

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 17 SEPTEMBER 2002

MATTERS RAISED UNDER THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

	<u>MATTER RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>	<u>CURRENT POSITION</u>
1.	Progress of Securing Funds for Shopmobility Scheme - Dorothy McGowan requested update on current funding position.	Administrative Officer to refer to Keith Orton, Principal Engineer, to advise of progress in relation to work of Shopmobility Steering Group.	The Head of Roads and Transportation has responded direct to the respondent by letter on 14 October 2002.
2.	Disclosure - Check for Staff Employed within Schools - Maureen Brown requested reassurance that robust procedures were in place.	Administrative Officer to refer to Director of Educational and Social Services to respond directly to respondent.	The Head of Schools has written to the respondent direct by letter on 7 October 2002.
3.	Burns Monument and Reformers Monument, Kay Park - Relocation - Matt Donnelly requested information on any proposals to relocate the monuments to the Dean Castle Country Park.	Councillor McIntyre advised that the Council was continuing to give consideration to any reasonable proposals to secure the best use of these monuments. As and when, this occurred, public comment would be invited on the proposals.	N/A
4.	Details of Trusts Managed by the Council - Matt Donnelly requested that information be provided.	Administrative Officer to issue details of all Trusts administered by East Ayrshire Council.	The Administration Manager has written direct to the respondent by letter on 27 September 2002 advising of the details of the Charitable Trust and Bequests within East Ayrshire.
5.	Dean Street, Kilmarnock - Public perception that substance users were loitering at Chemist Shop entrance and could cause a public nuisance - Matt Donnelly requested Strathclyde Police to take action and information if there were any plans to re-introduce the "Methadone Bus" to eliminate the need for substance users to pick up their medication at the local Chemist Shop.	Sergeant Colin Martin (Community Policing), Strathclyde Police confirmed that Dean Street shops already received a higher priority from Strathclyde Police and that no further action required to be taken. Administrative Officer to request the Head of Social Work to clarify the current methadone programme and provide information to the respondent.	The Administrative Officer requested the Head of Social Work to respond direct to the respondents on 30 September 2002.

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6.	Quality Bus Corridor Measures - Consultation Process - Concerns expressed by Alan Harley in reference to letter dated 13 September 2002.	Administrative Officer to refer letter to Keith Orton, Principal Engineer.	The Head of Roads and Transportation has responded direct to Alan Harley by letter on 14 October 2002.
7.	Council Public Conveniences - Fitment of Blue Florescent Lighting to deter drug users - Matt Donnelly requested that the Council consider the fitment of the lighting.	Administrative Officer to refer request to Director of Community Services and to confirm with the Head of Social Work if there were any implications for the visually impaired.	The Director of Community Services has responded direct to the respondent on 4 October 2002 and the views of the Royal National Institution for the Blind are currently being sought if there are any implications for the visually impaired.
8.	Concern about refuse bags lying uncollected and prone to being attacked by gulls at St Joseph's Academy - Maureen Brown requested reassurance about refuse management procedures.	Administrative Officer to refer to the Director of Community Services.	The Administrative Officer has referred this matter to the Director of Community Services for attention.
9.	Frequency of Grass Cutting at Open Space, Townholm - Matt Donnelly requested a greater frequency of grass cutting as he considered the open space areas to be in an unsightly state.	Administrative Officer to refer to Director of Community Services.	The Director of Community Services has responded direct to the respondent by letter on 4 October 2002 advising that the frequency of cuts at the present time meets the specification set down by the Council and that there are no resources currently available to increase the frequency.

Updated: 18 October 2002
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