

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2000

OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

NAME	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION REQUIRED/TAKEN
<p>Patricia King, Margaret McFarlane, Karen Kirkholm, and Alec Reid,</p>	<p><u>Clinic at Bellfield/Bellfield Church</u></p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the incidents of anti-social behaviour involving young people at the local health clinic within Bellfield in addition to Bellfield Church. Moreover, concern was expressed in connection with the perceived reluctance, by the Community, of the Police becoming involved in issues concerning private property.</p>	<p>In respect of the reports regarding Bellfield, the Police Liaison Officer advised that arrangements would be made to visit the local health clinic and discuss the concerns with the staff.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Prendergast acknowledged the concerns expressed and advised that in terms of reporting procedures and response times, the Police were required to continually prioritise their workload. Nevertheless, he confirmed that these issues would be monitored.</p>
<p>Anne McRoberts</p>	<p><u>Police Response Times – Incident at Caprington Avenue</u></p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the response time of the Police following an incident at Caprington Avenue.</p>	<p>With regard to the incidents within Shortlees, it was reported that consultations were on-going to address the reported difficulties within this area. In addition it was noted that arrangements would be made to investigate the reports of Police Officers not taking statements from witnesses.</p>
<p>Councillor Jane Darnbrough</p>	<p><u>Police Response Times</u></p> <p>In addition to the police response times, concern was expressed that police officers were not taking statements from witnesses to incidents which were being reported.</p>	<p>In respect of the issue raised regarding scanners, Chief Inspector Prendergast reported that these were not in wide use and that the police were currently purchasing encrypted sets to counter any interference from such devices.</p>
<p>Anne McRoberts</p>	<p>The Police representatives were asked if they were aware of individuals being in possession of scanners which are able to detect that Police Officers are responding to incidents.</p>	<p>Memo issued to Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer to pursue these issues with his Police colleagues and to respond accordingly to the individuals' concerns.</p>

Anne McRoberts	<p><u>No Smoking Policy for East Ayrshire Council</u></p> <p>A question was raised concerning the notification from the Community Education Section to Shortlees Community Association which outlined the Council's Policy of No Smoking and which drew the Association's attention to their obligation to comply with the requirements of the Policy. Clarification was sought by Anne, as the Community Association's Representative on where responsibility for the implementation of the Policy lay.</p>	<p>Memo issued to Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer, requesting that a response be issued to Anne McRoberts.</p>
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