

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN CUMNOCK TOWN HALL, GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael; Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Mr William Lees, Mr John McBean and Mrs Caroline McBride; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Kevin Dorman and Miss Lorna Phillips.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Fiona Dickson, Integrated Strategies Officer (East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Partnership); Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Kerr Chalmers, Technical Officer, Roads Division; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly and Eric Ross; and Community Representative Dr Iain Brown.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting, Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, who had recently been appointed to his post, based at Cumnock Police Office, as successor to James Thomson.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: MR DAVID ELLIOT**

2. It was reported that Mr David Elliot who had been appointed to serve on the Local Committee as a Community Representative by local Sports Groups had intimated his resignation from the Committee due to work commitments; and that arrangements were being made for the Sports Groups to nominate a new representative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information reported; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair, to write to Mr Elliot on behalf of the Committee acknowledging his contribution as a Community Representative.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

3. 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

4. The meeting reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Substitute Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted and noted for information the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 25 May 2000.

The Chair reported for the information of the Committee, and it was noted, that with regard to Item 11, Page 1008 - "Street Naming: Auchinleck: Development at Barony Road", the street name "The Runnels" would be applied to all of the houses within the proposed development at Barony Road, Auchinleck. The other name (Jean Allan Place) selected by the Committee would not be required and could not be used as Mrs Allan had prior to her death, indicated that she did not wish any streets, buildings etc, to be named after her.

LOCAL ISSUES

LOCAL ISSUES: NEW ISSUES

6. Community Representatives were invited to raise any local issues of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

It was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on the endeavours made by East Ayrshire Council to assist in the regeneration of businesses within the local area with particular reference to the funding and incentives which were available for this purpose.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SPOTLIGHT REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2000 (circulated) by Chief Inspector McKnight, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period. The Chief Inspector also provided updated statistical information at the meeting and advised of the success of an Open Day held recently at Cumnock Police Office.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by the Chief Inspector.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR WOODROAD PARK, CUMNOCK

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on future development proposals for Woodroad Park, Cumnock.

FUNDING FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the funding arrangements for the firework displays in Kilmarnock and Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources make arrangements to provide appropriate advice and information to Cumnock and District Round Table, who organise the annual Fireworks Display in November in Cumnock, to assist this organisation in applying for funding for their display in 2001 and beyond, from the Community Grants budget and from the Common Good Fund.

PROVISION OF RECYCLING SERVICES

10. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on existing recycling services and which set out proposals for the provision of a trial Kerbside Collection Scheme in Mauchline.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposed introduction of the trial Kerbside Collection Scheme in Mauchline as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, CUMNOCK

11. It was reported that East Ayrshire Council had recently received a letter from Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities with Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust which advised that the East Ayrshire Community Hospital, Ayr Road, Cumnock, had become operational from 8 August 2000.

Noted and agreed to request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair, to make arrangements, with the Trust's Director of Estates and Facilities, for Members of the Committee to visit the facility.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

12. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) advised on the outcome of public consultations on the East Ayrshire Interim Local Transportation Strategy: Consultative Draft; and (b) consulted on draft programmes and targets for inclusion in the Full Local Transport Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outcome of the public consultation exercise on the draft programmes and targets; and

- (ii) that Members of the Committee should, on an individual basis, submit any comments on the draft implementation programmes and targets set out in the report directly to the Head of Roads and Transportation no later than 30 September 2000.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

HOUSING PROVISION FOR THE DISABLED

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the current housing provision for the disabled within the Cumnock and Doon Valley area.

REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

14.1 PATRICK FINN COURT TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, CUMNOCK

14.1.1 Declaration of Interest

Substitute Community Representative Mr Kevin Dorman declared an interest in the following item and took no part in consideration or determination of this matter.

14.1.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 26 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for a start-up and an annual operating grant from the Patrick Finn Court Tenants' and Residents' Association, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a start-up grant of £150 and an operating grant of £100 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the housing revenue account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payment to be made.

14.2 RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - STONER AND HILLSIDE, AUCHINLECK

There was submitted a report dated 26 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on an application for a start-up and an annual operating grant from the Residents' Association - Stoner and Hillside, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a start-up grant of £150 and an operating grant of £100 be made to the Association, the expenditure to be met from the housing revenue account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payment to be made.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

**EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP -
EARLY ACTION PLAN**

15. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which provided (a) a summary background and progress to date on Social Inclusion activity within East Ayrshire Coalfield area; and (b) an update on the Action Plan which had been submitted to this Committee on 13 April 2000.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the content of the Action Plan as detailed in Appendix I to the report.

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting during discussion of this item.

The meeting terminated at 1507 hours.