

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2007 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, Willie 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; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Karl Doroszenko, Planning and Regeneration Manager; and Julie McGarry, Administration Manager.

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

**PRESENTATION TO CAMERON ROBERTSON, SILVER MEDALLIST AT THE  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND ATHLETES FROM AUCHINLECK ACADEMY**

1. The Provost began by stating that it gave her great pleasure to welcome a very talented young man, Cameron Robertson, who was a Silver medallist in basketball at the Special Games held in Shanghai in October. The Provost advised that not only did Cameron receive a Silver medal but he was also Britain's top scorer for the tournament, which was a great achievement.

The Provost intimated that Cameron and his proud parents, Francine and Brian, were at the meeting today and then invited Cameron to receive a small gift in honour of his success, not only in the Special Games, but in all that he had achieved in his sporting career to date.

The Provost then asked Craig Fulton to accept a small gift for the very important part that he had played as one of the coaches of the British Basketball Team.

The Provost then went on to highlight some of the achievements by Auchinleck Academy pupils over the last 15 months. The Provost advised that the school's junior and senior badminton squads had been very successful, winning their respective Scottish Quichs for the second year running, whilst remaining the only school ever to have won both in the same year.

The Provost further advised that Gary Gibson and Gail Woodburn had won the Under 15 Scottish Schools and the Scottish National Championships in mixed doubles; and Kirsten Geals, Gail Woodburn, Gary Gibson and Jade Sinclair had represented Scotland at the UK School Games in Coventry in August. The Provost advised that

Kirsten was a member of the Scottish Under 17 Badminton Squad and she had participated in the European Championships in October. Both the Senior Girls and Senior Boys Squads would be representing Scotland in the International Badminton Championships for Schools in Minorca next April.

The Provost went on to advise that Johnstone Shearer had won Gold in the 100m Free Style swimming at both the Scottish School and the Under 14 National Championships and he had also represented Scotland in the UK School Games in Coventry in August.

The Provost further advised that the Under 14 Basketball team had won the Scottish Plate in April and Aaron Kyle had won a Bronze medal in the Under 16 400m Hurdle at the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships in June, which had been held in Grangemouth.

The Provost stated that she was certain that all members would be impressed by the magnificent achievements of all the pupils and that they would all, no doubt, be working hard towards hopefully being selected to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 and that with their current track record she was confident that they would succeed.

The Provost then invited the following pupils to each receive a small gift on behalf of the Council:- For the Senior Badminton Squad: Lauren Nelson, Kirsten Geals, Gail Woodburn, Jade Sinclair, Lynsey McVean, Gary Gibson, Euan Grant and Euan McAree; For the Junior Badminton Squad: Shereen Spittal, Jemma McFadzean, Sarah Houston, Kerri Montgomery, Stuart Parker, Jordan Lau; For the Basketball Team: Ross Conquer, Eoin Waite, Alan Haynes, Steven Hand, Sam Cocks, Gary McEwan, Kyle Robertson, Gavin McKinnon, Owen McCallum; For Athletics: Aaron Kyle.

The Provost advised that unfortunately Joshua Graham, Johnstone Shearer, Ross Morrison, Matt McLaughlin and Graham Hunter were unable to be at the Council meeting today as they were sitting exams but that the gifts would be sent to them.

The Provost then presented Colin McLean, Head Teacher, John Wilson and Mark Renny of the PE Department with a Quaich in recognition of the success of the school in all their sporting fields.

### **PRESENTATION BY HAMISH CORMACK, STRATHCLYDE POLICE**

2. The Provost welcomed to the Council meeting, Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack, Divisional Commander, and Superintendent Niven Rennie.

Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack then gave a presentation and highlighted the priorities for Strathclyde Police for the future; partnership working arrangements; managing proposed changes within the Force structure and some local initiatives.

Superintendent Niven Rennie then highlighted the performance figures for the year to date, presented video footage of an example of youth disorder and also highlighted some local initiatives.

Members thereafter had the opportunity to ask questions to both Chief Superintendent Cormack and Superintendent Rennie.

During the presentation both the Council Members and the Police representatives recognised the role that Superintendent Liz Weir had played and Council Members wished her all the very best for the future.

Councillor Maureen McKay joined the meeting during the presentation.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

3. The Council agreed that items 5.11.1 and 5.11.2 regarding the East Ayrshire Local Plan be taken in private and be considered at the end of the Agenda.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

4. There were submitted and approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Council held on 11 October 2007 (pages 132-136).

#### **4.1 MATTER ARISING - BARONY A FRAME TRUST (Item 6, Page 135, 07/11)**

The Provost reported and it was noted that the Trust had agreed to amend the Trust Deed to increase the Trustees to three Members and that Councillors Barney Menzies, Neil McGhee and Jim Roberts now represented the Council on the Trust.

The Provost also congratulated the Trust in having recently secured £80,000 from the People's Lottery.

Councillor Barney Menzies then, on behalf of the Trust, thanked the Council Members, Officers and agencies for their support and all the workers at the Trust for their hard work.

### **REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 November 2007 (circulated) by Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

Councillor Reid spoke to the report and Members were given an opportunity to put questions to the Leader to which he responded.

Councillor Linton left the meeting during discussion of this item.

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

6. There were submitted (circulated) and approved, as correct records the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings, viz:-

#### **6.1 CABINET OF 3 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 125-128).**

Councillor Buchanan left the meeting at this point.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Local Government Employees, Craft Employees and Chief Officials Revised Redeployment Policy and Procedure (Item 7, Page 127, 07/11)** - It was agreed to ratify the Cabinet decision and approve the changes to the Council's Redeployment Policy and Procedures detailed in the report to Cabinet subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

**Local Government Employees, Craft Employees and Chief Officials Revised Redundancy Policy and Procedure (Item 8, Page 128, 07/11)** - It was agreed to ratify the Cabinet decision and (i) approve the changes to the Council's Redundancy Policy and Procedures detailed in the report to Cabinet, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions; and (ii) noted that at paragraph 3.1, bullet point 2, the reference in brackets should read "para 3.1(c)(ii)".

- 6.2 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 5 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 129-130).**
- 6.3 **APPEALS PANEL OF 8 OCTOBER 2007 (page 131)**
- 6.4 **CENTRAL LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM OF 23 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 137-140).**

Councillor Buchanan rejoined the meeting at this point.

- 6.5 **CABINET OF 24 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 141-147).**
- 6.6 **PRINCIPAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 24 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 148-149).**
- 6.7 **NORTHERN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM OF 25 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 150-153).**
- 6.8 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 26 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 154-156) (FOR NOTING ONLY).**
- 6.9 **SOUTHERN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM OF 1 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 157-162).**
- 6.10 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 2 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 163-164).**
- 6.11 **CABINET OF 7 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 165-172).**
- 6.12 **APPEALS PANEL OF 12 NOVEMBER 2007 (page 173).**
- 6.13 **APPEALS PANEL OF 13 NOVEMBER 2007 (page 174).**
- 6.14 **SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 175-176).**
- 6.15 **CABINET OF 21 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 177-183).**
- 6.16 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 23 NOVEMBER 2007 (pages 184-189) (FOR NOTING ONLY).**

#### **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO CONTRACTS AND TENDERING**

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to appraise Council that a review of the terms and provisions of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Tendering had been carried out and submitted for the consideration of Council the revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Tendering.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve and adopt the revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Tendering;

- (ii) to note that the revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Tendering would take effect from 1 January 2008; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (Item 5, Page 3, 07/11)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented for Council's consideration a proposed initiative to further develop community engagement and links with the Council's Community Planning structures.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Cook, moved to adopt Option 1 in terms of the new Local Community Planning Forum boundaries for Central North (Wards 2 and 4) and Central South (Wards 3 and 5).

Councillor Knapp, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved as an amendment to adopt Option 2 for the new Local Community Planning Forum boundaries for Central North (Wards 2 and 3) and Central South (Wards 4 and 5).

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

It was thereafter agreed:

- (i) to approve the development of four Local Community Planning Forums in terms of the undernoted areas, with preferred Option 1 for the Central North and Central South areas:-
  - Northern Local Community Planning Forum: Members from Wards 1 and 6;
  - Central North Local Community Planning Forum - Members from Wards 2 and 4;
  - Central South Local Community Planning Forum - Members from Wards 3 and 5; and
  - Southern Local Community Planning Forum - Members from Wards 7, 8 and 9;
- (ii) to approve the development of an Equalities Forum and appoint seven Elected Members to the Forum (3/3/1), Leader of the Council as Chair and names of other Members to be submitted to the Head of Democratic Services in due course and that consideration be given to appoint a Vice-Chair of the Forum;
- (iii) to approve the operation of the Local Community Planning Forums as outlined in paragraph 5 of the report;
- (iv) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to invite nominations for representation on the Local Community Planning Forums from the Federation of Community Groups, Equality Forum and Community Planning Partners;
- (v) to approve the development of four Local Grants Committees in terms of the undernoted areas with preferred Option 1 for the Central North and Central South areas, as follows:-
  - Northern Local Grants Committee - Wards 1 and 6 (7 Members);
  - Central North Local Grants Committee - Wards 2 and 4 (7 Members);

Central South Local Grants Committee - Wards 3 and 5 (7 Members); and  
Southern Local Grants Committee - Wards 7, 8 and 9 (11 Members);

- (vi) to the Terms of Reference to the Local Grants Committee as detailed under Appendix III and that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees be discussed between the Leaders of the Administration and main Opposition party and intimated to the Head of Democratic Services;
- (vii) that the new arrangements detailed under (i) to (vi) above take effect from 1 April 2008;
- (viii) that for the remaining period of this financial year, three interim Local Grants Committees, corresponding to the interim Local Community Planning Forum areas, namely Northern (Wards 1 and 6), Central (Wards 2, 3, 4 and 5) and Southern (Wards 7, 8 and 9) continue to operate with no Community Representatives, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the new Local Grants Committees as detailed in Appendix III;
- (ix) that the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the interim Local Grants Committees until 31 March 2008 be discussed between the Leaders of the Administration and main Opposition Party and intimated to the Head of Democratic Services;
- (x) that for the first year of operation of the Local Grants Committees, there be no Community Representatives;
- (xi) that each Local Grants Committee would determine how they dealt with their grants in each financial year;
- (xii) to note the support and development work outlined in paragraph 5.31 to 5.46;
- (xiii) that the operation of the Local Community Planning Forums and Local Grants Committees be reviewed after one year of operational experience;
- (xiv) to approve the Meetings List as detailed under Appendix II;
- (xv) to amend the Scheme of Delegation accordingly to reflect the operation of the new Local Community Planning Forums and Local Grant Committees as detailed within the paper;
- (xvi) that the Head of Democratic Services raise with the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, the comments made from Members in relation to the Young People's Forum to ensure representation of young people involved in local youth groups, such as Yipworld.com, the Zone Project and 4 Connections; and
- (xvii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME  
(Item 2, Page 21, 07/11)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented a report on the review process carried out on the Council's Community Grants Scheme and which made recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:

- (i) that none of the criteria detailed within the report be introduced to the Grants Scheme;
- (ii) that the Guidance and Conditions make reference to the Council's Equalities Policy which Groups must apply in terms of their membership;
- (iii) that no further delegated authority, with regard to approval of grants to the value of £500 and under, be given to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support or Head of Democratic Services in terms of the Grants Scheme;
- (iv) that Assessing Officers from appropriate Departments be required to attend future meetings;
- (v) that comments in relation to the apparent inconsistencies with grant assessments be brought to the attention of "signing off" officers within each Department; and
- (vi) that in terms of general operational issues, the threshold for requirement for quotes be increased to items over £500, to reword questions/guidance notes and that general guidance be further developed to give advice and assistance on the Local Community Grants Scheme's main aims and objectives and that it be remitted to the Head of Democratic Services to implement the necessary changes.

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 9 November 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented the Council's Scheme of Delegation which took cognisance of the new decision making structures and presented, for consideration of Council, minor amendments to meet operational requirements.

It was agreed:

- (i) to adopt the revised Scheme of Delegation and Administration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

#### **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON**

- 11.** Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Knapp, moved to adopt the following motion:-

"Calls on the Members of East Ayrshire Council to fully endorse and support the constitutional status quo that is the Union (the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)".

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment:-

This Council reaffirms that our principal commitment is to the people of East Ayrshire, to the continuing improvement of the services we provide ensuring best value at all times. National constitutional matters are for the Government and the First Minister has shown leadership in this area and we will participate fully in the National Conversation, at the appropriate time.

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 (14), in

accordance with Standing Order 36.2 the vote was taken by calling the roll as follows:-

For the motion - Provost Stephanie Young, Councillors John McGhee, Maureen McKay, Tom Cook, 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.

For the amendment - Councillors John McKay, Helen Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Jim Buchanan, Depute Provost John Campbell, Councillors Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Alan Brown, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts, Kathy Morrice and Drew Filson.

Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame and Jim Sutherland abstained.

The motion was therefore carried by 16 votes to 13.

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

12. The Council resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

### **ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION**

13. The Council adjourned at 1245 hrs and reconvened at 1255 hrs with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance with the exception of Councillors Maureen McKay, Robert Keohone, Gordon Cree, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

### **CHILDREN'S PANEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (PARA 5)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support (i) to advise Council of Council appointee vacancies on East Ayrshire Children's Panel Advisory Committee arising from a resignation effective from 9 November 2007 and a member of the Committee's second term of appointment concluding on 31 December 2007 and of nominations for appointment arising from the vacancies; and (ii) to seek Council's decision in respect of appointments.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the vacancy on CPAC effective from 9 November 2007 arising from a resignation, and a member of the Committee's current term of appointment terminating on 31 December 2007;
- (ii) to note the nominations process undertaken by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support;
- (iii) that, in line with guidance from the Scottish Executive that any extension to a second term of appointment be made on a year by year basis, that the member whose current term of appointment terminated on 31 December 2007 be appointed for one year until 31 December 2008, as Council appointee, subject to satisfactory Disclosure Scotland criminal records check; and

- (iv) in respect of the second vacancy to note that a further recruitment exercise would be undertaken in the New Year.

**FINALISED DRAFT EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN ALTERATION:  
UPDATE REPORT (PARA 13)**

**15.1 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame declared a non-financial interest in site reference 3.20H but remained at the meeting for the discussion in general on the Finalised Draft East Ayrshire Local Plan Alteration as no specific issue arose in relation to site 3.20H.

**15.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a report dated 3 December 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) informed the Council about recent changes to strategic planning policy regarding windfarm developments; (ii) informed about the potential for a new distributor road; and (iii) which made recommendations accordingly.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development gave a verbal update report on the windfarm policy which was discussed at Cabinet meeting on 5 December 2007 where Cabinet had agreed, subject to ratification of Council today:

- (i) that the revised policy relating to Windfarm Contributions as detailed in paragraph 3.8 within the report, be incorporated in the Finalised Draft of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan and that contributions be indexed linked;
- (ii) to note that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support would consider whether the Retail Price Index Link or the Fuel Price Index Link was more appropriate to apply;
- (iii) to the establishment of a Renewal Energy Fund to be dispersed by Cabinet in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (iv) to note that procedures for the operation of the Renewal Energy Fund would be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval; and
- (v) to the dispersal of Whitelee Windfarm contributions beyond the initial 31 month period as detailed in the report;

The Head of Planning and Economic Development also referred to the decisions which required ratification following the Cabinet meeting of 7 November 2007 in relation to the alterations to the East Ayrshire Local Plan on the Publicity and Consultation Statement, Sustainability Appraisal and the Finalised Draft Version.

Thereafter, Members were asked to submit any further issues for consideration.

It was then agreed:

- (i) to approve the suggested amendments to the text and policies of the Local Plan alteration as detailed in the Appendix I attached to the report; (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to amend the Local Plan alteration to accommodate the amendments detailed in the Appendix and to make any other minor technical changes that may require to

be made to the document in association with those amendments; (iii) to ratify the decision of Cabinet on 5 December 2007 as follows:

- (1) that the revised policy relating to Windfarm Contributions as detailed in paragraph 3.8 within the report, be incorporated in the Finalised Draft of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan and that contributions be indexed linked;
  - (2) to note that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support would consider whether the Retail Price Index Link or the Fuel Price Index Link was more appropriate to apply;
  - (3) to the establishment of a Renewal Energy Fund to be dispersed by Cabinet in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
  - (4) to note that procedures for the operation of the Renewal Energy Fund would be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval; and
  - (5) to the dispersal of Whitelee Windfarm contributions beyond the initial 31 month period as detailed in the report;
- (iv) to ratify the decisions of Cabinet at its meeting held on 7 November 2007 as follows:
- (1) Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan - Publicity and Consultation Statement:
    - (a) to endorse and approve the suggested Council response to the representations made on the consultative draft version of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Publicity and Consultation Statement;
    - (b) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to inform each of the respondents to the plan of the views and responses of the Council in respect of the particular representations which they had made; and
    - (c) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to make any changes, alterations or amendments to the Publicity and Consultation Statement as may be agreed by Cabinet and to make any associated amendments to the Local Plan alteration, as might be considered necessary, prior to individual respondents being informed of the Council's views on their representations and prior to the Local Plan alteration being formally advertised for objection purposes.
  - (2) Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan - Sustainability Appraisal
    - (a) to approve the updated version of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and its associated Appropriate Assessment;
    - (b) to authorised the Head of Planning and Economic Development to advertise the updated version of the Sustainability Appraisal and to invite further representations on the document within a stipulated six week period early in the New Year;

- (c) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to make any non-substantive changes or alterations/amendments of a technical nature to the Sustainability Appraisal, as may be considered necessary, prior to the document being formally advertised for consultation purposes;
  - (d) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to inform those persons and organisations who had made representations on the Sustainability Appraisal as to how the Council had viewed their representations; and
  - (e) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.
- (3) Alteration to East Ayrshire Local Plan - Finalised Draft Version
- (a) to approve the Finalised Draft Version of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
  - (b) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to advertise the finalised version of the Local Plan alteration and to invite formal objections to the document within an as yet unspecified, six week period early in the New Year;
  - (c) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to make any non-substantive changes or alterations/amendments of a technical nature to the Local Plan Alteration, as may be considered necessary, prior to the document being formally advertised for objection purposes;
  - (d) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development treat the Local Plan Alteration, once ratified by the Council, as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and to assist any planning applications pertaining to development opportunity sites to which objections had been lodged and had not been resolved; and
  - (e) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.
- (v) having heard the Head Planning and Economic Development in each case, where there were no strategic issues and no officer concerns, to the additional matters as follows:
- (1) in respect of Waterside, to exclude the piece of land identified at the right hand side of the road in the settlement boundary for development, to incorporate within the urban boundary a small site and safeguard it for open space purposes to the east of Main Road, and to safeguard a further small area off Main Road also for open space purposes;
  - (2) in respect of Drongan, to remove site 290H and identify in substitution housing land to the east and west of Lomond View north of the cemetery;
  - (3) in respect of Kilmaurs, to (i) include a proposal to carry out a feasibility study for alternatives to extend the Park and Ride facilities; and (ii) remove site 3.3.1H and replace with an equivalent area off Irvine Road (boundaries to be confirmed by the Head of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with Councillor John McGhee);

- (4) in respect of Newmilns, that the old mill site to the east of the settlement and immediately north of River Irvine be incorporated into the urban boundary ;
  - (5) in respect of Rankinston, to identify an area to the north of the settlement for an additional 10 houses adjacent to Littlemill Place;
  - (6) in respect of Dalmellington, to incorporate 2 small areas within the urban boundary opposite Armour Way and opposite site 272H (Carsphairn Road) for up to 10 houses;
  - (7) in respect of Darvel, that the safeguarding of site 282B for industrial use be removed ;
  - (8) in respect of Galston, to split the zoned industrial area of Barrmill Road (site 301B) into two parts with the northern part being retained for industrial use and southern part be identified for miscellaneous use, details of the exact split to be determined later by the Head of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with Councillors Brown and Finlayson;
  - (9) in respect of Catrine to include a proposal to investigate realignment of the junction of the B713 and B705 for safety purposes; and
- (vi) having heard the Head of Planning and Building Control in each case where there were strategic issues and officer concerns:-
- (1) not to include an area of ground to the east of the M77 Kilmarnock by-pass for development ; and
  - (2) in respect of Dalrymple, not to include the area to the west of Glebe Avenue as a housing site and to note that Councillor Dinwoodie would have the opportunity to raise any concerns on this matter at the next stage.

Councillors Eric Jackson and Willie Coffey left the meeting during consideration of this item.

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

- 16.** The Provost ended the Council meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

The meeting terminated at 1335 hrs.