

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HRS IN NETHERTHIRD IFE WING, CRAIGENS ROAD, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross, James Boyd and Eric Jackson; Community Members: Jack Campbell, William Lees, Peter Neely, Alex Currie, Bob Mathers and Alan Anderson; and substitute Community Member: James Murray.

**ATTENDING:** Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Margaret Geddes, Assistant Divisional Social Work Manager; Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; John Bryson, Area Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Community Care); David Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor (Development Services); Douglas Blyth, Senior Solicitor; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith and Jim Carmichael; and Community Member: William Crawford.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair commented on the sad loss occasioned by the recent death of Mrs Mary Morrison of New Cumnock. Mary had been an enthusiastic and committed worker for many worthwhile causes, both locally and further afield and her selfless pursuit of the assistance of others over the years had earned her the immense respect of those who had the privilege to know and work with her. Mary had lived for many years in New Cumnock where she had become very well known and held in the highest regard and her passing was a great loss to that community. Latterly, Mary had been appointed as a Community Member to serve on this Local Committee to represent the interests of elderly people within the Cumnock Area. The Chair extended sincere condolences, both personal and on behalf of the Local Committee, to Mary's family at this very sad time.

The Chair also welcomed Alan Anderson the new school pupil representative to his first meeting of the Committee.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. There were submitted and noted Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 11 June 1997.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS (Item 2, Page 2243)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising of the position in respect of the appointment of Community Members and named substitutes from local organisations to serve on the Cumnock Area Local Committee for the period until 31 March 1998, as approved by the Chair.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that Community Members and named substitutes had been appointed to represent the undernoted organisation sectors:-
  - (a) Community Councils - Mr Jack Campbell (Cumnock Community Council) (to replace the late Mrs Mary Morrison);
  - (b) Sports Groups - Mr Robert Mathers (member of East Ayrshire Sports Council); and substitute Mr David Elliot (member of East Ayrshire Sports Council);
  - (c) Business Community - Mr Alex Currie (member of "The Club"); and
  - (d) School Pupil - Mr Alan Anderson (pupil at Cumnock Academy).
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to pursue the outstanding nominations for Community Members and named substitutes and to report on the outcome of this process to a future meeting or meetings of the Committee, as appropriate.

### **COMPOSITION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP (Item 4, Page 728, 1996/97)**

- 3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services outlining the extent and composition of community membership of the Cumnock Area Local Committee.

### **CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM (Item 3, Page 2244)**

#### **4.1 MEETING: 3 SEPTEMBER 1997**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the Cumnock Area Community Forum held in Catrine Community Centre on the evening of 3 September 1997.

#### **4.2 NEXT MEETING: VENUE/LOCAL ITEM**

The members of the Committee were asked to give consideration to the venue, and the topic to be selected as the "local item" for the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum which was due to take place in November/December 1997.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the "local item" for the next meeting of the Community Forum would be "Community Policing/Police response times" and that the venue for the meeting would be Muirkirk IFE Wing; and
- (ii) that the venue for the first Community Forum meeting to be held during 1998 would be Auchinleck Community Centre.

### **PROGRAMME OF VISITS (Item 5, Page 2245)**

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services to enable the Committee to consider a programme of visits to sites or features of interest within the Cumnock Area.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the programme would comprise visits to the following facilities: Dalsalloch Centre, Auchinleck; Youth Information Project, Cumnock Academy;

sheltered housing development at Townhead Street, Cumnock; Mauchline Cross development; and Burns Tower, Mauchline;

- (ii) that the Director of Support Services, following consultation with the Chair, would finalise the detailed arrangements for the programme of visits which should take place on selected Wednesday afternoons, and thereafter advise the members of the Committee accordingly.

### **LICENSING BOARD REGULATIONS, BYELAWS AND GUIDELINES (Item 6, Page 1945, 1996/97)**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 24 June 1997 (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board on the decision of the Licensing Board with regard to Regulations, Byelaws and Guidelines for extended hours.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the decision of the Licensing Board with regard to Regulations, Byelaws and Guidelines for extended hours;
- (ii) to note the thanks of the Licensing Board for the Local Committee's participation in the review process; and
- (iii) to note that details of the Licensing Board's Regulations, Byelaws and Guidelines would be circulated to members of the Local Committee for their information.

### **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ACTION TEAM: PRESENTATION**

- 7. Arising from discussion in respect of the preceding item, it was agreed that a presentation would be made to the Local Committee at an early meeting by an appropriate representative or representatives of the Alcohol and Drug Action Team (ADAT) on initiatives being promoted by the Team within the Committee's area.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING**

#### **8.1 WOOD ROAD, CUMNOCK (Item 5, Page 2094)**

There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing an update on the proposal to upgrade the traffic calming measures in Wood Road, Cumnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the formal consultations with interested parties, as detailed within the report, had been satisfactorily completed;
- (ii) that the proposals would be advertised in the Press and on site; and
- (iii) to approve, in respect of the Committee's interest, the details of the proposed scheme.

**8.2 AUCHINLECK (Item 3.3, Page 2194)**

There was submitted a report dated 29 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of proposed traffic calming measures in Auchinleck.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the layout of the traffic calming measures in Auchinleck, as detailed within the report;
- (ii) that the proposals should be the subject of consultation with the appropriate emergency services, Auchinleck Community Council and village centre traders and that plans of the proposals should be displayed in an appropriate public place for comment; and
- (iii) to approve the proposals, as detailed in the report, to relax certain waiting restrictions on the B7083 (Main Street).

**STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS: SCHEMES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 1998/99 PROGRAMMES (Item 9, Page 2245)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the schemes which were being considered for inclusion in the 1998/99 Programme for the structural maintenance of roads and footways to be drawn up in the Autumn of this year.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that, if they so wished, individual Local Committee members could submit any further suggestions as to works which could be included within the Programmes, directly to the Head of Roads and Transportation no later than 27 September 1997.

**REPLACEMENT OF TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS (Item 11, Page 2246)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the message to be incorporated on the bottom line on the proposed town and village signs within the Cumnock Area.

It was agreed that the following messages should be incorporated within the bottom line of the proposed town and village signs for each community as undernoted:

Auchinleck	“Home of James Boswell”
Catrine	“Historical Mill Town”
Cumnock	“Cumnock Welcomes Careful Drivers” (on entering) and “Thank You for Driving Carefully” (on leaving)
Mauchline	“Home of Bonnie Jean” and “Robert Burns 1784-1788” (one each to be used on the B743 approaches from Sorn and Ayr, the precise terms of the latter message to be determined following further consultation with the local Elected Member)
Muirkirk	“Historical Covenanter Town”
New Cumnock	“Flow Gently Sweet Afton” and if possible the sign to

	incorporate a silhouette of Robert Burns
Sorn	“Covenanter Village”
Lugar	“Slow Down in Town” or “Home of William Murdoch” (to be determined in the light of consultation with the local Elected Member and the local Community Council)

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT: REVIEW OF  
OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES (Item 13, Page 2360)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of changes in the operational areas of the Social Work Department which would enable harmonisation with Local Committee areas and efficient operations.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the adjustments in the Social Work operational boundaries in terms of the creation of Division A (encompassing Northern Area, Kilmarnock North, Kilmarnock Central and Kilmarnock South Local Committees) and Division B (encompassing Irvine Valley, Cumnock Area and Doon Valley Local Committees); and
- (ii) to note that the Social Work Lead Officer for the Cumnock Area Local Committee would be Margaret Geddes, Assistant Divisional Social Work Manager.

**SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES:  
PURCHASING INTENTIONS 1997/98 AND  
PREPARATION FOR COMMUNITY CARE PLAN (Item 8, Page 2135)**

12. There as submitted a report dated 28 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising (1) of the Council’s Community Care purchasing intentions 1997/98; and (2) of the altered timescale for the production of Community Care Plans and consequential revision of the consultation process.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work should consult with the Local Committee throughout the development of the Community Care Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENT  
WEEK EVENTS 1997 (Item 9, Page 2407)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 9 July 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of events undertaken within the Cumnock Area during National Spring Clean and Environment Weeks 1997.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the information provided in the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to contact appropriate local individuals, groups and organisations in order to identify which of these would

be willing to work with the Council in identifying and solving environmental problems, and to arrange for the matter to be suitably publicised; and

- (iii) that individual Local Committee members would submit, directly to the Director of Community Services, suggestions as to local individuals, groups and organisations who could become involved in the National Spring Clean and Environment Week Events 1998.

#### **CLOSED CIRCUIT TV CHALLENGE COMPETITION 1998/99 (Item 5, Page 2406)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 26 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the Council's proposals to increase the number of Closed Circuit Television Projects in East Ayrshire and invited the Committee to identify areas where it was felt that the introduction of CCTV would be of assistance when community safety was considered.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the information provided in the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services would (a) invite appropriate local organisations to submit suggestions as to locations within the Local Committee's area at which the introduction of CCTV would be of assistance in promoting community safety; and (b) submit a report on the outcome to the next meeting.
- (iii) that, if they so wished, individual Local Committee members would also submit any suggestions which they might have in this regard to the Director of Community Services for incorporation within the report for Committee.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM: NOMINATION (Item 8, Page 2407)**

15. There was submitted a report dated 18 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of the Council's intention to institute an Environmental Forum and inviting the Local Committee to nominate a representative to serve on the Forum.

It was agreed to nominate Mr Alex Currie, Community Member, to serve on the Environmental Forum.

#### **MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY SEMINAR (Item 6.3(g)(i), Page 2096)**

16. There was submitted a report dated 14 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the outcome of the Muirkirk Community Seminar which had been held on 21 June 1997.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services should arrange to submit a report on the outcome of the Muirkirk Community Seminar to an early meeting of the Development Services Committee.

**LOCAL REGENERATION STRATEGY:  
PROGRESS REPORT (Item 15, Page 1274)**

17. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services seeking the Committee's approval for a series of local Community Seminars to ensure active participation in the process of preparing Local Regeneration Strategies.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the process outlined within the report regarding the preparation of regeneration strategies; and
- (ii) to participate in the process as appropriate.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME: CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

18. There was submitted a statement dated 8 September 1997 prepared by the Director of Support Services summarising the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grants received from local organisations and outlining the financial position in respect of applications for grants received so far during the financial year 1997/98.

**18.1 Declarations of Interest**

Community Members Peter Neely, William Lees and Bob Mathers declared an interest in respect of the applications for grant submitted by East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability, Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme and Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Panel, respectively, and took no part in the consideration of the applications concerned.

**18.2 Consideration of Applications**

It was agreed as follows:-

- (a) Elderly Interest Groups
  - (i) The Cabin, Muirkirk - that a grant of £500 be made.
- (b) Young Persons Groups
  - (i) Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Panel - that a grant of £900 be made;
  - (ii) Cairnhill Mothers and Toddlers, New Cumnock - that consideration of this application be continued at the next meeting, pending submission of further information;
  - (iii) 3rd Cumnock Brownie Pack - that a grant of £60 be made;
  - (iv) Muirkirk Brownies - that a grant of £60 be made;
  - (v) "Elle" Baton Twirling Troupe, New Cumnock - that a grant of £100 be made.
- (c) Disabled Persons Interest Groups
  - (i) East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability - that a grant of £400 be made; and
  - (ii) Cumnock and District Blind Club - that a grant of £1255 be made.
- (d) Leisure/Recreational Groups

- (i) Ayrshire Ploughing Association - that a grant of £1800 be made;
  - (ii) Lugar and Logan Horticultural Society - to note that a grant of £200 had been approved by the Director of Support Services after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair in terms of delegated powers; and
  - (iii) Cumnock Gardening Club - to note that a grant of £200 had been approved by the Director of Support Services after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair in terms of delegated powers.
- (e) Miscellaneous Groups
- (i) Cumnock and Auchinleck Credit Union - that a grant of £700 be made;
  - (ii) Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme - that, in principle, a grant of £1,667 be made subject to the matter being dealt with in detail by the Director of Support Services following clarification to the satisfaction of the Chair of the other sources of funding which might be available to the Group.
  - (iii) Survivors Group - that a grant of £250 be made; and
  - (iv) Skerrington and Netherthird Co-operative Women's Guild - that it be remitted to the Director of Support Services, following consultation with the Chair, to deal with this application in the light of the submission of further information from the Group.

#### **SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968: SECTION 10 - APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

19. The Assistant Divisional Social Work Manager reported on applications received by the Divisional Manager for funding under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

It was agreed:

- (a) that the Divisional Social Work Manager make a grant of £500 to the Cumnock and Doon Valley Deaf Club under this heading; and
- (b) to note that applications for funding under this heading had also been received from Cumnock and District Blind Club, Carers Group (Dementia) and Survivors Group.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hrs.