

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE ROBERT BURNS SUITE, BURNS MONUMENT CENTRE, KAY PARK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice; Church Representative Bill McGregor; Parent Representative David Fraser; and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson.

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; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Community Care; Kay Gilmour, Head of Service: Community Support; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Service: Resources; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools; Dot Grieve Principal Officer, Community Learning and Development; Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; Julie Haig, Public Relations Officer; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Todd and Church Representative Maria Dorrian.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed to the meeting Meghan Templeton, a 4th year pupil at Auchinleck Academy and Jamie Douglas, a Skills Development Trainee who were both on work experience within Democratic Services (Administration).

LIFELONG LEARNING**IMPLICATION OF THE SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010
ON THE CROSSROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSULTATION
(Item 1E, Page 992, 07/12)**

- 2E. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Cabinet of the Implications of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and its consequences for the current consultation exercise which was being conducted on the future of education provision at Crossroads Primary School.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the implications for the consultation process for Crossroads Primary School which had arisen from the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010;

- (ii) to note the advice given by the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services to the effect that the new legislation made specific provision, and imposed specific responsibilities on Local Authorities, in respect of alleged inaccuracies within a proposal document; that the relevant officers would continue to ensure the Council's full compliance with those statutory requirements; that an allegation of materially inaccurate financial information within the proposal report was currently being considered by relevant officers; that an appropriate response would thereafter be issued; that in the event of the challenge being accepted appropriate action would also be taken to correct any inaccurate information; and that if circumstances should require due consideration would also be given by officers as to whether this matter had had any impact on the consultation process or timescale, in which case the options would be to (a) proceed per the current timescale or to recommend to Cabinet that (b) the current timescale be extended or (c) that the consultation be discontinued;
- (iii) to note the additional information which had been incorporated into the Proposal Document including the educational benefits statement to comply with existing legislation as well as the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CURRICULUM OUTDOOR STRATEGY
(Item 5E, Page 817, 07/12)**

- 3E.** There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Cabinet approval for the new "East Ayrshire Curriculum Outdoors" Strategy which would be embedded in a Curriculum for Excellence across all East Ayrshire education establishments.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the East Ayrshire Curriculum Outdoor Strategy;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to present annual reports to Cabinet; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE - UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS

- 4E.** There was submitted a report dated 4 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) which informed Cabinet of an additional in-service day allocated by the Scottish Government to support schools implement the assessment and moderation requirements of Building the Curriculum 5 (BTC5), an integral part of the Curriculum for Excellence and which sought approval to utilise this day on Tuesday 1 June 2010; and (ii) which updated Cabinet on the participation of East Ayrshire Council staff in Learning and Teaching Scotland (LTS) study visits linked to the development of the Curriculum for Excellence.

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Barney Menzies moved approval of recommendations (i), (iii) and (iv) as detailed in the report and shown below with the omission of recommendation (ii) as a natural consequence of the recently approved budget for 2010/11 namely:-

- (i) to approve the Scottish Government proposal to allocate the additional in-service day on Tuesday 1 June for session 2009/2010;
- (iii) to approve the proposal to convene a member/officer Curriculum for Excellence seminar in April; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Douglas Reid, seconded by Councillor Iain Linton moved as an amendment approval of the recommendations as detailed in the report, shown below:-

- (i) to approve the Scottish Government proposal to allocate the additional in-service day on Tuesday 1 June for session 2009/2010;
- (ii) to approve the continued participation of East Ayrshire Council education staff in national and international study visits led and managed by Learning and Teaching Scotland;
- (iii) to approve the proposal to convene a member/officer Curriculum for Excellence seminar in April; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 11 votes to 2.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

5. Cabinet 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

NORTH WEST YOUTH PROJECT (PARA 14) (Item 3E, Pages 654 & 655, 07/12)

- 6E. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which set out issues in respect of the North West Youth Project and which sought approval for the recommendations detailed in the report.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve a six month allocation of £37,640 to the North West Youth Project;
- (ii) to continue further consideration of the item to the next Cabinet meeting to be held on 10 March 2010 and that prior to that meeting, the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services consult with local Elected Members; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Church Representative Bill McGregor, Parent Representative David Fraser and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson left the meeting at this point.

RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

7. The Press and public were re-admitted to the meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON THE PROCEDURES OF THE OPERATION OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND (Item 11, Page 931, 07/12)

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented additional information on opportunities for the greater utilisation of measurable outputs and outcomes within the proposed application process for the Renewable Energy Fund.

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Barney Menzies, moved that the changes discussed at the meeting be incorporated into the report and appendices and brought back to Cabinet on 10 March 2010 for approval.

Councillor Douglas Reid, seconded by Councillor Robert McDill, having heard from the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support that the changes discussed at the meeting were, apart from the change to Appendix 2, Stage 2, of a presentational nature and that all changes, including that to Appendix 2, could be incorporated prior to issue of the documentation for consultation, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) that the changes as discussed at the meeting be incorporated and that the revised documentation be circulated to all Cabinet Members, prior to issue for consultation with the community;
- (ii) that the output and outcomes listed in Section 4 of the report and all consequential changes to the appendices and including revisions covered under (i) above be adopted for consultation with the community;
- (iii) that a further report be presented to Cabinet after consultation with the community, the Energy Agency and the Crichton Carbon Centre; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 8 votes to 2.

KILMARNOCK CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME - APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL WORKS AT GOODFELLOWS ESTATE AGENT, 13-15 WEST GEORGE STREET, KILMARNOCK (Item 5, Pages 786 & 787, 07/12)

9. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval of a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) Grant that was outwith the delegated authority granted by Cabinet to the Head of Planning and Economic Development.

Following a request for additional information regarding the uncommitted balance which remained available within the CARS budget, it was agreed to continue this item to the end of the meeting to allow the additional information to be obtained.

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND PROJECT - UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO SECURE FUNDS (Item 8, Pages 818 & 819, 07/12)

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which updated Cabinet on

progress with three projects funded by the Scottish Government Town Centre Regeneration Fund for Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Galston Town Centres; which sought approval for the implementation and completion of the three schemes; and sought to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to issue a letter of assurance to the Scottish Government confirming that where works orders had been placed internally these works would be undertaken directly by the Council.

Councillor Jim Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Iain Linton, moved approval of the recommendations as detailed in the report, shown below:-

- (i) to note the considerable progress on the three successful Town Centre Regeneration Funded projects for Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Galston;
- (ii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council at the appropriate time to proceed to let the contracts associated with the three TCRF projects on the basis of the planning consent granted for Galston (subject to any amendments) or planning or listed building consent that may be granted for Kilmarnock and Cumnock and on the basis of any landowners consent where a land acquisition had not been concluded in Galston and finalisation of a formal licence to occupy had not been concluded in Cumnock;
- (iii) to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to issue a letter of assurance to the Scottish Government confirming that where works orders had been placed internally these works would be undertaken by the Council;
- (iv) in view of the need to comply with deadlines set by the Scottish Government for the Town Centre Regeneration Fund, those matters referred to in decisions (ii) and (iii) be implemented ahead of consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency as the call-in process would prevent the timeous award of contract and ultimate loss of TCRF funding; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Barney Menzies, moved as an amendment approval of the recommendations as detailed below:-

- (i) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council at the appropriate time to proceed to let the contracts associated with the three TCRF projects on the basis of the planning consent granted for Galston (subject to any amendments) or planning or listed building consent that may be granted for Kilmarnock and Cumnock and on the basis of any landowners consent where a land acquisition had not been concluded in Galston and finalisation of a formal licence to occupy had not been concluded in Cumnock;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to issue a letter of assurance to the Scottish Government confirming that where works orders had been placed internally these works would be undertaken by the Council;
- (iii) in view of the need to comply with deadlines set by the Scottish Government for the Town Centre Regeneration Fund, those matters referred to in decisions (ii) and (iii) be implemented ahead of consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency as the call-in

process would prevent the timeous award of contract and ultimate loss of TCRF funding; and

- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 8 votes to 2.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO OFF-STREET PARKING CHARGES IN
KILMARNOCK (Item 9E, Pages 890 & 891, 07/12)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought the agreement of Cabinet to change the parking charges in the Council's pay and display car parks in Kilmarnock.

Councillor Robert McDill, seconded by Councillor Iain Linton, moved approval of the proposed charges in the Council's off-street charging car parks as detailed below:-

PARKING DURATION	EXISTING CHARGES	PROPOSED CHARGES
Existing Tariff Structure All Car Parks Except Multi Storey		
Up to 1 hour	£0.50	£0.60
Up to 2 hours	£1.00	£1.10
Up to 4 hours	£2.00	£2.20
Over 4 hours*	£2.50	£2.80
* parking for more than 4 hours is only permitted in the designated long stay car parks		
Portland Street CP (northern section) - All day parking	£2.50	£1.00
Parking Tariffs in Multi Storey Car Park (first 4 levels)		
Up to 1 hour	£0.30	£0.30
Up to 2 hours	£0.70	£0.70
Up to 4 hours	£1.40	£1.40
Over 4 hours	£2.00	£2.00
All day parking (above 4 th level)	£1.00	£1.00
Kilmarnock Town Centre On Street Parking Tariffs		
Up to 15 minutes	£0.15	£0.15
Up to 30 minutes	£0.30	£0.30
Up to 45 minutes	£0.45	£0.45
Up to 1 hour	£0.60	£0.60
Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.20

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Barney Menzies, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to agree the proposed charges for Portland Street Car Park (Northern Section);
- (ii) that there be no increase in the existing charges for car parks; and
- (iii) that in future, any proposed increases in parking charges be submitted as part of the full budget setting process of the Council.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 8 votes to 2.

**EUROPEAN FUNDING - IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES
PROJECT - UPDATE REPORT (Item 6, Pages 416 & 417, 07/12)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided the Cabinet with information which related to the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Bid for European Social Fund (ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding for the period from April 2010 to 30 June 2011.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the successful bid for ESF/ERDF funding to June 2011;
- (ii) to approve the match funding required for the project;
- (iii) to confirm that match funding of £300,000 would be made available for 2010/11 in line with paragraph 4.4 of the report from General Revenue Fund Miscellaneous Services; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**AYRSHIRE LEADER PROGRAMME 2007-2013
(Item 8, Page 481, 17/12)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support (i) which updated Cabinet on the establishment and operation of the Ayrshire LEADER 2007/2013 Programme including Governance and Scrutiny arrangements; (ii) which outlined the activity undertaken to publicise the Programme; (iii) which summarised the range of projects that had been approved to date, in particular those from within East Ayrshire; and (iv) which reported some anticipated changes to the Programme.

Cabinet agreed to note the actions taken regarding the implementation of the Ayrshire LEADER Programme 2007-2013.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

**FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT GAUCHALLAND AND UNDERWOOD DEPOTS
(Item 2, Pages 600 & 601, 07/12)**

14. There was submitted a joint report dated 5 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought Cabinet approval for facility improvements at Gauchalland and Underwood Depots.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the purchase of prefabricated buildings to provide new staff welfare and office accommodation at the Gauchalland Depot;
- (ii) to approve the purchase of a new lighting system for the Underwood Depot;
- (iii) to approve the allocation of £0.550M from the capital budget for Depot Improvements Programme to cover the costs in relation to the purchase and

installation of the prefabricated buildings at Gauchalland Depot and the installation of the new lighting system at Underwood Depot; and

- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVISED MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AT CHIEF OFFICER LEVEL IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF CORPORATE SUPPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

15. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive which recommended to Cabinet revised management arrangements at Chief Officer level within the Departments of Corporate Support and Neighbourhood Services.

Cabinet agreed:-

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| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to recommend to Council, approval of the revisions of the Council's management structure as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report; (ii) that, subject to Council's approval in terms of recommendation (i) above, in respect of paragraphs 3.1 (a), (d) and (f), Section 6.1.3 of the Council's Recruitment and Selection procedures in respect of Chief Officers be suspended; (iii) to note that further reports would be submitted to Cabinet in due course in respect of other aspects of the Council's wider management structures; (iv) to note that subject to the Council's approval in terms of recommendation (i) above, any consequential changes to the Council's Scheme of Delegation would be implemented; and (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report. | C |
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ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

16. The meeting adjourned at 1240 hours and reconvened at 1300 hours with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance under exception of Kay Gilmour, Head of Service: Community Support, Euan Couperwhite, Head of Service: Resources; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools; Dot Grieve, Principal Officer, Community Learning and Development and Jim Murdoch, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

17. Cabinet 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 item 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".

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT 2-6 BRIDGE STREET, GALSTON (PARA 9) (Item 10, Page 930, 07/12)

18. There was submitted a joint report dated 8 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval to pay a sum in excess of

the assessed market value to the parties detailed in the report, in order to secure the acquisition of land owned by them situated at 2-6 Bridge Street, Galston, as identified on the attached plan.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to grant authority to pay a premium to secure the acquisition of the land at 2-6 Bridge Street, Galston from the parties identified in the report;
- (ii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to conclude the transaction at the proposed purchase price detailed in the report, subject to the acquisition by the Council of the adjacent land at 1-5 Cross Street and the conclusion of missives by 17 March 2010, or such later date as determined by the Council, and on such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Solicitor to the Council to protect the interests of the Council;
- (iii) due to the timescales involved, that authorisation be given to implement recommendations (i) and (ii) above, prior to any consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee as to delay implementation would seriously prejudice the Council's position in meeting the funding deadlines imposed by the Scottish Government for utilisation of the Town Centre Regeneration Fund funding; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SEVERANCES (PARA 1)

- 19.** There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought Cabinet's approval of severance arrangements for seven employees within the Chief Executive's Office in Finance and Asset Management and one employee within the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

Cabinet agreed to approve the severance arrangements as detailed in Appendices A and B of the report.

HOUSING SERVICES: SERVICE PLAN - SINGLE BUSINESS UNIT UPDATE (PARA 1) (Item 16, Page 720, 07/12)

- 20.** There was submitted a report dated 3 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which recommended to Cabinet a Service Plan Update to the Housing Services Plan to reflect the establishment of a Single Business Unit for Housing Repairs and Improvement Works (SBU).

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Housing Service Plan Update incorporating the new SBU arrangements as appended to the report;
- (ii) to note that the proposals contained in the report would be the subject of consultation with the Trade Unions;
- (iii) that in terms of this decision and the Cabinet's earlier recommendation under 15 above to remit to the Head of Human Resources to make the appropriate minor adjustments to the staffing structure in terms of Asset Management, following Council's approval;

- (iv) to note that the Council's Scheme of Delegation would be amended appropriately to reflect any consequential changes following this decision; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Robert McDill left the meeting at this point.

**DEVELOPMENT AT 6-14 JOHN FINNIE STREET AND 24-26 STRAND STREET,
KILMARNOCK (PARA 6) (Item 22, Pages 895 & 896, 07/12)**

21. There was submitted a joint report dated 16 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Solicitor to the Council which sought Cabinet approval to enter into a Development Agreement with the party detailed in the report, for the development and purchase of an office development to be constructed on the site of the former Opera House Site at 6-14 John Finnie Street and 24-26 Strand Street, Kilmarnock.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to negotiate a Development Agreement with the party detailed in the report, for the development and purchase of an office development to be built on the former Opera House Site at 6-14 John Finnie Street and 24-26 Strand Street, Kilmarnock on the terms and conditions specified in the report and on such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Solicitor to the Council to protect the interests of the Council;
- (ii) that the negotiated terms of the Development Agreement be brought back to a future Cabinet meeting for approval;
- (iii) that a future report on the Dunlop Street/Strand Street development be brought back to a future Cabinet meeting; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Maureen McKay left the meeting at this point.

**UPDATE ON THE FIT-OUT OF THE STRAND STREET OFFICE DEVELOPMENT
(PARA 9) (Item 22, Pages 895 & 896, 07/12)**

22. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which updated Cabinet of progress with regard to the construction, fit-out and commissioning of the new Strand Street Office development, which sought authority to approve the allocation of additional funds to the project from the Kilmarnock Town Centre Regeneration Budget and to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to negotiate with Alchemist (Fit Out) Limited, in respect of the remaining proposed Council fit-out works.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the allocation specified in the report from the uncommitted capital budget allocations to meet the additional costs which related to the fit-out works at the Strand Street Office;
- (ii) to approve the draw down of £0.600m from the earmarked departmental balances to meet the essential costs for equipment and furniture and IT provision for Social Services;

- (iii) to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to negotiate with Alchemist (Fit-Out) Ltd in respect of the remaining fit-out works in terms of Section 20(1) of the Council's Standing Orders within the revised cash limits shown in paragraph 3.4 of the report;
- (iv) that this decision be implemented ahead of any consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency as any delay would prejudice the Council's position in terms of incurring additional financial costs;
- (v) to give authority to the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to vire an additional 5% (now 20%) between projects within the overall Regeneration Capital total with any variation in excess of this requiring Cabinet authority; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EARLY RETIREMENT (PARA 1)

- 23.** There was submitted a report dated 19 February 2010 (circulated) by the Chief Executive seeking Cabinet approval of a request for early retirement from an employee in the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

Cabinet agreed to approve the request for early retirement as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

The Cabinet noted arithmetical amendments to the report in terms of cumulative totals namely figure 969,123 should read 995,325; figure 1,289,693 should read 1,312,261; figure 1,125,681 should read 1,151,883; figure 177,17 should read 177,176; and figure 1,289,693 should read 1,312,261.

Councillor Iain Linton left the meeting at this point.

RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 24.** The press and public were re-admitted to the meeting.

KILMARNOCK CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) - APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL WORKS AT GOODFELLOWS ESTATE AGENTS, 13/15 WEST GEORGE STREET, KILMARNOCK (Item 5, Page 786 & 787, 07/12)

- 25.** Having heard the Head of Planning and Economic Development that the uncommitted balance within the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), was £4.87M, it was agreed to approve an additional CARS grant of £132,109.42 for a major scheme of conservation, repair and maintenance at 13-15 West George Street, Kilmarnock with the Head of Planning and Economic Development being authorised to increase the offer of grant by up to 10% subject to the verification of any further additional costs by the CARS Project Officer

The meeting terminated at 1410 hours.