

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 MAY 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN  
MUIRKIRK IFE WING, BURNS AVENUE, MUIRKIRK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Reverend Jason Boyd, Mr William Lees, Mr James Brown, Mr David Elliot and Mrs Caroline McBride; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Jack Campbell, Mr Kevin Dorman and Mr Alex McCall.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor (Chief Executive's Department); Martin Clark, Service Unit Manager (Social Work); Margaret Phelps, Service Officer (Social Work); Alan Patterson, Community Learning Officer (Education); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Inspector Alan Golightly, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Eric Ross; and Community Representative Miss Linda Blackwood and Substitute Community Representative Miss Lorna Phillips.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001  
(Item 1, Page 863, 99/02)**

1. It was reported that Ms Jacqueline Todd, member of the McClymont Court Tenants Association, Cumnock, had been nominated to serve on the Local Committee as a Substitute Community Representative on behalf of the local Tenants and Residents Associations.

It was agreed to accept the nomination of Ms Todd as a Substitute Community Representative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1402 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

**RECONVENTION OF MEETING**

3. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 13 April and of the Special Meeting held on 10 May 2000 (circulated).

### LOCAL ISSUES

#### 5.1 LOCAL ISSUES PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided information on the local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the practice of Community Representatives being able to raise local items on the Committee Agendas for future discussions; and
- (ii) to note the existing list of local issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report.

#### 5.2 NEW ISSUES

Community Representatives were invited to raise any local issues of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed that the undernoted items be the subject of future reports to the Committee, namely:-

- (i) future development proposals for the Woodroad Park, Cumnock;
- (ii) update report on the pilot 20 mph speed limit introduced for vehicles within Logan; and
- (iii) the operation of the East Ayrshire Council Garden Maintenance Scheme.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6. It was agreed that the following item be taken at this point on the Agenda.

#### **THE SEIZURE OF THE ASSETS OF CONVICTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS (Item 6(i), Page 472, 99/02)**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 May 2000 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council which advised of the terms of a response received from the Scottish Executive regarding legal powers of confiscation of the assets of convicted drug dealers.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

#### **DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS TO OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS 2000/2001 (Item 1(ii), Page 967, 99/02)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on proposals for consideration by the Committee relating to the

disbursement of Community Grant funds to Older People's Groups within the local area during 2000/2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Grant funding be awarded to the undernoted Old Folk's Welfare Associations/Age Concern Organisations within the Local Committee's area on a per capita basis at a rate of £3.75 per person, the total grant award to such organisations which have submitted grant applications being as follows, namely:-
  - Mauchline Old Folk's Welfare Association - £2,426.25;
  - Cumnock Landward Age Concern - £1,687.50;
  - Age Concern, Cumnock - £4,080;
  - Auchinleck Old Folk's Welfare Association - £2,250;
  - Catrine Old Folk's Welfare Association - £1,567.50;
  - New Cumnock Age Concern - £2,512.50;
  - Muirkirk Age Concern - £1,305; and
  - Ochiltree Old Folk's Welfare Association - £656.25;
- (ii) that having regard to (i) above, sums of £701.25 and £487.50 be set aside to enable grant awards to be made to Lugar and Logan Age Concern and Sorn Old Folk's Welfare Association, subject to receipt of applications from these organisations and satisfactory assessments being received from the appropriate Service Departments, final determination of the applications to be made by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair;
- (iii) that a nominal grant be made to the other Older People's Groups who had made application for Community Grant funding, being Auchinleck Parish Church (Seniors); Auchinleck Senior Citizens Gents Club; Auchinleck Senior Citizens Ladies Club; WRVS Cumnock; Cumnock Landward Senior Citizens Club; The Cabin, Muirkirk; Warrick Court Tenants' Association, Cumnock; Senior Ladies Friday Club, Logan; and Keir Hardie Hill Tenants and Residents Association, Cumnock; this matter being remitted to the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair, having regard to the remaining balance available from the current year's allocation for Community Grants;
- (iv) that a grant award of £75 be made to Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Gents Club in respect of the running costs element of their application;
- (v) that a grant of £250 be made to St Vincent De Paul "St John the Evangelist Conference, Cumnock" in respect of the application submitted by this organisation, which is for the benefit of the whole community; and
- (vi) that work be carried out by appropriate Officers with older people's groups over the year 2000/2001 to assist groups to submit grant applications based on need rather than a calculation per capita; and that a report by the Officers be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee to enable consideration to be given as to how grant applications from older people's groups might be dealt with in the future.

## **APPLICATION FOR GRANT: CAIRNHILL COMMUNITY HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on an application for Community Grant funding from Cairnhill Community House Management Committee, New Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a grant award of £2,000 be made in respect of this application; and
- (ii) that appropriate Officers explore other sources of funding and work with the Management Committee in order to enable the group to endeavour to become more self financing.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period. Inspector Golightly provided updated statistical information at the meeting.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by Inspector Golightly.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **STREET NAMING: AUCHINLECK: DEVELOPMENT AT BARONY ROAD**

11. The Committee were asked to determine names for two new streets to be created by private housing development at Barony Road, Auchinleck.

It was agreed that the new streets be named "Jean Allan Place" in recognition of the service given to the local community by the late Mrs Jean Allan, a Councillor with the former Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council and the former Ayr County Council; and Runnels View, in cognisance of the fact that the area within which the new housing development is located is known locally as "The Runnels", the allocation of these names to the individual streets to be determined by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair, being also the local Member.

## **DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**

### **ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

12. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2000 (circulated) by the Community Representatives Working Group which advised the Local Committee of arrangements to hold an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives in November 2000; sought the Committee's views thereon; and requested details of any issues in respect of the Local Committee process that Community Representatives would wish discussed at the Annual Seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements for the Annual Seminar in 2000 and that further information would be issued to individual Community Representatives when arrangements had been finalised;
- (ii) in the meantime, to support the proposal that the Annual Seminar be held in November 2000; and
- (iii) that Community Representatives consult with their parent groups and submit to the Community Representatives Working Group via the relative Local Committee Administrative Officer any issues which they would wish the next Annual Seminar to consider.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP:  
NOMINATION OF NAMED SUBSTITUTE (Item 10, Page 865, 99/02)**

13. The Committee continued consideration from the last meeting of the appointment of a Named Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group. (Mr William Lees had already been appointed to serve on the Working Group as this Committee's Representative).

It was agreed to appoint Mr James Brown as the Named Substitute to serve on the Working Group.

**CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM**

14. It was reported that the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum was due to take place in September/October of this year and in this connection the Committee were asked to determine a local issue to be discussed at, and venue for, that meeting.

It was agreed that the local issue to be discussed at the Forum would be "Community Transport" and that the venue for the meeting would be Ochiltree Community Centre.

**SOCIAL INCLUSION**

**SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP: NOMINATION OF  
NAMED SUBSTITUTE (Item 12, Page 866, 99/02)**

15. The Committee continued consideration from the last meeting of the nomination of a Named Substitute to serve on the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group. (Mrs Caroline McBride had already been appointed to serve on the Group as this Committee's Representative).

It was agreed to nominate Mr William Lees as the Named Substitute to serve on the Partnership Group.

**SOCIAL WORK**

**SENSORY IMPAIRMENT SERVICES**

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided an update on activity within the Social Work Department Sensory Impairment Service.

The meeting terminated at 1453 hours.