

NORTH AREA – 10 November 2005

Kilsyth Academy, Kilsyth, 10 November 2005 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the **NORTH AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Chadha, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Carmichael, Gemmell, Goldie, Gray, Griffin, Irvine, Johnston, Jones, Murray and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Chadha (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager, Department of Administration; Head of Property Services, Department of Housing and Property Services; Head of Roads and Transportation, Department of Planning and Environment; Community Regeneration Manager and Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Department, and Museums and Heritage Manager, Department of Community Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Dillon, Strathclyde Police; D. Smart and S. McQueen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; T. Reilly, Cumbernauld Community Forum and J. Ross, Northern Corridor Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Homer, McCallum, McCulloch, McElroy and Shaw.

WELCOME

The Convener welcomed J. Ross of Northern Corridor Community Forum, Superintendent Dillon of Strathclyde Police and S. McQueen and D. Smart of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to their first meeting of the Area Committee.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 8 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 8 September 2005 be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) CUMBERNAULD AREA

(a) BALLOCH/EASTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Balloch/Eastfield Community Council held on 7 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Balloch/Eastfield Community Council held on 7 September 2005 be noted.

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(b) CARBRAIN AND HILLCREST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Carbrain and Hillcrest Community Council held on 1 June 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Carbrain and Hillcrest Community Council held on 1 June 2005 be noted.

(c) CARRICKSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Carrickstone Community Council held on 11 August 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Carrickstone Community Council held on 11 August 2005 be noted.

(d) CASTLECARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Castlecary Community Council held on 27 July and 31 August 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Castlecary Community Council held on 27 July and 31 August 2005 be noted.

(e) GREENFAULDS AND LUGGIEBANK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Greenfaulds and Luggiebank Community Council held on 27 June and 19 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Greenfaulds and Luggiebank Community Council held on 27 June and 19 September 2005 be noted.

(f) THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

7. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Village Community Council held on 13 January, 10 February, 10 March and 12 May 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of the Village Community Council held on 13 January, 10 February, 10 March and 12 May 2005 be noted.

(g) WESTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

8. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Westfield Community Council held on 15 June and 14 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Westfield Community Council held on 15 June and 14 September 2005 be noted.

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(2) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES AREA

(a) BANTON AND KELVINHEAD

9. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Banton and Kelvinhead Community Council held on 25 May and 29 June 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Banton and Kelvinhead Community Council held on 25 May and 29 June 2005 be noted.

(b) KILSYTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Kilsyth Community Council held on 17 August and 21 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Kilsyth Community Council held on 17 August and 21 September 2005 be noted.

(c) QUEENZIEBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Queenzieburn Community Council held on 11 August , 7 September and 5 October 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Queenzieburn Community Council held on 11 August , 7 September and 5 October 2005 be noted.

(3) NORTHERN CORRIDOR

(a) CHRYSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Chryston Community Council held on 27 June, 29 August and 19 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Chryston Community Council held on 27 June, 29 August and 19 September 2005 be noted.

(b) GARTCOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Gartcosh Community Council held on 5 September and 3 October 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Gartcosh Community Council held on 5 September and 3 October 2005 be noted.

(c) MOODIESBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Moodiesburn Community Council held on 8 June and 14 September 2005.
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Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Moodiesburn Community Council held on 8 June and 14 September 2005 be noted.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY FORUMS

(1) CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM

15. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 October 2005 by the Director of Community Services attaching, as an Appendix to the report, the Minute of the meeting of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 23 August 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 23 August 2005 be noted.

(2) NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM

16. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 26 October 2005 by the Director of Community Services attaching, as an Appendix to the report, the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 7 September 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 7 September 2005 be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE

17. The Committee heard Mr. T. Reilly and Mr. J. Ross update Members regarding matters relating to the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and Northern Corridor Community Forums.

Decided: that the position be noted.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE UPDATE

18. Superintendent Dillon, Strathclyde Police provided an oral report advising of the initiatives and measures taken by Strathclyde Police, in partnership with local agencies, to minimise the level of crime in the North Area and providing details thereon.

Decided: that the report by Superintendent Dillon be noted.

COMMUNITY REGENERATION PROGRESS REPORT

19. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 2005 by the Chief Executive (1) providing Members with an update on the progress in relation to the establishment of Local Area Partnerships and the development of Neighbourhood Improvement Plans; (2) advising of a programme of Ward visits that had been undertaken with local Councillors and senior officers from his Department; (3) explaining that the information gathered during these Ward visits would be addressed with relevant Departments and partner agencies; (4) intimating that the Department of Community Services would lead the development of the Community Forums in line with the Council's Community Engagement Strategy, and (5) indicating that further reports on the development of the Community Engagement Strategy and the Neighbourhood Development Plan would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

Decided: that the report be noted.

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CUMBERNAULD TOWN CENTRE - UPDATE

20. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 2005 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) providing an update on the progress with regard to the redevelopment and extension of Cumbernauld Town Centre; (2) detailing the background to the proposed development; (3) intimating that Phase A of the development was complete and that London and Regional Properties was currently working on the implementation of Phase B, and (4) indicating that he would submit a further report on the conclusion of the formal agreement with London and Regional Properties to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE/ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING 2005 - DEVELOPMENT ON THE GROUND

21. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising that the Kilsyth Town Centre Environmental Improvements Phase 1 had been shortlisted for the Scottish Executive Awards for Quality in Planning 2005 - Development on the Ground Category; (2) detailing the background to the regeneration of Kilsyth Town Centre; (3) advising that the works had been shortlisted following a site visit that had been undertaken by representatives from the Royal Town Planning Institute, and (4) intimating that an awards ceremony for successful submissions would be held on 9 March 2006.

Decided: that the report be noted.

TRYST REDEVELOPMENT

22. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2005 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising of the current position regarding the refurbishment works currently being carried out to the Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld; (2) detailing the new amenities to be included within the Centre, and (3) intimating that it was anticipated that the pool would be open to the public in January 2006.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SMALL COMMUNITIES PROJECTS

23. With reference to paragraph 24 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 September 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 November 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) outlining, in the Appendix to the report, the up-to-date position in respect of all projects relating to the Small Communities Programme within the northern area, and (2) advising that all works to be undertaken as part of the Northern Area Small Communities Programme would commence, on a phased basis, in January 2006, with an anticipated 8 week contract period.

Decided: that the report be noted.

GOOD NEWS

24. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 2005 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising of initiatives, projects and events that had been undertaken and supported by his Department, and (2) providing details thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

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2005-06 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKS PROGRAMME

25. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 November 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising of initiatives, projects and events within the North Area which had been undertaken and supported by the Roads Division of his Department; (2) providing details thereon, and (3) containing details of the Prince Michael International Road Safety Award which his Department had recently won, together with two other awards for which the Department had been shortlisted.

Decided: that the report be noted.
