

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN CATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSTITUTE AVENUE, CATRINE

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives: William Crawford, William Lees, Peter Neely, Alex Currie, Hugh Murdoch, Jack Campbell and Elizabeth Elliott.

ATTENDING: Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer - Roads and Transportation; Margaret Geddes, Assistant Divisional Social Work Manager; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; Anne Jackson, Principal Officer, Community Education; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer - Criminal Justice; Paul L Todd, Principal Officer - Environmental Health and Waste Management; Janie Allen, Principal Officer - Pre-Five Services; Robert Clark, Team Leader - Waste Management; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser; Susan Walkerdine, Social Worker; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector James Thomson and Inspector John Merrylees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGY: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

STREET NAMING: PRESENTATION OF BOOK TOKENS (Item 4, Page 2094 and Item 13, Page 2638)

1. Councillor Jimmy Boyd, in his capacity as Depute Provost, presented book tokens to those Primary School pupils who had suggested names, subsequently accepted by the Local Committee, for new streets at Barshare, Cumnock, and Burnsland Nursery, Mauchline, and for the Bield Housing Association development at Townhead Street, Cumnock, as undernoted, namely:-

Sarah Ward, Primary 7, Barshare Primary School - Menzies Court (Townhead Street, Cumnock);

Jordan Laird, Primary 5, Barshare Primary School - Hillview Court (Barshare, Cumnock); and

Fiona Weir, Primary 7, Mauchline Primary School - Grassmillees Way (Mauchline).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 9 December 1997 (circulated).

RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: MR ROBERT MATHERS (Item 2, Page 2490)

3. It was reported that Mr Robert Mathers, who had been appointed to the Local Committee as a Community Representative by the local Sports Council had intimated his resignation from the Committee with effect from 26 January 1998.

The Committee noted Mr Mathers' resignation and remitted to the Director of Support Services to write to Mr Mathers on behalf of the Committee acknowledging his contribution as a Community Representative.

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 7, Page 2798)

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on certain matters pertaining to the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present community representation on the Committee, as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to note the agreement of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of 15 April 1997 that Community Representatives and named substitutes would be appointed to Local Committees for a period of one year from 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998 with appointments thereafter terminating on 31 March each successive year;
- (iii) that the community organisation representation on this Local Committee in respect of the effective period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999 would be:-
 - (a) two members from the appropriate Community Councils;
 - (b) one member from appropriate Elderly Interest Groups;
 - (c) one member from the Disability Forum (or equivalent organisation);
 - (d) one member from the Youth Forum (or equivalent organisation);
 - (e) one member from appropriate Sports Groups which must be affiliated to the East Ayrshire Sports Council, the member to be appointed to be resident within the Cumnock Area;
 - (f) one member from Churches in the Area;
 - (g) one member from the business community;
 - (h) one member from appropriate Tenants' Groups including those groups representing East Ayrshire Council and Scottish Homes' tenants; and
 - (i) one member who is a school pupil attending a Secondary School within the Cumnock Area and who resides within the Area.
- (iv) to confirm the remit to the Director of Support Services to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for community representation by the relevant organisations and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (Item 2, Page 2946)

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Committee to appoint a Community Representative to serve on a Working Group to be established to progress the development of an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

It was agreed to appoint Mr William Lees as this Committee's representative to serve on the Working Group and to advise the Director of Support Services accordingly.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

6. It was reported and noted (a) that the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum would take place on Thursday 12 February 1998 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in Auchinleck Community Centre; and (b) that the only matter for discussion at the meeting would be the Council's budget proposals for 1998/99.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (Item 11, Page 2637)

7. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which (i) provided information on the nature and range of Social Work services in the Criminal Justice System; (ii) identified key aims of the services; and (iii) advised on the anticipated level of demand for services in the financial year 1998/99.

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECT: CITIZENS' ADVOCACY PROJECT (Item 11, Page 2761)

8. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which evaluated the Citizens' Advocacy Project, for which Urban Programme funding was due to terminate in November 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to express support, in principle, for the work of this project;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit the views of this Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1998/99 (Item 10, Page 2750)

9. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programme 1998/99 for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes 1998/99 for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee relative to this Local Committee's area;
- (ii) to approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways relative to this Local Committee's area, as detailed in the report, subject to further consideration of this matter at the next meeting should any

suggestions for alternative works under this heading be suggested by the Members and Community Representatives of this Committee; and

- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget for these programmes would be accommodated by reducing the footways resurfacing programme in an equitable manner across all Local Committee areas.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN (Item 13, Page 2217, 1996/97)

- 10. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of progress in preparing a Road Safety Plan for East Ayrshire and invited comments on issues and policies which should be taken into account in the Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in the meantime, to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that a presentation on the draft Road Safety Plan be made to an early meeting of this Committee in order to facilitate the Members' consideration of the relevant issues.

BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEMES STATUS REPORT 1997 (Item 8, Page 1768)

- 11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Committee of financial support and ongoing business development assistance awarded to companies located within the Committee's area during the 1997 calendar year.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 2, Page 2880)

- 12. There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in educational support to community groups and organisations in East Ayrshire through the work of the Community Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recognise the developing commitment to community work within the Community Education Service;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report; and
- (iii) to recommend to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee that the Policy and Resources Committee examine on a corporate basis the availability of lottery funding for organisations.

PRE-FIVE ADMISSIONS 1997/98

- 13. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the allocation of nursery places in Nursery Schools and classes for session 1997/98.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the delivery of pre-school education in East Ayrshire;

- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report; and
- (iii) arising from discussion, to suggest to the Director of Education that appropriate research should be undertaken relative to population trends within East Ayrshire to ensure that the Council would be prepared to meet future demands for the provision of pre-five education services within local communities.

RECREATION SERVICES EVENTS PROGRAMME 1998 (Item 1, Page 2899)

14. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Council's Recreation Events Programme for 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to suggest to the Director of Community Services that the Programme should make provision for participation by persons with special needs, either within the events proposed or through the organisation of separate events;
- (ii) to recommend to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee that consideration be given to the possibility of an "Open Day" being held for leisure facilities operated by East Ayrshire Council, during which members of the public would have appropriate free access to such facilities; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

DOG FOULING: PILOT SCHEME (Item 12, Page 2895)

15. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Council's proposals to deal with dog fouling and invited the Local Committee to select an area in which a pilot scheme of control could be carried out within the Committee's area.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Jackson moved that The Cross and Beechwood Park, Mauchline, be selected as the area for the pilot scheme within this Committee's area.

Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Ross moved as an amendment that Broomfield Park, Cumnock, be selected as the area for the pilot scheme within this Committee's area.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 4 votes to 2.

It was also agreed:-

- (i) otherwise, to note the terms of the report by the Director of Community Services; and
- (ii) that the Team Leader - Waste Management, would ensure that personnel within his Section who operated the Lacre vehicular road sweepers were fully briefed on the proper practices relative to the clearing of dog fouling from roads and footpaths with this appliance.

MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE: 31 MARCH 1998 - 13 MAY 1999

16. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local

Committee were scheduled to take place during the period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999 and which invited the Committee to determine the venue at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the meeting of this Committee scheduled for Tuesday 17 March 1998 had been cancelled in order to facilitate arrangements for the rescheduling of meetings within the new meetings calendar for 1998/99;
- (ii) to note the dates fixed for meetings of the Committee during the period 31 March 1998 to 13 May 1999, as detailed in (iii) below; and
- (iii) that the eight meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question would be held in the undernoted venues, namely:-

Thursday 2 April 1998	-	Logan IFE Wing;
Thursday 14 May 1998	-	Mauchline Community Centre;
Thursday 20 August 1998	-	Muirkirk IFE Wing;
Thursday 1 October 1998	-	Cumnock Town Hall;
Thursday 12 November 1998	-	Auchinleck Community Centre;
Thursday 14 January 1999	-	Netherthird IFE Wing;
Thursday 25 February 1999	-	New Cumnock Community Centre; and
Thursday 8 April 1999	-	Catrine Community Centre.

WATER SUPPLY - MUIRKIRK (Item 8, Page 2893)

- 17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of proposals intimated by West of Scotland Water to improve the quality of the water supply to Muirkirk.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 18. Prior to the close of the meeting, the Chair acknowledged the presence of Elizabeth Elliott, Community Representative representing Tenants' Groups and James Thomson, the new Chief Inspector for "R" Division, Strathclyde Police, who were both attending their first Local Committee meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.