

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN OCHILTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, OCHILTREE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alex Currie, Mr William Lees, Mr Ronnie Hamilton, Mr David Elliot and Mrs Caroline McBride.

**ATTENDING:** Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, Social Inclusion Partnership; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Education); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer (Community Services); Neil McBride, Team Leader - Children and Families (Social Work); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson and Provost Jimmy Boyd; and Community Representative Reverend Bill Buchan.

**CHAIR:** Councillor George Smith, Vice-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 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

Councillors Kelly and Ross joined the meeting at this point.

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There were submitted and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 30 September 1999 (circulated).

**LOCAL ITEMS**

4. It was agreed on the matter being raised by Community Representative Ronnie Hamilton, that the Director of Social Work prepare and submit to an early meeting a report on the Mothers Support Group in Cumnock.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 1999**

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of National Spring Clean 1999 and the nature of events undertaken.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to make the Director of Community Services aware of the concerns of this Committee regarding the continued discarding of supermarket trolleys and other debris in the River Glaisnock in and around Cumnock Town Centre; and to request the Director to consider appropriate action and to make representations to the local supermarkets regarding security and collection arrangements for their trolleys;
- (ii) to note that the Council wished to build on the improvement secured in 1998 and 1999 as far as National Spring Clean is concerned;
- (iii) to support the Officers Working Group in its efforts to improve communications with the community as detailed in the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

### **STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 November 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to seek confirmation from the Scottish Executive of its legislative intentions in respect of the confiscation of assets held by persons convicted of dealing in drugs, particularly in the light of recent discussions with the Criminal Assets Bureau in the Republic of Ireland; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **STREET NAMING: ACCESS ROAD TO THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, AUCHINLECK**

7. The Committee were asked to determine a name for a new access road to the new Primary School, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new access road be named "Dalsalloch Road"; and
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised of the above.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM**

8. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the outcome of the Cumnock Area Community Forum which took place on Wednesday 20 October 1999 in Logan Primary School.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Forum meeting had been poorly attended by members of the public;
- (ii) to suggest that consideration should be given to the frequency and format of future Community Forums, including the possibility of "Local Items" being discussed in conjunction with Local Committee meetings and being specific to the community within which the meeting is held; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the outcome of the Cumnock Area Community Forum held on 20 October 1999 and that any action identified be undertaken by appropriate Officers of the Council.

## **EDUCATION**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP AUDIT: OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDCARE AND WRAP AROUND CARE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the results of the audit undertaken by the Childcare Partnership in East Ayrshire regarding the need and demand for Out of School Hours Childcare and Wrap Around Care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education would provide a further report on the need and demand for Wrap Around Care in Nursery School and Classes; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

10. Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, introduced this item and then Jean Smith, Community Representative appointed to serve on the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group provided a summary on the current progress with Social Inclusion in East Ayrshire Council. The main points were summarised below:-

- Two projects received the support for funding from the Members of the Strategic Partnership Group:-
  - Kilmarnock Credit Union (£10,000) to assist the Group secure town centre premises; and
  - East Ayrshire Carers Centre (£10,600) to assist the Carers Centre to produce and deliver a Young Carers information pack.

- Three Local Social Inclusion Area Teams had been established which would be multi-agency, multi-disciplinary and would consider as a priority how to ensure community involvement in their work.

Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, then provided details of the proposed projects covering East Ayrshire South Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information provided by the Community Representative and the Executive Officer; and
- (ii) to request that the quarterly reports on progress with projects which are submitted to the Partnership Group be circulated to the Members of this Committee for information.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.