

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS
IN SORN VILLAGE HALL, MAIN STREET, SORN**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alex Currie, Mr William Lees, Mr Ronnie Hamilton and David Elliot.

ATTENDING: Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Paul Todd, Principal Officer, Environmental Health and Waste Management; Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Patrick Gray, Assistant Area Housing Manager; Campbell Dempster, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation; Neil McBride, Team Leader, Children and Families (Social Work); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly and Eric Ross and Community Representatives: Reverend Jason Boyd, Mrs Caroline McBride and Miss Isla Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1402 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 20 January 2000 (circulated).

LOCAL ITEMS

4. It was noted that no local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda were put forward at the meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES**STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 February 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

6.1 PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from Sandy Gillat, Chief Engineer, Roads and Transportation on the structural maintenance programme for roads and footways.

During discussion, the Chief Engineer answered questions put, and noted points made, by Elected Members and Community Representatives.

The Chair thanked the Chief Engineer for what had been an interesting and informative presentation.

6.2 2000/2001 PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report dated 3 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (i) advised of the 2000/2001 roads and footways structural maintenance programme for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2000/2001 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iii) to note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

7.1 KEIR HARDIE HILL TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, CUMNOCK

There was submitted a report dated 15 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which sought approval for an annual operating grant by Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that an operating grant of £100 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payment to be made.

7.2 UPPER BLARENE DRIVE AND ARDNITH TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

There was submitted a report dated 15 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which sought approval for a start-up and an annual operating grant by Upper Blarene Drive and Ardnith Tenants' and Residents' Association, New Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a start-up grant of £150 and an operating grant of £100 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payments to be made.

CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8. The Administrative Officer advised that the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee would take place on 13 April 2000 commencing at 1400 hours. The venue for the meeting was still to be determined and would be intimated to Members of the Committee in due course.

The meeting terminated at 1440 hours.