

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 1996 AT 1430 HOURS IN NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY CENTRE, RYDERSTON DRIVE, NETHERTHIRD, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives Mr W Crawford, Mr A Currie, Mr M Kerr, Mr R Mathers, Mr P Neely and Mr I Smith.

ATTENDING: Graham Short, Head of Quality Development (Education); John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager (Planning); John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); Donal Flannery, Principal Officer, (Criminal Justice) (Social Work); Paul Todd, Principal Environmental Health and Waste Management; Isobel McCarthy, Senior Social Worker, (Criminal Justice); Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 1996

- 1.1 NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS** - There was submitted and noted a report (circulated by the Director of Housing advising of the winners of the East Ayrshire Annual Garden Competition 1996 within the Local Committee' area.
- 1.2 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS** - At the invitation of the Chair, Councillor Boyd in his capacity as Depute Provost presented prizes to the Cumnock Area overall winner and runner-up of the East Ayrshire Garden Competition 1996 being Mrs C Young, 73 Backrogerton Crescent, Auchinleck, who was also the winner of the best hanging basket/window box section, and Mr R Turnbull, 64 Arran Drive, Auchinleck.

**DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES
(Item 3, Page 1428)**

- 2.1 PROGRESS** - There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 October 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of progress in respect of the development of information and advice services within East Ayrshire particularly in relation to the provision of Local Office accommodation in Auchinleck.
- 2.2 TOURIST INFORMATION SERVICES** - There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of consideration by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of the possibility of tourist information being made available at the Council's Local Offices, particularly in those communities where no separate tourist information facility exists.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Director of Development Services to ensure that local information on tourism is provided in Neighbourhood Information Points; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

PROPOSED REVIEW OF EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEMES

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the current position in respect of the informal consultation process with Community Councils in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area on the proposal to replace existing Community Council schemes operating within East Ayrshire.

EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Item 8, Page 907)

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the establishment and constitution of the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee; and seeking a nomination from the Local Committee to serve on the Accident Prevention Committee.

It was agreed to appoint Community Representative Mr Peter Neely to serve on the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION (Item 16, Page 1274)

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the local planning issues relevant to the Local Committee's area which have been identified through consultation with the Committee and other local organisations as a preliminary step in the preparation of the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter in order to ascertain the views of the Communities who had not made representations regarding any issues; and
- (ii) to receive a further report from the Director of Development Services which would include an assessment of the appropriateness of the issues raised.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK (Item 19, Page 1127)

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the positive effect of Environment Week 1996, and providing information on community projects which could be developed in the future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to request Mining Scotland to arrange for a presentation to be given to Members of this Committee and other interested parties.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

7. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Social Work services provided by the Council in connection with the Criminal Justice System.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve in respect of the Local Committee's interests the planned framework for Social Work Services described in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

BUSINESS GRANT/LOCAL SCHEMES - STATUS REPORT (Item 1.3, Page 1394)

8. There was submitted and noted a revised report dated 22 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the loans and grants which had been made to business in the Local Committee's area in the period 1 April to 30 September 1996.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS 1996/97: UPDATE

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of the current position relative to the allocation of places within pre-5 establishments in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the summary report; and
- (ii) to receive a further report by the Director of Education in due course.

ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT (HOUSING)

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising of the background and purpose of the Annual Policy Statement and to summarise the Council's Annual Policy Statement for 1997/98.

It was agreed to request the Housing Committee to consider the viability of a service being provided whereby Officers of the Council would examine for potential frost damage in the loft/roof spaces of general needs houses occupied by infirm or disabled persons who are unable to carry out this task by themselves.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the undernoted applications received from local organisations for grant assistance in terms of the Community Grants Scheme in respect of which the following decisions were made:-

11.1 Muirkirk Day Centre Management Committee

That a grant of £1,340 be made.

11.2 New Cumnock Disabled Club

That a grant of £204 be made.

11.3 9th Ayrshire (Cumnock) Cub Scouts

That a grant of £150 be made.

11.4 1st Muirkirk Boys Brigade

That a grant of £430 be made.

11.5 Cumnock and Doon Valley Group of Community Associations (Stanley Games)

That a grant of £65 be made.

11.6 Netherthird and Craigens Playgroup

That a grant of £350 be made

11.7 CHAIN (Claimants Housing Advice and Information Network)

That the application be withdrawn for the reason that the Organisation concerned does not at present serve the residents in the Local Committee's area.

11.8 Safer New Cumnock (Security Lighting Pilot Project)

That consideration of this application be continued pending the submission of a report on the full technical details of the proposed Project.

11.9 Cumnock Self Help Group

That a grant of £480 be made.

11.10 Cumnock and District Round Table

That a grant of £500 be made.

11.11 New Cumnock Community Council (Rural Forum Conference)

That a grant of £250 be made.

11.12 New Cumnock Community Council (Feasibility Study into Possible Refurbishment of Swimming Pool)

That consideration of this application be deferred until the Council's Leisure Strategy has been established.

11.13 Mauchline Community Council (Crafts and Hobbies Exhibition)

That a grant of £100 be made.

11.14 Muirkirk Community Council (Refurbishment of Tibbies Brig)

That a grant of £300 be made.

The meeting terminated at 1650 hours.