

## NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 1 NOVEMBER 2000

### ISSUES RAISED DURING THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<u>ISSUES RAISED</u>	<u>RESPONSE/ACTION REQUIRED</u>
<p>Mr Watson Muirhead, Fenwick Community Council intimated he had received representation regarding the unsatisfactory condition and safety issues at Kilmarnock Bus Station.</p>	<p>Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager advised that improvement work at the station was subject to tender and further details would be provided direct to Mr Muirhead.</p> <p>Sandy Gillat subsequently responded to Mr Muirhead.</p>
<p>Mr Watson Muirhead, Fenwick Community Council intimated that he had received representation following the approval of a planning application for a day care nursery in Fenwick. The concerns were regarding safety of young children whilst walking on Maunsheugh Road, Fenwick. Reference was also made to lack of Community Representatives participation in the planning process and also to the fact that Community Councils are no longer invited to the Local Planning Committees.</p>	<p>Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager explained the planning process and advised that road safety issues would have been taken into consideration by the Head of Planning and Building Control and Head of Roads and Transportation when considering the application. He further advised that he would liaise with the Head of Planning and Building Control with a view to resurrecting the practice of inviting Community Councils to Local Planning Committees.</p> <p>Mr Muirhead has been advised that invitations for Community Councils to attend Planning Committees are only made when the Community Council in an objector to a planning application. He was also advised that when Local Planning Committees met on the same date and location as Local Committees, Community Representatives were invited only to participate in the proceedings of the Local Committee meeting.</p>
<p>Mr William Gibson, Community/Residents Association named Substitute expressed concern regarding dangerous footpaths at Lainshaw Street and David Dale Avenue, Stewarton.</p>	<p>Sandy Gillat, Engineer, Department of Development Services advised that this matter has already been brought to the attention of the Department of Development Services and was on file for future consideration pending availability of resources.</p>
<p>Jimmy Miller, Dunlop and Lugton Community Council named substitute commented that Kilmarnock Registration Office had recently introduced an appointment system for registration services and suggested that the new system should be monitored to ensure that it is not causing further distress for customers.</p>	<p>Gerard Cairns, Library Information Services Manager, Department of Community Services advised that the introduction of the appointments system was to avoid members of the public requiring registration services from having to queue.</p> <p>He advised that the situation will be monitored and reviewed accordingly.</p>

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Margaret Lees, Disability Forum Representative expressed concern regarding the upkeep of St Columbus Church's cemetery in Stewarton.	It was agreed to contact the Director of Community Services to respond to Margaret Lees direct. Subsequently, Mrs Lees was advised of the position regarding the long term aspirations for the cemetery.
Margaret Lees, Disability Forum Representative expressed concern that the lamp posts in Carmel Place have not yet been painted.	Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer, Department of Development Services advised that he would investigate and respond to Margaret Lees direct.  Len Paget, Principal Engineer, Lighting, subsequently advised Mrs Lees on the position. Work has been carried out.

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2 November 2000

**AGENDA**