

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 APRIL 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN
CATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSTITUTE AVENUE, CATRINE**

PRESENT: Councillors George Smith, James Boyd, Jim Carmichael and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives Mr William Crawford, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alex Currie, Mr William Lees, Mr Ronnie Hamilton and Miss Jill Garven.

ATTENDING: Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer - Corporate Services; Denis Craig, Principal Officer - Recreation Services; David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser - Development Services; Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; Robert Clark, Waste Management Team Leader; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Ian Blake, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Ross, James Kelly and David Sneller; and Community Representative Reverend Duncan Eddie.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair.

MINUTES

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 25 February 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000
(Item 3, Page 4266)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 April 1999 (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 1999 to 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the following nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes 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 William Alexander (Secretary, Cumnock Landward Community Council); and Mr John Wilson (Lugar and Logan Community Council);
 - (b) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - Mrs Jean Smith (Chair of the Forum); and Substitute - Mr Robert Gurney (Member of the Forum);

- (c) Elderly Persons Interest Groups - Mr William Lees (Member, New Cumnock Age Concern); and Substitute - Mr Alex McCall, (Chairperson, Age Concern Cumnock);
 - (d) Sports Groups - Mr David Elliott (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council); and Substitute - Mr Ronnie Boid (Member, East Ayrshire Sports Council);
 - (e) Local Churches - Reverend Duncan Eddie (Minister, Church of Scotland Crichton West, Cumnock, linked with St Ninian's Church, Cumnock);
 - (f) Business Community - Alex Currie (Member, "The Club"); and
 - (g) School Pupil - Miss Jill Garven (pupil at Auchinleck Academy);
- (ii) to note the position in respect of those organisations which had not yet submitted nominations for Community Representatives and 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.

COMMUNITY FORUMS TO CONSULT ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1999/2000

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on the series of seven Community Forums held from 1-16 February 1999 throughout East Ayrshire to obtain the views and comments of the residents of East Ayrshire on the Council's budget proposals for 1999/2000.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

4.1 FINAL FINANCIAL POSITION 1998/99

There was submitted and noted a statement dated 1 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the final financial position in respect of Community Grants awarded during the financial year 1998/99.

4.2 DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS 1999/2000 (Item 7, Page 4102)

There was submitted a report dated 1 April 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services to enable the Committee to consider the arrangements for the disbursement of Community Grants for the 1999/2000 year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that for the current financial year, an interim Community Grant payment be made to the local Age Concern organisations and Old Folk's Welfare Associations on a per capita basis at the rate of £2.00 per person, according to the registered membership of each organisation in order to assist with the cost of Summer activities, the processing of each application submitted by such organisations for this purpose to be remitted to the Director of Corporate

Services to approve in consultation with the Chair on receipt of a satisfactory assessment and recommendation by the appropriate Service Department;

- (ii) that consideration of a further grant award to the local Age Concern organisations and Old Folk's Welfare Associations in respect of Christmas activities be continued to the next meeting;
- (iii) that consideration of all other applications detailed in the report received for funding for 1999/2000, be continued to the next meeting, subject to (iv) below; and
- (iv) that applications in respect of which funding requires to be secured prior to the next meeting, be dealt with by the Director of Corporate Services in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S

SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (Item 10, Page 3918)

- 5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 March 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of the Social Inclusion Partnership bid to The Scottish Office for partnership status for the Coalfield areas in the South of the Authority and which provided an update on actions taken to establish a Social Inclusion Programme throughout the Authority.

LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (NON-STATUTORY) (Item 4, Page 3915)

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of the consultation process undertaken with Local Committees regarding the proposed Local Performance Indicators (Non-Statutory).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to receive further reports on the results of Local Performance Indicators; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

- 7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 March 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Blake, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this point.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: KEY ISSUES/MEMBERSHIP

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the key community safety issues agreed by East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum and which requested a nomination for membership of the Forum for one year commencing in June.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Community Representative Mrs Jean Smith to represent the Local Committee on the Community Safety Forum; and

- (ii) to note that any suggested projects or initiatives for consideration by the Working Groups to be established to examine the key community safety issues should be intimated to the Community Safety Officer in the Department of Community Services.

STREET SWEEPING

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of arrangements for street sweeping.

Arising from the report, the Waste Management Team Leader intimated also (i) that arrangements had been made for the clearing of rubble at locations within Barshare, Cumnock; and (ii) that the Community Services Department were examining the possibility of street sweeping operations being introduced in certain areas to replace litter picking operations where this would be more effective.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and the comments made by the Team Leader; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Community Services to consider arrangements for appropriate publicity aimed at discouraging littering and indiscriminate dumping.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS

- 10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided details of the Council's involvement/interest in Millennium events/projects.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.