

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 8 JUNE 2000

ISSUES RAISED DURING THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<u>ISSUES RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION REQUIRED</u>
<p>Mr Watson Muirhead, Community Representative, Fenwick Community Council, raised the issue of public benches which were in a state of disrepair or in need of some restoration. Fenwick Community Council had raised some funds towards their repair/refurbishment.</p> <p>Relevant questions were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) are the benches subject to a maintenance regime by East Ayrshire Council; (ii) if not, what is the legal position regarding any liability if the Community Council were to restore/refurbish these benches; and (iii) can the Community Council apply to this Committee for a Local Community Grant towards the cost of the restoration/refurbishment of the benches. 	<p>Department of Community Services requested to respond directly to Mr Muirhead on the maintenance regime in relation to benches in public places. Within this context, the Department of Legal Services to liaise with the Department of Community Services in responding to Mr Muirhead on any legal implications if the Community Council could undertake the works.</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Services would advise Mr Muirhead on the eligibility of submitting a grant application for this purpose to the Local Committee following the outcome of the response by the Department of Community Services.</p>
<p>Mr Watson Muirhead, Community Representative, Fenwick Community Council raised the issue of maintenance within Fenwick Cemetery. Is it possible for the relatives of the interred to take any legal action in respect of a perceived inadequacy of maintenance arrangements?.</p> <p>Can the Community Council meet with the relevant Officials of East Ayrshire Council at Fenwick Cemetery to discuss this matter?.</p> <p>Councillor Hay raised a similar concern relating to Kilmaurs Cemetery including the toilet facilities thereby.</p>	<p>Anna Gallagher, Legal Services, advised that any party may take legal advice on any issue. However, it would be expedient to exhaust all alternative measures prior to taking that step.</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Services would forward to Mr Muirhead, the Service Level Agreement relating to maintenance at Fenwick Cemetery. This includes the duties and responsibilities of the Council in relation to the maintenance regime there.</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Services would co-ordinate the relevant parties to meet for a site visit at both Fenwick and Kilmaurs Cemetery.</p>

ISSUES RAISED FOLLOWING THE MEETING

<u>ISSUES RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION REQUIRED</u>
<p>Margaret Lees, Community Representative, Disabled Forum, raised the issue of the condition of the lighting columns at Carmel Terrace, Kilmaurs.</p>	<p>The Head of Roads and Transportation arranged for an inspection of the area and agreed that the lighting columns were in need of painting. This will be undertaken later this Summer.</p> <p>Mrs Lees has been advised directly by the Head of Roads and Transportation.</p>

20 June 2000

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AGENDA