

**KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 OCTOBER 2003**

**QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

<b>MATTERS RAISED</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT POSITION</b>
<p>A local resident, Mr Campbell of Holehouse Road, Kilmarnock, referred to the obstruction caused by cars parked on white-hatched areas of the road in the vicinity of Kilmarnock College, together with the problem of litter generated mainly by users of the college facility.</p>	<p>Clarification on the status of the white lineage on the road in question was provided by Sergeant Andy McInne of Strathclyde Police and Andrew Davidson of the Council's Roads Section. Andrew Davidson advised that a Parking Order for replacement of white lines with yellow lines in the area was currently being promoted and, following implementation, that this would be monitored for effectiveness and any necessary further action considered in consultation with residents. Sergeant McInne confirmed that he would arrange for the issues of improper parking and litter to be monitored and a local Police Officer to seek to advise users of the College on the appropriate car parking and disposal of litter.</p>	<p>The situation will be monitored by Strathclyde Police and, if appropriate, an update provided to the Local Committee in due course. A letter has been sent to the local resident in question to confirm action taken.</p>
<p>Community Representative Dr Bryan Thompson referred to difficulties in terms of access to the Gateway Centre by dial-a-bus users due to the number of cars parked within Foregate Square.</p>	<p>Andrew Davidson of the Roads Section clarified that the Foregate Square had double yellow lines and no formal designated disabled parking bays, but that blue badge holders did have permission to park within the area for a certain period. Further concern was expressed in respect of the operation of taxis which parked</p>	<p>Head of Protective Services advised of his intention to have this matter raised during informal liaison meeting with East Ayrshire Taxi Trade Council to ensure dial-a-bus service has unobstructed access to Foregate Square. The matter has also been raised with Sergeant Richmond who has been asked to alert</p>

	<p>along the access route to the Foregate Square, causing additional access problems. It was recognised that, following the opening of the proposed Shopmobility shop within the area, the importance of adequate access for dial-a-bus users would be further highlighted. It was agreed that the matter of enforcement of parking restrictions would be raised with Strathclyde Police and the operation of taxis raised with the Department of Community Services.</p>	<p>local police to the problem.</p>
<p>Councillor Cree referred to the playing of football within McLean Drive, Kilmarnock, and expressed concern at issues of road safety in connection with this, together with the possible damage to cars parked in the area.</p>	<p>Department of Homes and Technical Services to be contacted regarding the posting of "No Ball Games" signs in the area. Sergeant McInne agreed to contact the particular constituent referred to by Councillor Cree in connection with this matter.</p>	<p>A memorandum has been sent to the Department of Homes and Technical Services and a letter sent to Strathclyde Police.</p>
<p>Named Substitute Ian McVey referred to the laying of wreaths on Remembrance Day by Piersland Bentinck Community Council and requested that the Community Council be included in the Council official party.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager informed the Community Representative that Community Councils were independent of the Council, but agreed to put the request in relation to future ceremonies to the Department of Community Services.</p>	<p>A letter has been sent to Mr McVey to advise of the appropriate procedure to have the laying of a wreath by the Community Council announced by the clergy.</p>
<p>Community Representative John McIvor requested updated information on the proposed extension to the play park within Gatehead.</p>	<p>Department of Community Services to be requested to provide the relevant information to Mr McIvor.</p>	<p>A memorandum has been sent to the Department of Community Services</p>

<p>Community Representative John Donaldson referred to the closure of toilet facilities within the Burns Mall on a Sunday and requested that consideration be given to revising the opening hours of these facilities, particularly during the busy period prior to Christmas.</p>	<p>Issues to be raised with the Department of Community Services</p>	<p>A letter has been sent to Mr Donaldson to advise that the facilities would be open on Sundays leading up to Christmas period and depending upon a demonstrated demand for the facilities that it was hoped that they could also open on 28 December 2003.</p>
<p>Community Representative John Donaldson referred to the "hit squads" used to tidy up certain areas of Kilmarnock and suggested that a similar initiative could be applied to the Town Centre to combat litter, fly-posting etc.</p>	<p>The Administration Manager advised that the initiative referred to had been funded by Better Neighbourhood Funding which was not available to the Town Centre, but agreed that the Department of Community Services be requested to consider replicating this type of initiative, subject to the availability of necessary funding.</p>	<p>A letter has been sent to Mr Donaldson to confirm that the "hit squads" are funded by Better Neighbourhood Fund monies and, as such, cannot be expended outwith the "pathfinder" area. However, it was confirmed that the Department of Community Services commits considerable resources to dealing with litter and fly-posting in the Town Centre and has a good performance record in meeting the standard sent out in the Code of Practice for Litter and Refuse.</p>

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7 January 2004