

Cumbernauld, 26 January 2005 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the **NORTH AREA COMMITTEE** was held within
the Court Room, Cumbernauld

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Chadha (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Dillon, Strathclyde Police, S. McQueen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, J. Hunt, Kilsyth Community Forum; T. Reilly, Cumbernauld Community Forum and J. Rose, Northern Corridor Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Barrie, Hogg, McCulloch and McElroy.

The Convener exercised his discretion and varied the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2005

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 10 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 10 November 2005 be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) CUMBERNAULD AREA

(a) BALLOCH AND EASTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Balloch and Eastfield Community Council held on 2 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Balloch and Eastfield Community Council held on 2 November 2005 be noted.

(b) CASTLECARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Castlecary Community Council held on 28 October 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Castlecary Community Council held on 28 October 2005 be noted.

(c) CONDORRAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Condorrat Community Council held on 5 May 2004 and 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 2 June, 1 September and 6 October 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Condorrat Community Council held on 5 May 2004 and 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 2 June, 1 September and 6 October 2005 be noted.

(d) DULLATUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Dullatur Community Council held on 14 November and 11 December 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Dullatur Community Council held on 14 November and 11 December 2005 be noted.

(e) KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Kildrum Community Council held on 26 October 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Kildrum Community Council held on 26 October 2005 be noted.

(f) WESTERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

7. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Westerwood Community Council held on 15 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Westerwood Community Council held on 15 November 2005 be noted.

(g) WESTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

8. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Westfield Community Council held on 12 October and 9 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 October and 9 November 2005 be noted.

(2) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES AREA

(a) CROY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

9. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Croy Community Council held on 19 September and 31 October 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings held on 19 September and 31 October 2005 be noted.

(b) QUEENZIEBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Queenzieburn Community Council held on 2 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Queenzieburn Community Council held on 2 November 2005 be noted.

(3) NORTHERN CORRIDOR

(a) CHRYSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Chryston Community Council held on 31 October and 28 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Chryston Community Council held on 31 October and 28 November 2005 be noted.

(b) GARTCOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Gartcosh Community Council held on 7 November and 5 December 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Gartcosh Community Council held on 7 November and 5 December 2005 be noted.

(c) MOODIESBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Moodiesburn Community Council held on 12 October and 9 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Moodiesburn Community Council held on 12 October and 9 November 2005 be noted.

(d) STEPPS AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Stepps and District Community Council held on 20 June, 19 September and 24 October 2005.
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Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Stepps and District Community Council held on 20 June, 19 September and 24 October 2005 be noted.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY FORUMS

(1) CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM

15. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 January 2005 by the Director of Community Services attaching, as an Appendix to the report, the Minutes of the meetings of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 25 October and 29 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 25 October and 29 November 2005 be noted.

(2) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

16. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 January 2005 by the Director of Community Services attaching, as an Appendix to the report, the Minutes of the meetings of Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 5 September and 7 November 2005.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 5 September and 7 November 2005 be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE

17. The Committee heard Mr. J. Rose, Mr. T. Reilly and Mr. J. Hunt update members regarding matters relating to the Northern Corridor Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Community Forums.

Decided: that the position be noted.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE - UPDATE

18. Superintendent Dillon, Strathclyde Police, provided an oral report advising of 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 UNIT WARD VISITS - COMMON ISSUES

19. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 10 November 2005, there was submitted a report dated 9 January 2005 by the Chief Executive (1) advising of the outcome of the programme of Ward visits and of proposals for resolving some of the issues identified; (2) informing that a series of Ward visits had been arranged with local Members to discuss issues and opportunities affecting their individual wards; (3) attaching, in Appendix 1 to the report, the information gathered and collated on a themed basis; (4) proposing that the list of common issues outlined in Appendix 1 be progressed with the appropriate Department to explore ways of improving operational performance; (5) intimating that three issues had been identified which may have some impact on the policies and procedures of several Departments, and (6) suggesting that the

Community Regeneration Unit facilitate Workshop sessions in relation to (a) Estate Management; (b) Youth Services, and (c) Land and Building Ownership, and that the workshops would take place late January and February 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the list of common issues identified during the Ward Visits, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposals to consider the issues highlighted by examples, as detailed in paragraph 3.2 to the report be approved, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS

20. With reference to paragraph 24 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 22 November 2005, wherein that Committee, having considered a report dated 15 November 2005 by the Chief Executive, agreed (1) the establishment of the local Area Partnerships; (2) the revised Terms of Reference for Area Committees and the Local Area Partnerships, and (3) the membership of Local Area Partnerships and Local Area Teams, there was submitted the said report by the Chief Executive for this Committee's information.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CUMBERNAULD TOWN CENTRE

21. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of this Area Committee held on 10 November 2005, there was submitted a report dated 16 January 2006 (1) advising that a Seminar had been organised to update members of the Cumbernauld Community Forum and the Association of Cumbernauld Community Councils on the current situation in respect of Cumbernauld Town Centre; (2) informing that the Seminar had taken place on Tuesday, 13 December 2005 and had been attended by twenty members of the public representing the Cumbernauld Community Forum and the Association of Community Councils; (3) attaching, in the Appendix to the report, the Seminar report prepared by Smart Consultancy; (4) proposing that a Sub-Group be established comprising of members of the Cumbernauld Community Forum to take forward further discussions, and (5) intimating that the Sub-Group would be formed at the Cumbernauld Community Forum meeting to be held on 17 January 2006.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

SMALL COMMUNITIES PROJECT

22. With reference to paragraph 23 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 November 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 January 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) outlining, in an Appendix to the report, the up to date position in respect of all projects relating to the Small Communities Programme within the Northern Area; (2) intimating that J.H. Civil Engineering Limited had been appointed to carry out the works in relation to the North Area Small Communities Programme, and (3) advising that all works to be undertaken would commence by the end of January, with completion scheduled by 31 March 2006.

Decided: that the report be noted.

GOOD NEWS

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

Decided: that the report be noted.

BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND THE GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2005/2006

24. The Chief Executive provided a detailed presentation on the setting of the Council Tax and the Council's budget including reference to inter alia, (1) sources of income and proposed expenditure; (2) revenue estimates for the financial year 2006/2007 for each Department of the Council; (3) additional resources; (4) additional areas of possible growth, and (5) a summary of indicative budget implications.

Thereon, the Chief Executive responded to questions by elected Members and community representatives.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.