

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN CATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSTITUTE AVENUE, CATRINE

**PRESENT:** Councillors George Smith, Eric Jackson, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd; and Community Representatives: Mr John McBean; Mr William Lees, Mr David Elliot, Mrs Carolyn McBride; and Substitute Community Representatives Mr Jack Campbell, Mr Kevin Dorman and Mr John Wilson.

**ATTENDING:** Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; David Hewet, Executive Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Margaret Phelps, Service Officer (Social Work); George Mair, Team Leader Environmental Health/Waste Management; Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors William Menzies and Jimmy Kelly and Community Representatives Reverend Jason Boyd and Linda Blackwood.

**CHAIR:** Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair.

### DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2000/2001 (Item 5, Page 605, 99/02)

1. There was submitted a report dated 31 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the position in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the following nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes to represent the undernoted organisation sectors:-
  - (i) Community Councils - Mr William Crawford (Chair, Cumnock Community Council); and Mr James Brown (Chair, Ochiltree Community Council); and Substitutes - Mr Jack Campbell (Secretary, Cumnock Community Council); and Mr John Wilson (Vice-Chair, Lugar and Logan Community Council);
  - (ii) Elderly Persons Interest Groups - Mr William Lees (Member, New Cumnock Age Concern); and Substitute - Mr Alex McCall (Chairperson, Age Concern Cumnock);
  - (iii) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Dr Iain Brown (Chairperson of the Forum); and Substitute - Mr Kevin Dorman (Member of the Forum);
  - (iv) Youth Forum - vacancy;

- (v) Sports Groups - Mr David Elliot (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council);
  - (vi) Local Churches - Reverend Jason Boyd (Minister, Congregational Church, Cumnock);
  - (vii) Business Community - Mr John McBean (General Manager, G Wilson and Son (Coylton), Dalleagles, New Cumnock);
  - (viii) Tenants Groups - Mrs Caroline McBride (Member, McClymont Court Tenants Association); and
  - (ix) School Pupil - Linda Blackwood (pupil at Cumnock Academy); and Substitute – Lorna Phillips (pupil at Cumnock Academy).
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not yet submitted nominations for Community Representatives and/or Named Substitutes; and
  - (iii) to remit to the Director of Corporate Services to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for Community Representatives and Substitutes, a report on the outcome to be submitted to the next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There were submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 2 March 2000 (circulated).

### **LOCAL ITEMS**

5. Community Representatives were invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future agenda.

Following discussion the undernoted item was identified as a potential local item which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee: "Housing for the Disabled".

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **EXPOSURE TO POWER FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELDS AND THE RISK OF CHILDHOOD CANCER (Item 7, Page 635 99/02)**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of an independent study of potential links between overhead power cables and childhood cancer.

## **STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 April 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: MEMBERSHIP**

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought the nomination of a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Safety Forum for the period to June 2001.

It was agreed to nominate Miss Linda Blackwood as Representative and Mr William Lees as Substitute, to serve on the Community Safety Forum.

## **DECENTRALISATION**

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: PERIOD UNTIL JUNE 2001**

9. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period to 30 June 2001; and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period to 30 June 2001, as detailed in (ii) below; and
- (ii) that the meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be held at the undernoted venues:-
  - (a) Thursday 25 May 2000 at Muirkirk IFE Wing;
  - (b) Thursday 14 September 2000 - Cumnock Town Hall;
  - (c) Thursday 9 November 2000 - Auchinleck Community Centre;
  - (d) Thursday 1 February 2001 - Mauchline Community Centre;
  - (e) Thursday 29 March 2001 - New Cumnock Community Centre; and
  - (f) Wednesday 23 May 2001 - Netherthird IFE Wing.

### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL SEMINAR WORKING GROUP**

10. The Committee were invited to nominate a Community Representative and Substitute to serve on the Community Representatives Annual Seminar Working Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mr William Lees as Community Representative to serve on the above Working Group; and
- (ii) to continue consideration to a future meeting, the appointment of a Named Substitute to serve on the Group.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **CUMNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP (Item 4, Page 471 99/02)**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Cumnock Family Support Group, an issue which had been raised as a "Local Item" at the meeting of the Committee held on 11 November 1999.

### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME 2000/2001 AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

#### **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which (a) provided a summary background to Social Inclusion activity within East Ayrshire; (b) informed of the current position regarding the establishment of an Area Team to support the activity of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership, advised of its remit and sought endorsement for the Action Plan which covers the first six month period; and (c) requested that the Local Committee nominate a Representative and Substitute to the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Action Plan as detailed in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) that monitoring reports on the development of the Action Plan be submitted to alternate future meetings of the Local Committee;
- (iii) to appoint Mrs Caroline McBride as Community Representative to serve on the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group; and
- (iv) to continue consideration at a future meeting of the appointment of a Named Substitute to serve within the above Group.

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS SCHEME: COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR 2000/2001 AND SETTING PRIORITIES**

13. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which (i) advised of the Committee grant spend for the previous two financial years; (ii) advised of the Committee's financial allocation for Community Grants for 2000/2001; (iii) requested consideration of arrangements for dealing with applications received for 2000/2001; and (iv) requested the Committee to consider setting local priorities for grant funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Community Grant allocation for the Committee for 2000/2001 was £50,203;
- (ii) to accept the 5 applications for Community Grant received after the closing date;
- (iii) that a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday 10 May 2000 for the purpose of dealing with grant applications for the financial year 2000/2001;

- (iv) to defer consideration of the setting aside of a portion of the allocation available for 2000/2001 to enable any applications which might be received during the year to be considered, until the proposed Special Meeting on 10 May 2000;
- (v) not to set local priorities for the forthcoming financial year in connection with Social Inclusion activity within the local area but to treat each individual application on its merits; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1503 hours.