

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 1996 AT 1445 HOURS IN
CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors George Smith, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, Jimmy Carmichael and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives: Reverend W Buchan, Mr W Crawford, Mr I Smith, Mr P Neely, Mrs M Shankland and Mr W Frew.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; John Pickering, Area Housing Manager (Cumnock Area); Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager (South Division); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Education Officer (Pre-Five); Anna Gallagher, Solicitor; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice Chair.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

1. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the position so far in respect of the nominations of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report, which, among other things, explained:

- (i) that nominations for community membership of the Local Committee had been determined by the undernoted organisations as follows, namely:-
 - (1) Community Councils - Mr W Crawford (Chairperson, Cumnock Community Council); and Mr Ian Smith, (member, Muirkirk Community Council);
 - (2) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Mr Peter Neely (Chairperson of the Forum);
 - (3) Local Churches - Reverend W Buchan (Minister at St Andrew's Church, Cumnock);
 - (4) Tenants' Groups - Mrs Martha Shankland (Chairperson, Farden Avenue and Greenhill Tenants' Association, New Cumnock); and

(5) Business Community - Mr Walker Frew (Business Development Executive with East Ayrshire Business Services) (interim member).

(ii) that it was anticipated that nominations in respect of the balance of the community representation on the Committee would be determined prior to the next meeting of the Local Committee by the undernoted organisations, namely:-

- (1) Elderly Interest Groups;
- (2) Youth Forum/Youth Groups;
- (3) East Ayrshire Sports Council/Sports Group;
- (4) School Pupil representative.

COMMUNITY FIRST SURVEY: FINAL REPORT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services outlining the final results of the Community First Survey carried out during December 1995.

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE: POPULATION PROFILE

3. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services detailing the population profile of the Cumnock Area Local Committee area.

It was agreed:

- (i) to remit to the Director of Development Services to prepare for submission to a future meeting of the Local Committee, a comparative analysis of a representative range of key social and economic indicators based on communities within the Local Committee area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the role of Local Committees in the East Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership.

Having noted that there would be the opportunity for the Community Regeneration Strategy to be discussed when the Council's Economic Strategy was presented to the Cumnock Area Community Forum later this month, it was agreed:

- (i) that it be remitted to the Director of Development Services to prepare and submit to the next meeting, a report on consultation arrangements for the Local Community Regeneration Strategy;
- (ii) that, following the consultation process, appropriate representations on the Strategy be prepared by the Director of Development Services for submission to the Scottish Office in June; and
- (iii) that, otherwise, the report be noted.

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1996/97

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the proposed programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways 1996/97.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the programme for 1997/98 would be delegated in part to Local Committees;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to prepare and submit to a future meeting of the Local Committee, a report on the issues relating to future maintenance of the roads and footways within the Local Committee's area which were unadopted at present and not maintained by the Council; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN RAIL AND BUS SERVICES

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Local Committee of bus services which may be affected by cut backs; proposed fares increases on subsidised bus services within the area outside the PTA area; and proposed introduction of new subsidised bus services proposed by the PTE.

Having noted that the proposed service reductions are a consequence of budgetary restrictions outwith the control of the Passenger Transport Authority it was agreed:

- (i) to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting pending submission of a further report by the Director of Development Services providing detailed information on the existing public transport services operating within the Local Committee's area and on the nature of the proposed service reductions, the report to be prepared following consultation with the Local Members concerned regarding the proposed new bus service from Muirkirk to Kilmarnock and in the light of the Local Committee's concerns regarding any proposed reductions in the current level of public transport services within the Local Committee's area as discussed at the meeting; and
- (ii) that the existing bus services operating between Kilmarnock-Hurlford-New Cumnock, Muirkirk-Cumnock and Cumnock-New Cumnock should be classified as "essential" in terms of social need rather than as having "some" social need as indicated in the report.

RATIONALISATION OF CIVIC AMENITY SITES

7. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services regarding changes to the provision of civic amenity sites within the area, and requesting consideration of the level of publicity required to ensure that the local community was aware of the changes

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that as from 1 May the existing civic amenity sites at Cumnock, Catrine, Logan, Netherthird and New Cumnock would close and that the existing sites at Mauchline, Muirkirk and Dalricket Mill landfill site would be retained

although the site at Dalricket Mill would close during the summer when the new landfill site at Garlaff opened; and

- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Head of Public Relations and Marketing to take the following action to ensure that members of the public were aware of the changes to the provision of civic amenity sites in the area:-
 - (1) to place appropriate notices in Council Local Offices and Libraries;
 - (2) to place an appropriate advertisement in the local press;
 - (3) to place signs at the civic amenity sites which were to be closed advising of the nearest alternative site and informing members of the public who they should contact within the Council in order to arrange for the uplift of refuse etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND LOCAL COMMITTEES

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services outlining the objectives of the Council's Environmental Strategy and identifying the role of Local Committees in achieving the aims of the Strategy.

It was agreed:

- (i) to participate fully in the implementation of the Environmental Strategy;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to prepare and submit to the next meeting a report on recycling activities within the Local Committee's area; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

LOCAL SPORTS COUNCIL: PROGRESS REPORT

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services updating the Local Committee on the progress made in relation to the formation of the East Ayrshire Sports Council.

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

10. There were submitted reports dated 22 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising that notification had been received from the undernoted organisations that they intended to hold public processions on the following dates in the communities indicated, namely:-
- (i) Cumnock Crown Defenders Flute Band - 31 August 1996 - Cumnock;
 - (ii) Lugar and Cumnock Loyal Orange Lodge No 244 - 6 July 1996 - Cumnock and Auchinleck;

- (iii) Lugar and Cumnock Loyal Orange Lodge No 244 - 18 May 1996 - Cumnock;
- (iv) Royal Black Perceptory 705 - 10 August 1996 - Logan and Cumnock; and
- (v) Raising Sons of William J LOL 61 Orange Lodge - 1 June 1996 - Cumnock and Auchinleck.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the reports and that the processions would proceed in accordance with Strathclyde Police's comments/proposals regarding routes etc and the standard conditions detailed in the reports; and
- (ii) that, in future, reports on notifications of intent to hold processions be submitted to this Local Committee only where an objection had been raised to the proposal either by the local Member concerned, the appropriate official(s) of the Council or Strathclyde Police.

THE ROLE OF LIAISON COMMITTEES: NEW CUMNOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 24 April 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on decisions taken by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting on 7 March 1996, regarding arrangements for a review of the New Cumnock Neighbourhood Planning Group in the light of the Council's decentralisation plans.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the appropriate Officers to make arrangements to review the New Cumnock Neighbourhood Planning Group in the context of decentralisation and its implications and to involve members of the Group in the process, a report on the outcome to be submitted to the next Meeting of this Local Committee; and
- (ii) to note the requirement for this Local Committee to report on the outcome of the review of the Group to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting to be held in September 1996.

PRE-FIVES PROVISION

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 23 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education regarding proposals in respect of the Pre-Fives admissions policy for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to remit to the Director of Education to prepare, for submission to a future Meeting of this Local Committee, a report providing an analysis of the application of the Council's Pre-Fives admissions policy within the Local Committee's area; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

13.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

There was submitted a report dated 2 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising the Local Committee of:-

- (I) the sum available to the Local Committee for distribution in order to support community and voluntary organisations;
- (ii) the process whereby that sum was arrived at;

- (iii) the scheme of grants and conditions; and
- (iv) the availability of application forms for local grants and playschemes.

It was agreed to note:

- (i) that the sum of £53~230 had been allocated to the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the support of community and voluntary organisations during 1996/97.
- (ii) the contents of the paper describing the process of disbursement of finance and the Local Committee grant scheme including conditions of grant; and
- (iii) the application forms.

It was also agreed:

- (i) that an advertisement be placed in the local press inviting applications for financial assistance under the Community Grants Scheme from local voluntary organisations; and
- (ii) that a report on applications for grant assistance received be submitted to the next meeting of this Local Committee for consideration.

13.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report dated 7 May 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive requesting consideration of applications for financial assistance under the Playscheme Grants Scheme in respect of summer playschemes from the following organisations, namely:- Catrine Playscheme; Afton Lone Parents Group; Sorn Toddlers Group; Chattabox, Mauchline; Safe Play New Cumnock; Catrine Adventure Group; and The Landward Summer Scheme.

It was agreed, in principle, that the applications for playscheme grants submitted by the abovementioned organisations be approved subject to:

- (a) the maximum grant award in each case not exceeding the grant awarded to the respective organisation for their summer playscheme in 1995;
- (b) a satisfactory outcome of the assessment of each application by the Director of Education including confirmation that any requirements in terms of the Children Act 1989 are met; and
- (c) consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee and the respective local Members.

14. The Depute Chief Executive reported that arrangements had been made for the first meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum to be held in Mauchline Community Centre on Tuesday 14 May 1996 and the Local Committee were asked to identify an appropriate "local issue" for discussion at that meeting. It was explained that the item identified by the Council for discussion at the first meeting of the Forum had been the Council's Economic Strategy.

It was agreed that the "local issue" to be discussed at the meeting of the Forum would be public transport services within the area.

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 15** There was submitted a report dated 3 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services regarding venues for future meetings of the Local Committee and Local Planning Committee.

It was agreed that future meetings of the Local Committee be held in the undernoted venues, namely:-

Wednesday 19 June 1996 - Muirkirk IFE Wing;

Wednesday 18 September 1996 - New Cumnock (Town Hall or Community Centre);

Wednesday 30 October 1996 - Netherthird Community Centre, Cumnock;

Wednesday 11 December 1996 - Mauchline Community Centre;

Wednesday 5 March 1997 - Auchinleck Community Centre;

Wednesday 19 March 1997 - Sorn Village Hall.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.