

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 1996 AT 1430 HOURS
IN THE IFE WING, MUIRKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAIN STREET, MUIRKIRK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith and Eric Jackson; and Community Representatives: Reverend Bill Buchan, Mr William Crawford, Mr Ian Smith, Mr Peter Neely, Mr Alex Currie and Mr Bob Mathers.

ATTENDING: John Pickering, Area Housing Manager (Cumnock Area); James T Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads and Transportation); Jim Hazlett, Divisional Social Work Manager (South Division); John McHarg, Maintenance Manager (Property); Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Education Officer (Pre-Fives); Paul Todd, Principal Officer (Environmental Health and Waste Management); John C Lilley, Senior Planning Officer - Local Plans; Martin O'Rourke, Senior Planning Officer - Projects; David Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor - Strategy/Partnerships; Anna Gallagher, Senior Solicitor; Eoghan Baird, Training and Development Manager; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael and Mrs M Shankland.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: MRS ELSIE MENZIES

1. The chair commented on the sad loss occasioned by the death of Mrs Elsie Menzies MBE, a former Councillor with the old Cumnock Burgh and Justice of the Peace, who had died suddenly at home on Tuesday 18 June 1996. Elsie had been an active and tireless worker for many local causes throughout her life and among the many organisations which had benefitted immensely from her involvement were Age Concern, The Women's Guild and the local Twinning Association. In 1992, Elsie had been awarded the MBE for her many years of unselfish and tireless work in the community. The award had been richly deserved. Latterly, Elsie had also been appointed as a Community Representative to serve on this Local Committee. Elsie had been held in the highest regard and deeply respected by everyone who had known her and her passing would be felt not only in her home town of Cumnock but throughout the whole of Ayrshire. The Chair extended sincere condolences, both personal and on behalf of the Local Committee to her family at this sad time. The members of the Local Committee then stood and observed a period of respectful silence.

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP (Item 1, Page 819)

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on further progress made in respect of the nomination of Community Representatives from local organisations to serve on the Local Committee.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further appointments of Community Representatives to the Committee from the undernoted organisations, as follows:-

- (i) East Ayrshire Sports Council - Mr Robert Mathers (Executive Committee Member of the Sports Council);
- (ii) Business Community - Mr Alex Currie (Member of "The Club");
- (iii) Youth Forum - Mr Mark Kerr (Youth Worker with the Youth Information Project - interim member).

FORWARD PLANNING (Item 3, Page 968)

- 3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services providing details of the Forward Planning Programme for Local Committees.

COMMUNITY FIRST: TRAINING PROGRAMME (Item 2, Page 801)

- 4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services on of the training programme formulated for Local Committees in support of their responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL REMIT FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE (Item 3, Page 968)

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 17 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on additional matters which had been included within the remit of the Local Committee.

It was agreed to note the additional remits to the Local Committee in respect of responsibility for street naming and for recommending to the appropriate Service Committee names for new establishments; consultation regarding the review of Community Council Schemes; and involvement in commenting on the level and range of departmental services delivered from Local Offices.

PROPOSED REVIEW OF EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEMES (Item 9, Page 935)

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, on a proposed review of existing Community Council Schemes within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Director of Support Services would be initiating an informal consultation process with Community Councils in respect of the proposed review which would be co-ordinated by this Committee; and
- (ii) that a report on the outcome of the informal consultation process referred to in (i) above would be submitted to this Committee at its meeting to be held on 30 October 1996 in order to assist the Committee in commenting on the proposed review.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM

7.1 MEETING OF 14 MAY 1996 (Item 14, Page 824)

There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the first meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum which had been held in Mauchline Community Centre on Tuesday 14 May 1996.

7.2 FUTURE MEETINGS (Item 8, Page 970)

There was submitted a report dated 17 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the "Council items" and "local items" to be considered at, and also the venues for, future meetings of the Cumnock Area Community Forum.

Having noted that the "Council items" for the next three rounds of Community Forum meetings would be, respectively, the Council's Environmental Strategy; the Council's Social Strategy; and the Council's Budget Proposals for 1996/97, it was agreed:

- (i) that the next meeting of the Community Forum would take place on Monday 26 August 1996 in Logan IFE Wing, Logan and that the "local item" for that meeting would be the policing of communities and safety of residents within these communities with reference to drink or drug related disturbances in public areas;
- (ii) that the meeting of the Community Forum scheduled to take place in late November/early December would be held in either the Town Hall or Community Centre in New Cumnock and that the "local item" to be discussed at that meeting would be rural deprivation issues/improvement of rural areas; and
- (iii) that the meeting of the Community Forum scheduled to take place in February 1997 would be held in Cumnock Town Hall and that the "local item" for discussion at that meeting would be the availability of leisure facilities for young people.

RECYCLING ACTIVITIES (Item 8, Page 822)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the recycling facilities which were available, and proposed, within the Cumnock Area.

CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY DISTRICT WIDE LOCAL PLAN: REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising of the findings of the appointed Scottish Office Reporter in respect of formal objections lodged at the Public Local Inquiry into the Cumnock and Doon Valley District Wide Local Plan.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PLAN (Item 13, Page 770)

10. There was submitted a report dated 4 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services:-

- (a) bringing to the attention of the Local Committee, a series of planning issues requiring to be addressed by the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
- (b) seeking the views of the Committee on the issues raised;
- (c) requesting the Committee to identify any other planning related issues pertaining to the Local Committee Area that it feels should be addressed in the Plan; and
- (d) inviting the Committee to identify possible development opportunities within the Local Committee Area, including opportunities for environmental improvements.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note:
 - (a) the contents of the report and the invitation which had been extended to members of the Local Committee to discuss any issues arising therefrom with Officers of the Planning Division of the Department of Development Services; and
 - (b) that the Planning Division would also be consulting with a wide range of local groups and organisations to identify issues of importance which they considered should be addressed in the local plan; and
- (ii) that a further report, taking on board issues identified as a result of the consultation process referred to in (i) above be prepared by the Director of Development Services for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

MAUCHLINE CROSS SCULPTURE (Item 14, Page 919)

11. There was submitted a report dated 10 June 1996 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on arrangements for progressing the production of a public art sculpture for the Mauchline Cross Public Library development.

Having viewed the three maquettes which were on display at the meeting and from which the final sculpture would be chosen, it was agreed:

- (i) that, in order to enable members of the public to express their preference, the three maquettes be displayed in Mauchline Community Centre for public viewing; and
- (ii) that at the same time, the views of the public be sought on the possible provision of amenity seating at the new development at Mauchline Cross.

SCOTTISH OFFICE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: PLANNING CHARTER STANDARD STATEMENT

12. There was submitted, for information, and noted, the "Planning Charter Standard Statement" (circulated) published by the Scottish Office Development Department which explained the Department's role in the planning system; set out the standards of service which the public can expect to receive from the Department in relation to planning matters; and advised of the procedure for dealing with complaints about the service which the Department provides.

**BYE-LAWS FOR PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION THE ALCOHOL IN
DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS (Item 14, Page 937)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, on proposed bye-laws for prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public areas.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the intention to proceed with the draft bye-law on the basis of a blanket ban on drinking in public areas, in consultation, as necessary with the Divisional Commanders, Strathclyde Police at Kilmarnock and Ayr; and
- (ii) to give their overwhelming support for the proposals.

EAST AYRSHIRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP (Item 4, Page 820)

14. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress in respect of the East Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy particularly in respect of priority area boundaries, local area statements, the development of projects and community involvement.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the report, particularly the local area statements;
- (ii) to approve, in respect of its interest, the arrangements for community involvement in the Strategy;
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to make arrangements for the Vision Statement for East Ayrshire to be signed by Community Representative William Crawford, (substitute - Mr Ian Smith); and
- (iv) to remit to the Director of Development Services to submit to the next meeting of this Committee, local area statements for the remaining priority areas which have not yet been submitted to the Committee.

ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY (Item 7, Page 871)

15. There was submitted a report dated 10 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work outlining the services provided by the Social Work Department to support an Anti-Poverty Strategy and which would form the basis for a more corporate and more localised approach in future.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Social Work to prepare for submission to future meetings of this Committee at regular intervals, statements providing a comparative analysis of key social indicators within the Cumnock Area.

Councillor Sneller left the meeting at this point.

GARDEN COMPETITION (Item 3, Page 875)

16. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the involvement of Local Committees in the East Ayrshire Garden Competition 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the terms of the report;
- (ii) to appoint Councillors Jimmy Boyd and George Smith and Community Representative, Mr Ian Smith, together with an appropriate Officer from the Community Services Department, as judges for the Cumnock Area in respect of the Garden Competition this year; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Chair, to make arrangements for prize giving for the Competition.

THE ROLE OF LIAISON COMMITTEES: NEW CUMNOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP (Item 11, Page 823)

17. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the review of the New Cumnock Neighbourhood Planning Group in the light of the Council's Decentralisation Plans.

Having noted that the Chief Executive's report had been prepared following consultation between members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group and appropriate officials of the Council, it was agreed to recommend to the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee that the Group be retained in the meantime and be included in the forthcoming review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme.

PRE-FIVES EDUCATION (POSITION STATEMENT) (Item 3, Page 968)

18. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the present position relative to the provision of Pre-Fives Education within the Local Committee's area.

SPEED LIMITS (Item 3, Page 915)

19. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services identifying criteria to be used when setting speed limits on the Council's road network.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that members of the Local Committee would endeavour to identify any local areas of perceived danger in relation to the Council's roads network prior to, and for consideration at, the next meeting of this Committee.

SOCIAL WORK OFFICE AND DAY CENTRE, AUCHINLECK

20. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work seeking a name for the new Social Work Office and Day Centre which was to be constructed on a site at Dalsalloch, Auchinleck.

It was agreed to recommend to the Social Work Committee that the new building be called "The Dalsalloch Centre".

**GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS: COMMUNITY GRANTS
(Item 13.1, Page 823)**

21. There was submitted a report dated 18 June 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on applications received from local organisations for grant assistance under the Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the applications received for grant assistance to a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 June 1996 in Cumnock Town Hall.

The meeting terminated at 1635 hours.