

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 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, Jimmy Kelly, Jim Roberts, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Kathy Morrice, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Drew Filson and James 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; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Iain Tough, Corporate Business Manager; Danny Stuart, Police Liaison Officer; and Julie McGarry, Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey and Neil McGhee.

CHAIR: Provost Stephanie Young, Chair.

**PRESENTATION BY BRIAN SWEENEY, CHIEF OFFICER,
STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE**

The Provost welcomed to the Council meeting Chief Officer Brian Sweeney and Area Commander Joe Gallagher, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Chief Officer Sweeney then gave a presentation to Council which included an overview of the area covered by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Directorate responsibilities, the challenges for the service over the last four years, the integrated Risk Management Plan and, finally, future challenges.

The Chief Officer thanked the Council for its support over the years and recognised the tremendous service which the Fire and Rescue staff within East Ayrshire provided. The Chief Officer informed Council that the new Area Commander, Craig Cook, would take up post in January 2009 and that Joe Gallagher was Area Commander in the interim period.

Area Commander Gallagher provided information at an operational level, detailing activities and initiatives ongoing within the area and identifying further challenges for the service.

Members thereafter had the opportunity to ask questions to the Chief Officer.

The Provost thanked the Chief Officer and the Area Commander for their presentation to Council.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

1. The Provost began by referring to the tragic death of Kimberley Logan who had been an S6 pupil at Auchinleck Academy. The Provost advised that Kimberley had died in a road traffic accident at the weekend, and that this sad loss followed the recent loss of Michelle Stewart who had been a classmate of Kimberley at Auchinleck Academy. The Provost stated that both young people had been highly thought of by the school and everyone who had known them and that her thoughts were with their parents, families, friends and the Auchinleck, Mauchline and Drongan communities.

The Provost then stated she had been busy over the last few weeks promoting her charity (East Ayrshire Carers Centre) and that the generosity of staff would be seen the next day with the number of Christmas presents that required to be wrapped. The Provost then encouraged those Members and Officers who had not had the opportunity to donate a gift, to do so.

The Provost advised that at the Christmas lights switch on last Sunday she had been joined by two young carers Maxine Bennie and Callum Larson.

In referring to the switch on of the Christmas lights, the Provost said she was delighted to see that the event had attracted a record number of people this year.

The Provost then stated that it had been an honour to take part in the Remembrance Sunday ceremonies in both Kilmarnock and Cumnock with the number of people who attended to pay tribute to our fallen heroes increasing each year which included many young people.

The Provost then referred to the Council's Employee Excellence Awards Ceremony which had been held at the end of October and was another success story. The Provost stated she had great pleasure in presenting the Provost's Award and to see so many other deserving employees receiving their awards.

The Provost was delighted to report that the Council had commissioned a local artist, William McLean Kerr, to paint Dumfries House and that the Leader and she had been pleased to receive this and send it to Prince Charles for his 60th birthday.

The Provost then referred to the Garden Award Ceremony which this year had been held in Shortlees Community Centre. The Provost was pleased that the Council took the opportunity to recognise the efforts of residents in this way.

The Provost then congratulated Auchinleck Indoor Bowling Club who had the honour to host the World Under 25s Indoor Bowling Championships in October and that she had had the pleasure to attend both the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Provost stated that she had been delighted to present awards to members of the Children's Panel which had been the first time the Council had recognised the work that Panel members did and from comments which had been made it had certainly been appreciated.

The Provost then referred to her visit to Auchinleck to celebrate Auchinleck Talbot's Centenary Year and wished the Club well for future years.

Finally, the Provost stated that she had had the pleasure of attending no less than three 100th birthdays in the last few weeks and congratulated Florence Gilmour, Elizabeth Dempster and William Thomson, all of whom she described as inspirational.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There was submitted and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of Council held on 9 October 2008 (pages 497-502) and Minutes of Special Council held on 9 October 2008 (pages 503-504).

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

3. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

Councillor Reid spoke to the report and Members were given the opportunity to put questions to the Leader.

CABINET/COMMITTEE MINUTES

4. 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:-
 - 4.1 **CABINET OF 1 OCTOBER 2008 (pages 489-491).**
 - 4.2 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 3 OCTOBER 2008 (page 492).**
 - 4.3 **RECRUITMENT PANEL OF 6 AND 7 OCTOBER 2008 (pages 493-494).**
 - 4.4 **APPEALS PANEL OF 7 OCTOBER 2008 (page 495).**
 - 4.5 **EDUCATION APPEALS PANEL OF 8 OCTOBER 2008 (page 496).**
 - 4.6 **NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 10 OCTOBER 2008 (pages 505-506).**
 - 4.7 **CABINET OF 22 OCTOBER 2008 (pages 507-513).**

Matter Arising

It was agreed that the Head of Democratic Services submit to the Cross Party Sounding Board a paper on the outcomes from the forthcoming review of the decision making structures which would include any recommendations for changes to the Standing Orders in terms of minuting the terms of motions or amendments not seconded.

- 4.8 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 23 OCTOBER 2008 (pages 514-517).**
- 4.9 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 24 OCTOBER 2008 (FOR NOTING ONLY) (pages 518-520).**
- 4.10 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 31 OCTOBER 2008 (page 521).**
- 4.11 **CABINET OF 5 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 522-524).**
- 4.12 **NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 6 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 525-526).**
- 4.13 **NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 7 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 527-528).**
- 4.14 **CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 11 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 529-531).**

4.15 CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 12 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 532-534).

4.16 SPECIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 13 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 535-537).

4.17 SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 538-540).

Matter Arising

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT: BUTTERFLY EVENTS (Item 1, Page 538, 07/12)

The Head of Democratic Services drew the Council's attention, for its information, to the Committee's decision in relation to the above item which confirmed an earlier decision of the Committee held on 14 August 2008, the Minutes of which had been presented incorrectly to the Council at its last meeting on 9 October as a correct record.

The Council noted the circumstances surrounding this item as minuted.

4.18 SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 2008 (page 541).

4.19 CABINET OF 19 NOVEMBER 2008 (pages 542-547).

4.20 GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 21 NOVEMBER 2008 (FOR NOTING ONLY) (pages 548-551).

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
FILLING OF VACANCY**

5. It was agreed that Councillor Dinwoodie replace Councillor Knapp on the Governance and Scrutiny Committee.

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS

6. The Provost ended the Council meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and enjoyable holiday break.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hrs.