

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Stephanie Young and Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, John McGhee, Helen Coffey, Maureen McKay, Tom Cook, Robert Keohone, Iain Linton, Douglas Reid, Jim Buchanan, Depute Provost John Campbell, Councillors Gordon Cree, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Kathy Morrice, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Drew Filson and Jim Sutherland.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; and Julie McGarry, Administration Manager.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Willie Coffey.

**CHAIR:** Provost Stephanie Young, Chair.

#### **PROVOST'S REMARKS**

1. The Provost began the Council meeting by congratulating both Jim Currie from Muirkirk on receiving the MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List and Andrew Scott, Chief Constable of Central Police, a resident of Stewarton, who had been awarded the CBE.

The Provost stated that it was gratifying to see people who had worked for the local community being rewarded in such a way and was sure that all Members would join her in passing on East Ayrshire Council's good wishes to them both.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 6 December 2007 (pages 199-210).

#### **MATTERS ARISING - DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (Item 8, Page 203, 07/11)**

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved:

- (i) that in respect of the Equalities Forum, to appoint Councillor Tom Cook as Vice-Chair; and
- (ii) that in respect of the Local Grants Committees, to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs as follows:

Northern Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Robert McDill; Vice-Chair - Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame;

Central North Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Helen Coffey; Vice-Chair - Councillor Jim Buchanan;

Central South Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Jim Todd; Vice-Chair - Councillor Tom Cook; and

Southern Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Jim Sutherland; Vice-Chair - Councillor Kathy Morrice.

Councillor Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment:

- (i) that in respect of the Equalities Forum, to appoint Councillor Barney Menzies as Vice-Chair, and Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Gordon Cree as the other two Members from the main Opposition Group; and
- (ii) that in respect of the Local Grants Committees, to nominate Chairs and Vice-Chairs as follows:

Northern Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Stuart Finlayson, Vice-Chair - Councillor John McGhee;

Central North Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Gordon Cree, Vice-Chair - Councillor Maureen McKay;

Central South Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Robert Keohone, Vice-Chair - Councillor John Knapp; and

Southern Local Grants Committee: Chair - Councillor Barney Menzies, Vice-Chair - Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie.

On a request by Councillor Kelly that a roll call vote be taken and there being at least one-third of the Members present in agreement following a show of hands (13), in accordance with Standing Order 36.2, the vote was taken by calling the roll as follows:-

For the motion - Provost Stephanie Young and Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, Helen Coffey, Tom Cook, Iain Linton, Douglas Reid, Jim Buchanan, Depute Provost John Campbell, Councillors Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Alan Brown, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts, Kathy Morrice, Drew Filson and Jim Sutherland.

For the amendment - Councillors John McGhee, Robert Keohone, Gordon Cree, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

The motion was therefore carried by 17 votes to 13.

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- 3.** There were submitted, for approval as correct records and approval of any recommendations contained therein (with the exception of the Minutes of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee which were for noting only) the Minutes of the undernoted Meetings, viz:-
  - 3.1 APPEALS PANEL OF 26 NOVEMBER 2007 (page 190).**
  - 3.2 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 30 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 191-192).**
  - 3.3 SPECIAL CENTRAL LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM OF 4 DECEMBER 2007 (pages 193-195).**

- 3.4 **CABINET OF 5 DECEMBER 2007 (pages 196-198).**
- 3.5 **NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 7 DECEMBER 2007 (pages 211-214).**
- 3.6 **SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 14 DECEMBER 2007 (pages 215-218).**
- 3.7 **CABINET OF 19 DECEMBER 2007 (pages 219-223).**

**MATTER ARISING - CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT (Item 11, Page 222, 03/07)**

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved to ratify the Cabinet decision and approve the appointment of Councillor Douglas Reid as the Council's nominated Director of the joint venture company for the retail element of the project and Director of the joint venture company for the office element of the project.

Councillor Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment to appoint Councillor Crawford as the Council's nominated Director of the joint venture company for the retail element of the project and Director of the joint venture company for the office element of the project.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 17 votes to 13.

- 3.8 **RECRUITMENT PANEL OF 19 DECEMBER 2007 (page 224).**
- 3.9 **RECRUITMENT PANEL OF 19 DECEMBER 2007 (page 225).**
- 3.10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 20 DECEMBER 2007 (pages 226-228).**
- 3.11 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 21 DECEMBER 2007 (FOR NOTING ONLY) (pages 229-232).**
- 3.12 **CABINET OF 9 JANUARY 2008 (pages 233-235).**
- 3.13 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 18 JANUARY 2008 (FOR NOTING ONLY) (pages 236-237).**
- 3.14 **CABINET OF 24 JANUARY 2008 (pages 238-243).**

**MATTER ARISING - LISTENING TO THE VIEWS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (Item 2, Page 239, 07/11)**

It was agreed to nominate Councillors Maureen McKay, Hugh Ross and Tom Cook to the Children and Young People's Forum.

Councillor Maureen McKay joined the meeting at this point.

- 3.15 **RECRUITMENT PANEL OF 29 JANUARY 2008 (pages 244-245).**
- 3.16 **NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2008 (pages 246-250).**
- 3.17 **RECRUITMENT PANEL OF 5 FEBRUARY 2008 (pages 251-252).**
- 3.18 **CABINET OF 6 FEBRUARY 2008 (pages 253-255).**

**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATION - LOWLAND RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION**

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited Council to consider the appointment of an Elected Member to the Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Cook, moved to appoint Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame to the Association.

Councillor Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment to appoint Councillor William Crawford to the Association.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 14.

**APPOINTMENTS TO OPENCAST COAL LIAISON COMMITTEES**

5. There was submitted a report dated February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited to Council to consider Elected Member representation at Opencast Coal Liaison Committee meetings.

It was agreed:

- (i) to appoint Councillor Kathy Morrice to the Grievehill Opencast Coal Liaison Committee; and
- (ii) that names from the main Opposition Group to the other Opencast Coal Liaison Committees be submitted to the Head of Democratic Services in due course.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE ALL OF SCOTLAND 2014 GROUP**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited Council to approve the nomination of an Elected Member to serve on the CoSLA All of Scotland 2014 Working Group.

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved to appoint Councillor Douglas Reid to the Group.

Councillor Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved as an amendment to nominate Councillor Gordon Cree to the Group.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 14.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hrs.