

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN
MUIRKIRK IFE WING, MAIN STREET, MUIRKIRK**

PRESENT: Councillors George Smith, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd, Jim Carmichael and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives Reverend W Buchan, Mr W Lees, Mr P Neely and Mr A Currie.

ATTENDING: Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); Paul Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); John Bryson, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Steven Horsley, Service Manager (Social Work); Dot Grieve, Senior Community Education Worker; Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Ross and David Sneller.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted for information and noted Minutes of the Meeting of 19 March 1997 (circulated).

COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 April 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising the Local Committee of the position relative to the appointment of Community Members to the Local Committees of the Council as agreed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 15 April 1997, and suggesting a possible extension of initial appointment of Community Members, where appropriate, until 31 March 1998.

It was agreed to note that in implementing the Decentralisation Sub-Committee's decision, the Director of Support Services would be writing to the organisations represented on the Local Committees to request their nominations for 1997/98 either in terms of the continued service of current representatives or should the organisations so desire, nomination of new representatives to serve on the Local Committee as Community Members; and also to request that they identify nominations for named substitutes.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

3. It was noted that the next Cumnock Area Community Forum meeting would be held on the evening of Tuesday 20 May 1997 in Cumnock Town Hall that the "Council item" for the Forum would be "Equal Opportunities" while the "local item" selected by this Committee would be "Facilities for Young People".

DEVELOPMENT AT TOWNHEAD STREET, CUMNOCK: NAMING

4. It was reported that the Local Committee had been asked to determine a name for the new development at Townhead Street, Cumnock, provided by the Bield Housing Association Limited, which comprises amenity and very sheltered housing for elderly people, together with a Day Care Centre and there was submitted a list of suggestions for street names made, at the request of the Chair of this Committee by the pupils of the local Barshare Primary School.

It was agreed that the name for the new development should be "Menzie's Court".

CUMNOCK: TRAFFIC CALMING AT WOODROAD PARK

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of proposals to upgrade the traffic calming measures in Wood Road, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to endorse the proposed speed reduction measures for Wood Road; and
- (iii) that a further report would be submitted on the detailed layout following formal consultations.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

6.1 GRANTS TO ELDERLY INTEREST GROUPS

There was submitted a report dated 23 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services inviting the Local Committee to consider and determine an approach to be adopted in awarding community grants to elderly interest groups within the Committee's area during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that community grants be made to the local Age Concern Groups and Old Folks' Welfare Associations on a per capita basis at the rate of £3.00 per person, according to the registered membership of each organisation;
- (ii) that, in terms of (i) above, grants be made to the following Age Concern and Old Folks' Welfare Associations, which have, made application for financial assistance, as undernoted, namely:-

Sorn Old Folks' Welfare Association	£378
Mauchline Old Folks' Welfare Association	£2,190
New Cumnock Age Concern	£2,091
Cumnock Landward Age Concern	£1,443
Auchinleck Old Folks' Welfare Association	£2,034

- (iii) that in terms of (i) above, a grant of (a) £1,275 be made to Catrine Old Folks' Welfare Association, subject to submission by the group of their Constitution and latest financial statement; and (b) £3,216 be made to Cumnock Age Concern, subject to submission by the group of their Constitution, these matters to be dealt with in detail by the Director of Support Services in consultation with the Chair;

- (iv) that consideration be given to awarding further grant payments to the Local Age Concern/Old Folks' Welfare organisations during the Autumn of this year, in the light of the overall funding available for community grants at that time, a report on this matter to be prepared by the Director of Support Services for submission to an appropriate future meeting of this Local Committee; and
- (v) that applications for grant from local elderly interest groups, other than Age Concern and Old Folk's Welfare Associations, be dealt with on an individual basis according to their respective merits.

6.2 GRANTS TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 23 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services inviting the Committee to consider and determine an approach in respect of the awarding of community grants to young people's uniformed organisations within the Committee's area during the financial year 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, for the current financial year, non project specific grants be made to young people's uniformed organisations according to membership numbers as follows, namely:- (a) Less than 20 members - £60; (b) 20 - 40 members - £70; and (c) more than 40 members - £80; and
- (ii) that applications for grants from young people's uniformed organisations in respect of specific projects, be dealt with by this Committee each on its individual merits.

6.3 GENERAL

There was submitted a statement dated 23 April 1997 (circulated) prepared by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relevant to outstanding applications for community grants received from local organisations and outlining the financial position in respect of applications for grant received so far during the financial year 1997/98.

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

- (a) **Elderly Groups**
 - (i) **Auchinleck Senior Citizen's Ladies Section** - that a grant of £400 be made.
- (b) **Playschemes**
 - (i) **New Cumnock Parish Church Holiday Club** - that a grant of £100 be made, and
 - (ii) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid** - that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting of the Local Committee pending the submission of further information.
- (c) **Young Person's Groups**
 - (i) **Sorn Mothers and Toddlers** - that a grant of £100 be made;
 - (ii) **Doon Valley Link-Up Group** - that consideration of this application be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- (d) **Disabled Groups**

- (i) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club** - that a grant of £567 be made;
 - (ii) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Mental Health Forum** - to continue consideration of this application to the next meeting of the Local Committee to enable the possibility of funding being made available to the group through Joint Health Board - Rural Challenge as in previous years; and
 - (iii) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel** - that a grant of £333 be made.
- (e) **Leisure/Recreational Groups**
- (i) **Mauchline Horticultural and Agricultural Society** - that a grant of £150 be made;
 - (ii) **Cumnock Cage Bird Society** - that a grant of £250 be made;
 - (iii) **Catrine Arts and Crafts Class** - that a grant of £340 be made;
 - (iv) **Cumnock Music Club** - that a grant of £200 be made;
 - (v) **Cumnock and District Pool Project Group** - that a grant of £400 be made, (Councillor Carmichael dissented from this decision); and
- (f) **Miscellaneous**
- (i) **Mauchline Gala Committee** - that a grant of £300 be made;
 - (ii) **Auchinleck Senior Citizens (Gents)** - that a grant of £300 be made;
 - (iii) **Sorn Village Hall Committee** - that a grant of £1,263 be made;
 - (iv) **Cairnhill Community House Management Group (New Cumnock)** - that a grant of £5,438 be made. It was also agreed that the Department of Commercial Operations be requested to consider the possibility of cleansing services being provided at Cairnhill Community House by East Ayrshire Council.
- (g) **Community Councils**
- (i) **Muirkirk Community Council** - that a grant of £2,000 be made. It was also agreed to report back to the Local Committee and also the Development Services Committee with a progress report.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

7. It was reported that the August meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum will take place on the evening of Thursday 14 August 1997.

It was agreed that the venue for this meeting would be Catrine and the "local Item" for discussion would be "Local Regeneration Strategy".

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.