# *Eden District Council Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Economy Committee held at 7.25 pm on Thursday 4 July 2002 at the Town Hall, Penrith*

**Present** Councillor J M Smith (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs N Walker (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors J M Holliday, T C Ladhams, J J Moffat, A K Morgan, C F Nineham, N J Pemberton, and R V Turner.

**CEC/16 Order Of Agenda Items**

The Committee were advised that Item 5, Door Supervisors Registration Scheme and Item 6, Under Age Drinking, had been withdrawn from the agenda and discussed at Environment Committee. They were also advised that there was one additional urgent application for disabled facilities grant to be discussed in Part II.

**CEC/17 Reports For Information Only**

**Resolved** that the following report, which was submitted for Members' information only, be noted:

Update on the Homelessness Position in Eden - report of the director of Technical Services.

**CEC/18 Minutes**

The minutes including CEC/5 to CEC/11 of the Special meeting of this Committee held on 30 May 2002 were signed as a correct record of those proceedings.

**CEC/19 Scrutiny Work Programme**

The Committee considered report TS115-02 of the Director of Technical Services suggesting items from this committee which would benefit from a detailed scrutiny review.

**Resolved** that issues regarding the -

a. Highways Agency; and
b. Museums Service

should be put forward to Scrutiny Committee for review.

**CEC/20 Land At Gilwilly - Naming Of Site**

The Committee considered report TS121-02 of the Director of Technical Services which outlined a proposal to name the Council's development land at Gilwilly and which updated Members on progress with marketing of the site.

**Resolved** that:

a. the thirty-seven acre development site be known as "Eden Business Park"; and
b. a second telemarketing campaign, subject to a further proposal from Talk Business Ltd, be considered at the next meeting of this Committee on 3 October 2002.

*Councillor R V Turner declared an interest in the following item*

## CEC/21 Alston Moor A686 Project

The Committee considered report TS120-02 of the Director of Technical Services which requested Members to consider a request for funding assistance from the Alston Moor Business Association (AMBA) towards Phase II of the Alston Moor A686 Marketing Project.

**Resolved** that:

a. financial assistance of £1000 be given to the Alston Moor Business Association for the 2002-03 financial year; and
b. financial assistance of £1000 be agreed in principle for the 2003-04 financial year, subject to satisfactory progress and monitoring of Phase2 of the project.

## CEC/22 Cumbria Supporting People Strategy

The Committee considered report TS127-02 of the Director of Technical Services advising Members of the current position in respect of the Supporting People regime and requesting approval of the first Cumbrian draft strategy document.

**Resolved** that the draft Supporting People Shadow Strategy for Cumbria be accepted

*Councillor J J Moffat declared an interest in the following item and left the room during discussion and voting thereon.*

## CEC/23 Discretionary Housing Grants Policy 2002-03

The Committee considered report TS126-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting Members to formulate an appropriate policy for determining eligibility criteria for Discretionary Housing Grants in 2002-03.

**Resolved** that:

a. future available funding should be targeted towards applications for Home Repair Assistance only where:

i. the applicant is over 65 and on income related benefit;or the applicant is over 18, disabled and on income related benefit;
ii. the property must require works to protect the health and safety of the occupants or make the property watertight;
iii. the maximum amount of grant aid is up to £3000;
iv. the Committee would retain the discretion to award a grant in other urgent circumstances where appropriate

b. consideration of approval should be given to those Home Repairs Assistance Grants which are being processed and are on the waiting list under the revised criteria set out above;
c. consideration of approval should be given to those renovation grants which are being processed; and
d. those applications currently on the waiting list and any future applications for renovation and HMO grants do not form part of the approved policy for 2002/03.

## CEC/24 Future Footway Lighting Programme

The Committee considered report TS123-02 of the Director of Technical Services reviewing the current arrangements for footway lighting, and considered a revised policy which reflects the reducing budget.

Moved by Councillor J J Moffat
Seconded by Councillor C Nineham

That as well as continuing to maintain all existing Council footway lights installed across the district, option 2, the Council administering requests for new lights but on the basis that all costs, electrical supply and hardware are funded by the Parish Councils be adopted.

Amendment by Councillor T C Ladhams
Seconded by Councillor N J Pemberton

That as well as continuing to maintain all existing Council footway lights installed across the district, option 3, the Council administering and continuing to fund costs towards new lights should be adopted.

On voting for the amendment first there were:

For the Amendment- 2
Against it - 6

The amendment was lost and on the first motion becoming the substantive motion it was carried and **Resolved** accordingly.

**CEC/25 Provision Of Litter Bins In Village And Rural Areas**

The Committee considered report TS125-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting Members to consider providing and emptying litter bins in Victoria Road, Penrith and Lazonby.

Moved by Councillor M Holliday
Seconded by Councillor C Nineham

That a litter bin be provided in Victoria Road, Penrith as requested but not in Lazonby

The motion was carried and it was **Resolved** accordingly.

**CEC/26 Grants To Organisations**

The Committee considered report TS128-02 of the Director of Technical Services which asked Members to consider awarding grants to leisure, sport and arts based organisations that have applied to the Council for financial support.

**Resolved** that the following grants be awarded

- Scheme Amount Awarded
- Kirkby Thore Safe Play Project £1,000
- Milburn Play Area £250
- Nenthead Play Area Association £100
- Penrith Cricket Club £3,921
- Ousby Activity Committee £1,050
- Appleby Bowling Club No further funding beyond the original grant.

**CEC/27 Proposed Extension To Bower In Castle Park**

The Committee considered report TS136-02 of the Director of Technical Services which asked Members to approve proposals to improve the bower in Castle Park.

**Resolved** that

proposals to extend the bower in Castle Park be approved and that the work proceed to tender with the costs being funded from the existing provision in the revenue estimates of £25,000 for play areas and £19250 from the revised footways lighting programme, with this funding being vired to fund the project.

## CEC/28 Links Between Eden District Council And Local Town And Community Partnerships

The Committee considered report PO61/02 of the Director of Planning Services which identified the role undertaken by town and community partnerships within the district and advised Members on relationships between the Council and the partnerships.

**Resolved** that relationships be pursued with local town and country partnerships as detailed in the report.

## CEC/29 External Sourcing Of Parking Enforcement

The Committee considered report PO70/02 of the Director of Planning Services updating Members on the progress with the decriminalisation of parking enforcement. The report also sought approval for arrangements for tendering the service and of enforcement within the Council's own off street car parks

**Resolved** that:

a. the proposed form and content of the tenders for off-street and on-street parking enforcement be agreed;
b. the arrangements for establishing a list of tenderers and inviting tenders be agreed; and
c. the legal and financial implications outlined in the report be noted.

## CEC/30 Penrith Market Town Initiative - Stage 2

The Committee considered report PO67/02 of the Director of Planning Services updating Members on the progress of the Penrith market Towns Initiative, describing how the initiative is expected to develop further and considering the role of the Council in supporting the project.

*The Press and Public were excluded from the meeting whilst Legal advice was sought under Paragraph 12 before being readmitted for the item.*

Moved by Councillor J J Moffat
Seconded by Councillor R V Turner

that

a. agreement be given in principle to the Council taking on the role of accountable body for stage 2 of the Market Towns Initiative, subject to the agreement of satisfactory management and control arrangements between the Penrith Partnership and the Council; and
b. no further action be taken with regard to the possible employment of a project officer on behalf of the Partnership should it be requested.

The motion was carried and **Resolved** accordingly.

## CEC/31 Exclusion Of The Press And Public

**Resolved** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5 and 7 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act.

**CEC/32 Minutes**

The minutes including CEC/12 to CEC/15 of the special meeting of this Committee held on 30 May 2002 were signed as a correct record of those proceedings.

*The following Minutes CEC/33 to CEC/40 contain exempt information as described in the relevant Paragraph Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and are excluded from this document by virtue of Section 100A of the Act. Below is a summary of these proceedings.*

**Service Of Repairs Notice On Property At Ainstable (Minute No CEC/33)(Paragraph 13)**

The Committee considered report TS134-02 of the Director of Technical Services seeking Members authority to serve a repairs notice under section 190 Housing Act 1985 on a property at Ainstable.

The Committee approved the recommendation

**Service Of Repairs Notice On Property At Calthwaite (Minute No CEC/34)(Paragraph 13)**

The Committee considered report TS135-02 of the Director of Technical Services seeking Members authority to serve a repairs notice under section 190 Housing Act 1985 on a property at Calthwaite.

The Committee approved the recommendation.

*Councillor J M Smith declared an interest in the following two items and left the room during the discussion and voting thereon. During his absence the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs N Walker*

**Applications For Home Repair Assistance Grants (Minute No CEC/35)(Paragraphs 5 and 7)**

The Committee considered report TS132-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting them to consider five applications for Home Repair Assistance Grants.

The Committee approved the applications submitted.

**Applications For Disabled Facilities Grants (Minute No CEC/36)(Paragraphs 5 and 7)**

The Committee considered report TS133/02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting them to consider four applications for Disabled Facilities Grants.

The Committee approved the applications submitted.

**Applications For Renovation Grants (Minute No CEC/37) (Paragraphs 5 and 7)**

The Committee considered report TS131-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting them to consider four applications for Renovation Grants.

The Committee approved the applications submitted.

**Grants To Individuals (Minute No CEC38)(Paragraph 5)**

The Committee considered report TS122-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting members to consider awarding grants to individuals to enable them to progress in their sport and studies.

The Committee approved one grant and refused the other on the grounds that it did not meet the qualifying criteria.

**Additional Car Parking Provision - Appleby (Minute No CEC/39)(Paragraphs 7 and 8)**

The Committee considered report PO65/02 of the Director of Planning Services inviting Members consideration of an opportunity to provide additional off-street parking in Appleby.

The Committee agreed that no further action should be taken.

**Urgent Application For Disabled Facilities Grant (Minute No CEC/40)(Paragraphs 5 and 7)**

The Committee considered report TS137-02 of the Director of Technical Services inviting Members to consider and urgent application for a Disabled Facilities Grant.

The Committee approved the grant

The meeting closed at 8.25pm