

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 1999 AT 1403 HOURS IN AUCHINLECK COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd, and Councillor Eric Ross; and Community Representatives Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Alex Currie, Rev Duncan Eddie, Mr William Lees, Mr Ronnie Hamilton, Mr David Elliot, Miss Jill Garven, Mrs Caroline McBride and Miss Isla Menzies.

ATTENDING: Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Social Work); Bill Hunter, Area Community Education Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); Campbell Dempster, Senior Engineer - Roads (Development Services); Mike Rooney, Team Leader - Environmental Health (Community Services); Neil McBride, Team Leader - Children and Families (Social Work); Avril McCutcheon, Pre-School Community Organiser (Education); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael and Community Representative, Mr William Crawford.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1404 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1405 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

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3. There were submitted and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 26 May 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

4. It was reported that Miss Isla Menzies had been nominated as the interim Community Representative to serve on the Local Committee to represent the Cumnock and Doon Valley Youth Forum.

It was agreed to accept the above mentioned nomination.

**“PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST” - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL’S
DECENTRALISATION SCHEME (Item 1, Page 4534, 99/02)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of the outcome of the Council’s review of the Decentralisation Scheme and sought nominations from Community Representatives to participate in the Working Party of Community Representatives to progress and monitor initiatives and issues detailed in the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to nominate Mr William Lees to serve on the Community Representatives Working Party; and
- (ii) to note the action proposed by the Council in relation to the review of the Council’s Decentralisation Scheme, as referred to in the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

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6.1 FUNDING FOR PRIZES/AWARDS ETC (Item 1.1, Page 4221, 99/02)

It was reported and noted that the Policy and Resources Committee had agreed that the remit of Local Committees be extended to allow disbursement of funds from the local Community Grants Scheme in respect of prizes or awards, etc for certain activities which the Local Committees might promote from time to time, subject to maximum annual expenditure per Committee of £300.

6.2 DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

There was submitted a report dated 5 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services to assist the Committee in considering the disbursement of the balance of the financial allocation for Community Grants for the 1999/2000 year.

6.2.1 Declarations of Interest

Community Representatives, Mr Ronnie Hamilton and Mr Alex Currie declared an interest in respect of the applications submitted by Lugar, Logan and Cronberry Regeneration Group and also Muirkirk Enterprise Group, respectively, and took no part in consideration of the applications concerned.

6.2.2 Consideration of Item

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a sum of £768 be set aside from the balance of the current year’s financial allocation for Community Grants to enable a grant award to be made to Ochiltree Old People’s Welfare Association;
- (ii) in respect of the applications submitted by the undernoted groups (for the purpose specified in the grant application form) as follows, namely:-
 - (a) Information and Advice
 - (i) Crichton West Church, Cumnock - that a grant of £400 be made;
 - (ii) Muirkirk Enterprise Group - that a grant of £400 be made.

- (b) Poverty and Disadvantage
 - (i) Cumnock and Auchinleck Credit Union - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (c) Pre-Fives
 - (i) Netherthird and Craigens Under 5's - that a grant of £480 be made;
- (d) Sport
 - (i) Glenafton Athletic Building Committee - that a grant of £575 be made, on condition that the Committee make arrangements to share the equipment which it proposed to purchase with the other Junior Football Clubs within the Local Committee's area;
 - (ii) Cumnock Junior Boy's Club - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (e) Voluntary Organisation Support
 - (i) Muirkirk Community Association (Gala Day) - that a grant of £300 be made;
 - (ii) Lugar, Logan and Cronberry Regeneration Group - that a grant of £350 be made;
- (f) Women
 - (i) Catrine Ladies Group - that a grant of £200 be made;
- (g) Young People
 - (i) 1st Cumnock Company Boy's Brigade - that a grant of £1,000 be made, and that further investigations be made on the possibility of funding being available in respect of the purpose of this application through the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust, the matter to be dealt with in detail by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair;
 - (ii) Ochiltree Rovers Boy's Club - that a grant of £557 be made;
 - (iii) Doon Valley Roller Hockey Club - that a grant of £138 be made;
 - (iii) that should any of the grant awards referred to in (ii) above not be taken up either fully or in part, for whatever reason, the remaining funds be distributed to the other applicants referred to above, up to the grant award recommended by the Assessing Department in each case, this matter to be dealt with in detail by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chair; and
 - (iv) that any outstanding applications and any further applications received this financial year be deferred pending further funding becoming available; and that all applicants concerned be made aware of other possible sources of funding for their proposed expenditure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S

INTERIM COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON THE EAST AYRSHIRE SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which requested the Committee to nominate a Community Representative

and Substitute Representative to attend the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group on an interim basis until March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the nomination of a representative and substitute representative to attend the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group on behalf of the Local Committee until March 2000, be determined at the next meeting of the Community Representatives and notified to the Administrative Officer; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

- 8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 August 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

CORPORATE SERVICES

LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: PERIOD UNTIL 7 APRIL 2000

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 21 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the dates on which meetings of the Local Committee were scheduled to take place during the period until 7 April 2000 and invited the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings would be held.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the dates fixed for meetings of the Committee during the period until 7 April 2000, as detailed in (ii) below; and
- (ii) that the four meetings of the Committee which would take place during the period in question be held in the undernoted venues, namely:-
 Thursday 30 September 1999 - Mauchline Community Centre;
 Thursday 11 November 1999 - Ochiltree Community Centre;
 Thursday 20 January 2000 - New Cumnock Community Centre; and
 Thursday 2 March 2000 - Sorn Village Hall.

STREET NAMING: CUMNOCK: DEVELOPMENT AT SKERRINGTON FARM

- 10. The Committee were asked to determine names for two new streets to be created by further housing development at Skerrington Farm, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new street leading off "Penders Wynd" be named "Phillips Wynd" in recognition of the service given to the community by Mr Samuel Phillips;
- (ii) that the other new street, which takes the form of a cul-de-sac, be named "Buntens Close" in recognition of service given to the community by the late David and Lillian Buntens; and

- (iii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised of the above.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS 1999/2000

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 July 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the programme for the structural maintenance of roads and footways for 1999/2000 would be drawn up in the Autumn of this year and requested that any carriageway or footway resurfacing schemes which the Members considered desirable be notified to the Head of Roads and Transportation by the end of September 1999.

LOCAL ITEMS

12. The Senior Administrative Officer reported that following the review of the Council's Decentralisation Scheme:-
- (i) that the intention of a local item, was to give Community Representatives an opportunity to raise local issues which would become the subject of further reports by appropriate Officers for consideration at future meetings; and
 - (ii) that local items of interest raised by Community Representatives would be incorporated into the Forward Planning of Committee business currently being developed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Officer's report; and
- (ii) that, in future, this item would feature earlier in the Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.