

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise the Local Committee of a street name for a new development at Longpark, Kilmarnock, and to request the Local Committee's view of the proposed street name for the street in question.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 4 June 1996, agreed that the name of streets be included within the remit of Local Committees.
- 2.2** Procedures to be adopted in respect of naming of streets involves notifying the Local Member and the local Community Council for suggestions, prior to consideration by the Local Committee.

3. CURRENT PROPOSALS

- 3.1** Due to the layout of the new housing development, Afton Avenue is split into 2 sections. The proposal is to stop-off Afton Avenue from Western Road as it abuts the new housing development, this section of road would continue to be known as Afton Avenue. The request is to name the remaining section of road affected by the new development.
- 3.2** Having consulted the Local Member, it is proposed to name this section of road as "James Johnston Place". James Johnston is associated with the parliamentary reformers in Kilmarnock. The suggestion by the Local Member is in line with the decision by the Kilmarnock North Local Committee on 19 September 2000, which agreed 4 street names for this development after parliamentary reformers in Kilmarnock.
- 3.3** In addition, the Community Council for the area concerned would have been the Dean Community Council. The current position is that it is not operating at present and a proposal to ensure the area is represented by a Community Council will be considered in due course by the Council.
- 3.4** A request was received on 30 May 2001 from the Department of Homes and Technical Services to allocate a street name for the development. Unfortunately, the next Local Committee would take place in mid-September 2001 and the new houses which form part of the housing development under construction in Longpark were being allocated by Cunninghame Housing Association by 8 June 2001.

3.5 Due to the timescales involved, a consultation exercise was undertaken with Community Representatives and Elected Members on 5 June 2001 by letter with the intention to submit a report on any comments received to the meeting held in mid-September 2001. No adverse comments have been received regarding the proposal. Arrangements to name the street James Johnston Place have been made by the Director of Homes and Technical Services.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 gives authority to East Ayrshire Council in relation to naming of streets in preparation of house numbers etc.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The Local Committee is asked to:-

- (i) homologate the action of Officers with regard to action taken to name the street James Johnston Place; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services be advised of the outcome.

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3 September 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Correspondence to Elected Members and Community Representatives on the Kilmarnock North Local Committee dated 5 June 2001.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576140. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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AGENDA