

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23 JANUARY 2002

PLAY PARK PROVISION

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of the Council's proposals for the upgrading of play park provision across East Ayrshire and seek comments on the proposals specifically relating to the Local Committee area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The introduction of new European Standards for play equipment and safety surfacing, changes in demand for play facilities and ageing stock of play equipment provided by the Council necessitated a review of current provision and the development of a plan for future investment in playparks. It was also felt that existing provision did not meet the aspirations of young children. The initial inspection of Council play parks was carried out by Dunlop Playground Services, an independent consultancy.
- 2.2 A cross-party member officer working group was established to examine all aspects of play park provision and make recommendations for the style, standard and location of play parks.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Following discussions and site visits the Working Group recommended that over time all East Ayrshire Council play parks would be brought up to the standards required by European Standards EN1176 and EN1177.
- 3.2 Having considered the options available for safety surfacing the Working Group selected a recycled rubber grid tile surface that provides the most effective balance between cost and safety.
- 3.3 The type and range of play park provision was also discussed in detail and the Group determined that where possible separate provision should be made for toddlers, juniors and teenagers. This range of provisions will ensure maximum play value and will address health and safety issues that can arise when age groups are mixed. Teenager provision, in the form of multi-sport walls was considered to be the most appropriate type of facility for older children. The Working Group did not favour providing shelters for teenagers.

- 3.4 In examining play park provision the Working Group also looked into Skateboarding and agreed that direct provision of skateboard facilities should not take priority over play parks but that support would be offered to any group seeking to provide skateboard facilities.
- 3.5 Appendix A shows the Working Groups proposals for this local committee area, Appendix B shows the proposals for the whole of East Ayrshire. Priorities for year one (2002/03) have been put forward and have sought to concentrate on those areas which have been most affected by equipment removal. The recommendations of the Working Group were subsequently approved by the Community Services Committee as the basis for consultation.
- 3.6 In each Appendix the abbreviations used in the Provision column are as follows:-

T – Toddler Area (£15,000)
J – Junior Area (£26,000)
TS – Teenage Sportswall (£12,500)

The approximate cost of the areas is shown in brackets.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 NIL

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council had an obligation to ensure that any play park it provides meets appropriate Health and Safety Standards ie EN1176 and EN1177.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed programme of play park refurbishment and replacement will require phased funding over several years. The Council is currently considering its capital programme for 2002/03 which will be the first year of the programme.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The refurbishment and replacement programme provides an effective response to the issues currently facing the Council and will substantially improve the current standard of play park provision over time.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee considers the proposals for its area and puts forward any comments or suggestions for further consideration by the Council's Working Group.

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27th December 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Member Officer Working Group papers 13/08/01, 17/09/01, 30/10/01.
2. Community Services Committee report on Play park provision – 14/11/01.
3. Dunlop Report on EAC play parks.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers should contact John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services on Ext 6264.

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APPENDIX A

Local Cttee Area	Area	PLAYPARK	PROVISION	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Northern Area	Dunlop	Livingston Terrace			Remove - Unsuitable site due to size and location
Northern Area	Dunlop	Dunlop Park			Remain - Community project ongoing
Northern Area	Kilmaurs	Morton Park	T,J	1	Upgrade - well used village park
Northern Area	Kilmaurs	Habbieauld park	T,J		New Site-Create new park for north end of village.
Northern Area	Lugton	Lugton No1			Remove
Northern Area	Lugton	Lugton (2)			Remain-This site is suitable for this small community
Northern Area	Stewarton	Main Street			Remove - Small site will be served by Strandhead
Northern Area	Stewarton	Robertland	T,J		Upgrade - Suitable serving north area and local housing
Northern Area	Stewarton	Merrygreen Place			Remove - Site served by upgraded Robertland site
Northern Area	Stewarton	Kilwinning Road (1)	T,J		Upgrade - Site serves local housing area.
Northern Area	Stewarton	Lloyd Walk			Remove - Kilwinning Road No 1 and Strandhead in close proximity
Northern Area	Stewarton	Standalane			Remove - Site served by Strandhead Park
Northern Area	Stewarton	Kilwinning Road(2)			Remove - Site served by Kilwinning Road and Strandhead.
Northern Area	Stewarton	Strandhead	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Suitable site with central location.
Northern Area	Fenwick	Kirkton Road			Remain
Northern Area	Waterside (n)	Waterside	T,J		Upgrade -

APPENDIX B

Local Cttee Area	Area	PLAYPARK	PROVISION	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Cumnock Area	Auchinleck	Ballochmyle Ave			Remove - Area served by Well Road & Merlin Park
Cumnock Area	Auchinleck	Stoner Cres			Remove - Area served by Merlin Park
Cumnock Area	Auchinleck	Merlin Park	T,J		Upgrade - Suitable site well used Park
Cumnock Area	Auchinleck	Well Road	T,J,TS		Replace - Centrally located site
Doon Valley	Bellsbank	Eriff Road			Remove - Area served by Ness Glen
Doon Valley	Bellsbank	Minnoch Road	T,J		Replace - Serves local housing area
Doon Valley	Bellsbank	Ness Glen Road	T, J, TS		Replace - Suitable site centrally located
Cumnock Area	Catrine	Blackwood Ave			Remove - Area served by Riverside Park
Cumnock Area	Catrine	Riverside Park	T,J		Upgrade - Centrally located suitable site
Cumnock Area	Catrine	Mauchline Road			Remain
Irvine Valley	Crookedholm	Seright Square			Remove - Site served by Crookedholm Park
Irvine Valley	Crookedholm	Crookedholm Park	T,J,TS		Replace - Central site suitable location
Kilmarnock Central	Crosshouse	Busbie Gardens			Remove - Served by Lindsay Park
Kilmarnock Central	Crosshouse	Lindsay Park	T,S,TS		Upgrade - Central site suitable location
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Cameron Crescent	T,J		Replace - Serves local housing area
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Coila Place			Remove - Area served by surrounding parks
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Craigens	J,TS		Replace - Serves local housing area - suitable site
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Hearth Road	T,J		Upgrade - Serves local housing area - suitable site
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Keir Hardie Hill	J		Upgrade - Serves local housing area - suitable site
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Walker Court			Remove - Area served by surrounding parks
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	McTurk Court	J		Upgrade - Serves local housing area - suitable site
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Netherthird	T,J		Replace - Area suitable for junior & toddler equipment
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Glen Weir			Remain
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Flush Park	T,J		Upgrade - Area serves local housing
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Woodroad Park (1)	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Well used public park
Cumnock Area	Cumnock	Woodroad Park (2)			Remain
Cumnock Area	Dalleagles		J		Residents Requests
Doon Valley	Dalmellington	King George V	T,J,TS		Replace - Centrally located site
Doon Valley	Dalmellington	Burnton	T,J		Replace serves local community - requires surface work
Doon Valley	Dalmellington	Dalton Avenue	J		Replace - Serves local housing

Doon Valley	Dalmellington	Loch Doon Road	T,J		Replace - Popular tourist stop
Doon Valley	Dalrymple	Forglen Avenue	T,J,TS	1	Remove - New site - upgrade at Old Water Works site
Doon Valley	Dalrymple	Glebe Avenue			Remove - This area would be served by the Old Water Works site
Irvine Valley	Darvel	Lochore Terrace			Remove - Area served by Morton Park and Hutchieson Drive sites
Irvine Valley	Darvel	Hutchieson Drive	T,J		Replace - Area serves local housing to the west of A71
Irvine Valley	Darvel	Morton Park	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Well used public park serving the east of A71
Doon Valley	Drongan	Mill O'Sheil Road	T,J		Replace - Centrally located site
Doon Valley	Drongan	Cairnston Avenue	T,J		Upgrade - Area serves the north of the village
Doon Valley	Drongan	Games Hall			Removed
Doon Valley	Drongan	Millmannoch Ave	J, TS		Upgrade - Area serves south of the village
Northern Area	Dunlop	Livingston Terrace			Remove - Unsuitable site due to size and location
Northern Area	Dunlop	Dunlop Park			Remain - Community project ongoing
Irvine Valley	Galston	Portland Park	T,J,TS	1	Replace - Suitable site centrally located
Irvine Valley	Galston	Loudoun Ave/ Millrig			Remove - Served by Portland Park
Irvine Valley	Galston	Sorn Road	T,J		Upgrade - Serves local estate. Would require surface work
Kilmarnock Central	Gatehead	Gatehead			Remain
Doon Valley	Hayhill	Hayhill			Remain
Irvine Valley	Hurlford	Richardson Park 1			Remove - Served by Richardson Park (2)
Irvine Valley	Hurlford	Richardson Park 2	T,J		Upgrade - Suitable site serving local housing
Irvine Valley	Hurlford	Liffnock Park	T,J		Upgrade - Site serves east of A71
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Newlands Drive			Remove - Site suffers continuous vandalism
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Bellevue Road			Remove - Site not suitable. Now served by Annanhill
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Piersland Park	TS		Replace- Equipment to be replaced with teen equipment. Site also serves Kay Park
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	New Farm Loch	T,J	1	Replace - Site serves local housing
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Knowhead road	T, J	1	Upgrade - Suitable site serves local housing
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Loreny Drive,			Remove - Site suffers continuous vandalism and is served by Knowehead Road & Lainshaw Park
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Linfern Avenue	T,J		Upgrade - Suitable site serves local housing
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Mitchell Court			Remove - Site served by Linfern or Kay Park
Kilmarnock	Kilmarnock	Carmel Terrace			Remove - Site served by Annanhill Park

Central					
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Bellfield Estate	T, J		Upgrade - Suitable site serves local housing
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Cessnock Place	T, TS		Upgrade - Serves the east area of Bellfield Estate
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Ken Road			Remove - Site served by Bellfield Park
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Thorn Terrace	T, J		Upgrade - Serves local housing
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Wardneuk Drive	T, J		Upgrade - Serves local housing. Local Community group interested in this site.
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Dean Park	T, J		Upgrade - Well used park - Castle Park has restricted access
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	MacGregor Drive			Remove - Area served by N.F.L. and Kay Park. Resident complaints
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Cairn Terrace			Remove - Area served by upgrade park at Peace Avenue
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Peace Avenue	T, J		Upgrade - Serves local estate
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Carron Avenue	T, J		Upgrade - Serves east area of Hurlford Road
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Riccarton Park			Remain
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Altonhill Ave	T, J		Remove-New site-replace existing site to small for toddler/junior park
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Shiskine Drive			Remove- Site wet and in close proximity to Altonhill
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Kay Park	T, J, TS		Upgrade- Well used public park
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Annanhill	T, J, TS		Upgrade-Popular park
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Glenafton Court	T, J, TS		Upgrade- This site could be upgraded and serve all the Glens area.
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Glen Farrer Way			Remove-See Glenafton
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Glen Shiel Cres			Remove-See Glenafton
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Glen Truim Way			Remove-See Glenafton
Kilmarnock Central	Kilmarnock	Howard Park	T, J, TS		Upgrade-Well used public park
Kilmarnock	Kilmarnock	Rugby Road			Remain

Central					
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Fleming Street			Remain
Kilmarnock South	Kilmarnock	Lainshaw Avenue	T,J		Replace due to recent vandalism at this site
Kilmarnock North	Kilmarnock	Dean Castle c/park	T,J,TS	1	Replace with wooden equipment and add to inspection list.
Northern Area	Kilmaurs	Morton Park	T,J	1	Upgrade - well used village park
Northern Area	Kilmaurs	Habbieauld park	T,J		New Site-Create new park for north end of village.
Kilmarnock Central	Knockintiber	Knockentiber	T,J		Upgrade existing site
Cumnock Area	Logan	Glen Avenue	T,J,TS		Replace existing equipment. Central site within village.
Cumnock Area	Lugar	Braehead Place	T,J		Upgrade, Suitable site well used facility.
Northern Area	Lugton	Lugton No1			Remove
Northern Area	Lugton	Lugton (2)			Remain-This site is suitable for this small community
Cumnock Area	Mauchline	Jean Armour Road	T,J	1	Replace existing equipment Suitable location to serve north end of village.
Cumnock Area	Mauchline	Alexander Terrace	T,J		Replace existing equipment. Suitable location to serve south end of village
Cumnock Area	Mauchline	Beechwood Park	T,J		Upgrade this central location
Irvine Valley	Moscow	Moscow Fir Park	J		Upgrade site with Junior equipment
Cumnock Area	Muirkirk	Coltart Drive			Remove - Area served with other parks in village
Cumnock Area	Muirkirk	Harwood Drive			Remove - Area served with other parks in location
Cumnock Area	Muirkirk	Cairn View	J		Upgrade - This site serves the south end of the village.
Cumnock Area	Muirkirk	Victory Park	T,J		Upgrade - Central site for the village
Cumnock Area	Muirkirk	Pagan Walk			New site created and maintained by community
Cumnock Area	New Cumnock	Farden Avenue	J		Replace - Site serves local housing
Cumnock Area	New Cumnock	Leggate	T,J		Replace - Well used playpark serving local community
Cumnock Area	New Cumnock	Greenhead P/Fields	T,J		Upgrade - Central location.
Irvine Valley	Newmilns	Claremount			Remove - This area served by Jamieson/ Greenside
Irvine Valley	Newmilns	Jamieson Park	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Site serves local housing area. Suitable location
Irvine Valley	Newmilns	Greenside	T,J		Upgrade - Site serves area on east of A71
Cumnock Area	Ochiltree	Kay Park	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Site serves bottom of village
Cumnock Area	Ochiltree	Broom Cres			Remove - Site served by remaining parks
Cumnock Area	Ochiltree	Douglas Brown Ave	T,J		Upgrade - Site serves top of village
Doon Valley	Patna	Doonbank	T,J		Upgrade - Site serves east of A713 and local housing
Doon Valley	Patna	Netherhill	J		Replace - Site serves local housing
Doon Valley	Patna	Polnessan	J		Replace - Site serves local housing
Doon Valley	Patna	Kilmein Avenue			Remove
Doon Valley	Patna	Dallowie			Remain
Doon Valley	Patna	Carnshalloch Ave	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Site serves housing west of A713

Doon Valley	Rankinston	Station Site	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Central site for village
Doon Valley	Rankinston	Old School Site			Remove - Area served by Station site
Doon Valley	Sinclairston	Sinclairston			Remain
Cumnock Area	Sorn	Main Street			Remain - Community project ongoing
Northern Area	Stewarton	Main Street			Remove - Small site will be served by Strandhead
Northern Area	Stewarton	Robertland	T,J		Upgrade - Suitable serving north area and local housing
Northern Area	Stewarton	Merrygreen Place			Remove - Site served by upgraded Robertland site
Northern Area	Stewarton	Kilwinning Road (1)	T,J		Upgrade - Site serves local housing area.
Northern Area	Stewarton	Lloyd Walk			Remove - Kilwinning Road No 1 and Strandhead in close proximity
Northern Area	Stewarton	Standalane			Remove - Site served by Strandhead Park
Northern Area	Stewarton	Kilwinning Road(2)			Remove - Site served by Kilwinning Road and Strandhead.
Northern Area	Stewarton	Strandhead	T,J,TS		Upgrade - Suitable site with central location.
Northern Area	Fenwick	Kirkton Road			Remain
Doon Valley	Waterside (s)	School Brae	J		Upgrade - Serves local community
Northern Area	Waterside (n)	Waterside	T,J		Upgrade -

AGENDA