

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jim Carmichael and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives Reverend Duncan Eddie, William Crawford, William Lees, Jean Smith, Alex Currie, David Elliott, Hugh Murdoch, Lynne Irwin and Ronnie Hamilton.

**ATTENDING:** John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Paul L Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); John Lilley, Principal Planner; Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; Jean Kerr, Early Intervention Steering Group (Education Department); Danny Easton, Head Teacher - Auchinleck Primary School; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Arthur West, Service Manager - Development (Social Work); Valerie Walker, Pre-School Community Organiser (Education); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor David Sneller.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair (Items 1 to 7 inclusive); and George Smith, Vice-Chair (remaining Agenda items).

**MINUTES****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted for information and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 20 August 1998 (circulated). Noted that the Reverend Duncan Eddie was Minister at the Church of Scotland, Crichton West, Ayr Road, Cumnock, linked with St Ninian's Church, Cumnock.

**EDUCATION****CURRENT GOOD PRACTICE IN THE EDUCATION SERVICE: EARLY INTERVENTION INITIATIVE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress of Early Intervention Initiative in East Ayrshire as an example of current good practice within the Education Department.

In this connection, the Committee heard Jean Kerr, member of the Early Intervention Steering Group set up within the Education Department who spoke to the report; and also Danny Easton, Head Teacher at Auchinleck Primary School who provided information on the application of the Early Intervention Initiative within his school cluster.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that more detailed briefings be held on this significant educational initiative.

## HOUSING

### GARDEN COMPETITION 1998

3. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the outcome of the East Ayrshire Council Garden Competition 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to extend congratulations to the local area prize winners as follows, namely:-

<b>WINNER</b>	<b>RUNNERS-UP</b>	<b>HANGING BASKETS</b>
J Alexander, 36 Kings Drive, Cumnock	R & M Hutchison, 35 McQueen Avenue, Cumnock	T Robertson, 4 Castlehill, New Cumnock
(Also selected as overall Best Garden in East Ayrshire, 1998).	R Turnbull, 64 Arran Drive, Auchinleck	

- (ii) to note that the Director of Housing would make arrangements to hold a civic function, probably in November, for the presentation of prizes to the prize winners for each of the seven Local Committee areas;
- (iii) to request that two Members of this Committee be invited to attend the civic function; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

### FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC

4. Arising from discussion pertaining to the preceding item, it was agreed to request that a small allocation of funds be made available to this Local Committee for disbursement in respect of token prizes or awards etc for certain activities which the Committee might promote from time to time.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### GENERAL APPLICATIONS

5. There was submitted a statement dated 22 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which summarised the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations and outlined the financial position in respect of Community Grants for the financial year 1998/99.

#### 5.1 Declaration of Interest

Community Representative Reverend Duncan Eddie declared an interest in the application for grant submitted by the Kings Club, Cumnock, and took no part in consideration of this item.

#### 5.2 Applications Approved (for the purpose specified in the application), viz:-

(a) Disability

- (i) South East Ayrshire Disabled Club - £300;

(b) Leisure Activities

- (i) Cumnock and District Round Table - It was agreed to award a grant of £500 in respect of this application subject to clarification of the source of funding for a similar event to be held at the Kay Park, Kilmarnock, and, in the light of the outcome, this matter to be dealt with by the Director of Support Services, after consultation with the Chair.
- (ii) New Cumnock Gardening Club - £200;

(c) Pre-Fives

- (i) Sorn Mother and Toddlers Group - £100;

(d) Young People

- (i) Kings Club, Cumnock - £450; and
- (ii) 4th Cumnock Brownie Guides - £60.

**5.3 Grant Funding for Mothers and Toddlers Groups**

Arising from discussion on this item, it was agreed that the Officials concerned prepare and submit to an early meeting of this Committee a report to enable consideration to be given to non project specific grants being awarded to Mothers and Toddlers Groups on a sliding scale according to membership numbers.

**DECENTRALISATION ISSUES****ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1998  
(Item 2, Page 3875)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided information on the arrangements for developing an Annual Seminar for Community Representatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements made for the Annual Seminar 1998 as detailed in the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services would submit a report on the outcome of the Seminar to a future meeting; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1998/99**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the finalised Forward Planning Programme in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings for 1998/99.

**CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING: 5 OCTOBER 1998**

8. It was reported and noted (a) that the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum would take place on Monday 5 October 1998 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in Cumnock Town Hall; and (b) that the only matter for discussion at the meeting would be the issues in relation to East Ayrshire Council's Commercial Operations.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **OPERATION SPOTLIGHT**

9. The Chair reported and it was noted that Inspector John Merrylees, Strathclyde Police, had indicated that due to unavoidable operational requirements, he was unable to attend this meeting to make a report to the Committee, but that he would ensure that a full report would be submitted to the next meeting on 12 November 1998.

### **PILOT DOG FOULING SCHEME: PROGRESS REPORT (Item 15, Page 2962)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of a pilot scheme introduced to improve public awareness about dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services would prepare and submit to the next meeting a report on the use of Lacre road sweepers and "sit on" street sweepers for the removal of dog fouling from footways, and that the Director would make arrangements for a demonstration of the operation of a Lacre road sweeper to be provided to Members at the next meeting;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services be requested to consider (a) the provision of designated areas within local parks for dog fouling, i.e. "dog toilets" and (b) the provision of dog fouling bins in the vicinity of football pitches; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

Councillor Eric Ross left the meeting following determination of this item. Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **LUGAR CONSERVATION AREA**

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which set out the proposed new boundary of the Lugar Conservation Area, detailed the streets included within that boundary and sought comments on the proposed boundary.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the Head of Planning and Building Control that the Bello Mill within Lugar should be included within the Conservation Area boundary, in view of its historic significance;
- (ii) that the Head of Planning and Building Control would consult directly with Lugar and Logan Community Council in respect of the proposed new boundary for Lugar Conservation Area; and
- (iii) to note that the Head of Planning and Building Control would submit a report to the Development Services Committee outlining the comments from this Committee, Historic Scotland and Lugar and Logan Community Council and

seeking approval of the proposed Conservation Area boundary for advertising purposes.

## **EDUCATION**

### **PRESENT SUPPORT AND PROVISION BY COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE IN NEW CUMNOCK (Item 13, Page 3596)**

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the work being carried out and supported by the Community Education Service in the community of New Cumnock.

## **SOCIAL WORK**

### **POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS 1997/98**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the Social Work Department's new developments and positive achievements during the period April 1997 to March 1998.

### **CARERS STRATEGY (Item 2, Page 3696)**

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which provided information on the Department's Carers Strategy.

The meeting terminated at 1543 hours.