

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN LOGAN IFE WING, LOGANGATE TERRACE, LOGAN**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Jackson, Jim Kelly, David Sneller and Jim Carmichael; and Community Representatives: William Crawford, William Lees, Peter Neely, Alex Currie, David Elliott, Hugh Murdoch, Lynne Irwin, Robert R Hamilton and Elizabeth Elliott.

ATTENDING: Alan McKnight, Depute Director of Housing (Policy and Strategy); Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager (South Division); John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Community Care); Paul L Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); John Lilley, Principal Planner (Policy); David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Alan Paterson, Senior Community Worker (Education); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector John Merrylees, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Ross (Chair), James Boyd and George Smith; and Community Representative Reverend Matthew Sullivan.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Eric Jackson was unanimously appointed to the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted for information, and noted, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 3 February 1998 (circulated).

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PERIOD 1
APRIL 1998 - 31 MARCH 1999 (Item 4, Page 2959)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the position in respect of the appointment of Community Representatives and named substitutes from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999, as approved by the Chair.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that Community Representatives and named substitutes had been appointed to represent the undernoted organisation sectors, namely:-
 - (a) Community Councils - Mr William Crawford (Chair, Cumnock Community Council); and Mr Ronnie Hamilton (Chair, Lugar and Logan Community Council); and substitutes - Mr Douglas Blackwood (Chair, New Cumnock Community Council); and Mr John Wilson (Lugar and Logan Community Council);
 - (b) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Mr Peter Neely (Chair of the Forum); and substitute - Mrs Jean Smith (Member of the Forum);

- (c) Elderly Persons Interest Groups - Mr William Lees (Member, New Cumnock Age Concern) and substitute - Mr Alex McCall (Chair, Age Concern, Cumnock);
 - (d) Youth Panel - Mr Hugh Murdoch (Member, Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Panel); and substitute - Mr Mark Kerr (Youth Information Worker with the Youth Information Project);
 - (e) Sports Groups - Mr David Elliott (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council); and substitute - Mr Samuel Wilson (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council);
 - (f) Local Churches - Reverend Matthew Sullivan (Congregational Church, Cumnock);
 - (g) Business Community - Mr Alex Currie (Member of "The Club");
 - (h) Tenants' Groups - Mrs Elizabeth Elliott (Member, Keir Hardie Hill Tenants' Association, Cumnock); and
 - (i) School Pupil - Miss Lynne Irwin (pupil at St Conval's High School, Cumnock); and substitute - Miss Laura Nimmo (pupil at St Conval's High School, Cumnock);
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not submitted fresh nominations for substitute Community Representatives; and
 - (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate the submission of outstanding nominations for substitute Community Representatives.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

3.1 GENERAL APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a statement dated 25 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations and outlining the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1998/99.

3.1.1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jim Carmichael and Community Representative Peter Neely declared an interest in the applications for grant submitted by New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers and by the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability respectively, and took no part in consideration of the applications concerned.

3.1.2 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Young Persons Groups
 - (i) Kilmarnock Folk Club - £200; and
 - (ii) St Ninian's Youth Action Programme - £800.
- (b) Disabled/Handicapped Persons Interest Groups
 - (i) PHABS-R-US - £1,260;
 - (ii) Carers Support Group - £400; and
 - (iii) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - £400.

(c) Miscellaneous Organisations

- (i) New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers - £500;
- (ii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group - (start-up grant) - £500;
- (iii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group (Hanging baskets) - £1,000;
- (iv) Cairnhill Community House Management Group, New Cumnock - £5,398; and
- (v) Sorn Village Hall Committee - £1,250.

3.1.3 Applications Continued(a) Elderly Persons Interest Groups

- (i) Auchinleck Senior Citizens' Ladies Club - to enable the submission of further information pertaining to the number of members which the Club has and clarification of any duplication of membership between this Club and Auchinleck Old Folks' Welfare Association; and
- (ii) Afton Court Friendship Club, New Cumnock:-

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Jackson moved that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting pending determination by this Committee of whether Community Grant funding should be made to local Age Concern Organisations and Old Folks' Welfare Associations on a per capita basis according to membership numbers.

Councillor Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Sneller moved as an amendment that the Committee agree, in principle, to make a grant award to the Club in respect of the application submitted, with further consideration to be given to the exact amount to be awarded.

On a division by a show of hands, there were 2 votes for the amendment and 2 votes for the motion. There being an equality of votes the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

3.2 AGE CONCERN ORGANISATIONS AND OLD FOLKS' WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS (Item 15, Page 2639)

There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services to enable the Committee to consider the approach to be adopted in dealing with applications for financial assistance under the Community Grants Scheme from local Age Concern Organisations and Old Folks' Welfare Associations during the financial year 1998/99.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Grants be made to local Age Concern organisations and Old Folks' Welfare Associations on a per capita basis according to the registered membership of each organisation; and
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services prepare and submit a further report to a future meeting of this Committee in order to enable consideration to be given to the rate at which per capita grants should be awarded, subject to, and in the

light of, the submission of applications for grant assistance from the organisations concerned.

3.3 GRANTS TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS (Item 6, Page 2095)

The Committee were asked to consider and determine whether the approach applied in respect of dealing with applications for Community Grants from Young People's Uniformed Organisations during the financial year 1997/98 should continue during 1998/99.

It was agreed that the arrangement which applied in this connection for 1997/98 would continue for the current financial year as follows, namely:-

- (i) that non project specific grants would be made to such 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 such organisations in respect of specific projects would be dealt with by this Committee each on its individual merits.

Councillor Sneller left the meeting following determination of the above item.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

4.1 COMMUNITY FORUMS TO CONSULT ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1998/99

There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the series of seven Community Forums which had been held throughout East Ayrshire to obtain the views and comments of the residents on the Council's budget proposals for 1998/99.

4.2 NEXT MEETING: VENUE AND LOCAL ITEM

The Committee were requested to determine the venue for, and the local item to be discussed at, the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum which was scheduled to take place in May 1998 at which the "Council item" would be the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the local item for the next meeting of the Community Forum would be "Depopulation of Local Communities"; and
- (ii) that the venue for the next meeting of the Community Forum would be New Cumnock Community Centre.

EAST AYRSHIRE DRAFT ROAD SAFETY PLAN: PRESENTATION (Item 10, Page 2961)

5. The Committee received a presentation by Keith Orton, Principal Engineer within the Roads Section of the Department of Development Services on the Draft East Ayrshire Road Safety Plan.

It was agreed to note the terms of the presentation.

NATIONAL TRIAL OF ADVISORY 20 MPH ZONES: LOGAN (Item 10, Page 2923)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised (i) of the decision of the Development Services Committee on 27 January 1998 relating to the approval of a National Trial Programme of Advisory 20 mph speed limits in residential areas; and (ii) that Logan had been approved as one of the three agreed sites for this trial in East Ayrshire.

DRAFT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1998-2001 (Item 5, Page 1664)

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Housing which sought comments from the Local Committee on the Draft Plan.

Representatives of the Social Work and Housing Departments made a joint presentation to the Committee on issues contained within the Draft Plan, as highlighted within the joint report.

A copy of the Draft Community Care Plan had been circulated to Councillors and Community Representatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Members of the Committee would, on an individual basis and if they so wished, submit comments on the draft Plan directly to the Director of Social Work no later than the due date of the end of April 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN: UPDATE ON PROGRESS
(Item 4, Page 2683)**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of progress made by the Social Work Department in meeting the targets set within East Ayrshire Council's Corporate Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: CONSULTATIVE DRAFT (Item 5, Page 2921)

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided an overview of matters pertaining to and invited comments on, the East Ayrshire Local Plan: Consultative Draft, which had been previously circulated to all Members.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the East Ayrshire Local Plan: Consultative Draft;
- (ii) that Members of the Committee, on an individual basis and if they so wished, would submit comments on the Draft directly to the Policy and Projects Manager within the Planning and Building Control Division of the Department of Development Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DIFFICULT TO LET PROPERTIES IN NEW CUMNOCK (Item 12, Page 2637)

10. There was submitted a report dated 26 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the outcome of the recent consultation exercise carried out in New Cumnock following the recommendation of this Committee that approx. 100 houses within the Cairnhill Housing Scheme be demolished.

It was agreed:-

- (a) to advise the Director of Housing that the views of this Committee were:-
 - (i) that phasing of the demolition of the houses concerned should progress on the basis of the geography of the development area; and
 - (ii) that priority for re-housing be given to those families living within the development area and that, accordingly, an appropriate adjustment be made to the current house letting policy and procedures which apply within the New Cumnock area; and
- (b) to note that this matter would be dealt with by the Housing Capital Sub-Committee of the Housing Committee in May.

The meeting terminated at 1630 hours.