

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 1996 AT 1440 HOURS IN MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE

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

ATTENDING: Jim Maitland, Depute Director of Housing (Support and Technical); Douglas Bulloch, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); John Bryson, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager (South Division); Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager (Development Services); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Paul Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Jim Murdoch, Senior Electrical Engineer (Contracting and Technical Services); Gordon Potter, Training Officer (Personnel Services); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Ross and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives Reverend W Buchan, Mr I Smith and Mr R Mathers.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM: MEETING: 14 NOVEMBER 1996 (Item 7.2, Page 995)

1. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum held on 14 November 1996 in New Cumnock Community Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Officials concerned to follow-up any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting and to arrange for the submission of reports to the appropriate Service Committees where necessary;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the outcome of the meeting of the Forum held on 14 November 1996; and
- (iii) to suggest that, in respect of publicity arrangements for future meetings of the Forum, posters providing details of the meetings should be targeted at local shops, particularly newsagents and Post Offices and, together with letters to individuals and local organisations, should be issued well in advance of the meeting concerned.

**PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST - PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE
COUNCIL'S DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 1, Page 1588)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive providing an update on progress made in respect of the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the Council's Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme, the proposed terms for the Council's Draft Scheme and the forthcoming consultation as reported to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 26 November 1996.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the response by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee to the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme;
- (ii) to note the proposed publication of the Draft Decentralisation Scheme; and
- (iii) to note that arrangements would be made for Members of the Local Committee to make an input into the Draft Decentralisation Scheme following publication.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 6, Page 1337)

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed outline of East Ayrshire Council's Community Care Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work consult with the Local Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**REQUESTS ETC FOR BANS ON LIVE PRIZES AT FUNFAIRS AND PERFORMING
ANIMALS AT CIRCUSES (Item 7, Page 1386)**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, advising the Local Committee that the Council had introduced a ban on the giving of live fish and other animals as prizes or gifts at funfairs; had taken steps to assure the conditions in which performing animals were kept; and had determined that operators with previous convictions for cruelty would not be permitted to stage animal circuses within East Ayrshire.

**MUIRKIRK: PROPOSED PROVISION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS
(Item 13, Page 1170)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the proposed provision of traffic signals with a pedestrian phase at the junction of Main Street (A70 route) and Glasgow Road (B743 route), Muirkirk.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the details of the proposed traffic signals in Muirkirk as referred to in the report, subject to amendment of the specification to include, if possible, an audible tone with the pedestrian phase;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report; and
- (iii) to remit to the Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation) to investigate the possibility of an audible tone being included with the pedestrian phase of the traffic signals at The Cross, Mauchline, and to make any appropriate arrangements in this connection.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION (Item 5, Page 1446)

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the local planning issues relevant to the Local Committee's area which had been identified through further consultation with local organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that prior to adoption of any of the issues identified in the report as issues for inclusion in the Local Plan, a full assessment of each issue be carried out against other issues identified by other Local Committees and in the light of available finance for their implementation;
- (ii) that any further issues identified by the local communities which had not previously made representations be assessed against the same criteria outlined in (i) above; and
- (iii) that authorisation be given for the various courses of action suggested within each category of issues detailed in the report.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICE BASED CASH COLLECTION IN MUIRKIRK - PILOT SCHEME (Item 2, Page 1517)

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on a proposed three month pilot scheme for office based cash collection in Muirkirk.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed pilot scheme for cash collection in Muirkirk, as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) to receive a report from the Director of Housing on the outcome of the pilot scheme, at a future meeting.

TRAINING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON LOCAL COMMITTEE

8. Arising from discussion on arrangements for training sessions for Elected Members and Community Representatives serving on the Local Committee, it was agreed that the Administrative Officer inform the Director of Personnel that Cumnock Town Hall was the preferred location of the Members of the Local Committee for future training sessions.

Community Representative Mr Mark Kerr joined the meeting during discussion of the preceding item.

GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

9.1 GENERAL

There was submitted a statement dated 28 November 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relative to applications for Community Grants to local organisations and outlining the approximate financial position in respect of applications for grant received so far this financial year.

The undernoted decisions were agreed in relation to the grant applications considered, namely:-

(a) Old People's Organisations

- (i) Bield Housing Lunch Club - that a grant of £150 be made.

(b) Young People's Organisations

- (i) Barshare Junior Youth Club, Cumnock - to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting pending clarification of the constitutional arrangements of the Club;
- (ii) Catrine Out of School Group - that a grant of £150 be made to the Group in respect of the purchase of pantomime tickets;
- (iii) Youth Link Ayrshire (Ayrshire Consultative Committee of Youth Organisations) - that a grant of £280 be made;
- (iv) Avonlea Youth Centre, Catrine - that a grant of £500 be made.

(c) Miscellaneous Organisations

- (i) Lifeline Dog Rescue - that this application be refused on the basis that people receiving rehomed dogs could refund the group for each animal's recovery, board and inoculation fees;
- (ii) Safer New Cumnock - to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting pending further consultation with (a) the applicant in respect of the specification of the light units which it was proposed to install; and (b) the Director of Housing on the funding arrangements for the proposed pilot scheme;
- (iii) Cairnhill Community House, New Cumnock

Councillor Sneller seconded by Councillor Boyd moved that a grant of £500 be made to this group in order to assist with the running costs.

Councillor Carmichael seconded by Councillor Kelly moved as an amendment that a grant of £915 be made to this organisation in order to assist with running costs.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by three votes to two.

(d) Community Council Project Specific Applications

- (i) New Cumnock Community Council - that a grant of £300 be made to the Community Council in respect of the purchase of Christmas lights and decorations for New Cumnock Community Centre and the provision of a Christmas tree in New Cumnock Library.

9.2 OLD PEOPLE'S ORGANISATIONS (Item 1, Page 1038)

There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing information to enable the Local Committee to determine whether further grant awards should be made to Old People's Organisations within the Local Committee's area.

It was agreed that further non project specific grants be made to the undernoted old people's organisations, on a per-capita basis at the rate of £2.00 per person, according to the registered membership of each organisation concerned, namely:-

Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association;

Mauchline Old People's Welfare Association;

New Cumnock Age Concern;

Cumnock Landward Age Concern;

Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association;

Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Association;

Muirkirk Age Concern;

Cumnock Age Concern; and

Logan, Lugar and District Age Concern.

DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Item 12, Page 1569)

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 5 December 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on progress on the consultation process towards the establishment of a new Scheme for Community Councils in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note progress on consultation towards the establishment of a new Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) to note that a further report on this matter will be submitted to the Local Committee in due course.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.