

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING – 11 OCTOBER 2007**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

##### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to invite Council to consider various member appointments to outside organisations. The organisations in question are the Barony 'A' Frame Trust, and Borderline Theatre.

### **2. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BARONY 'A' FRAME TRUST**

- 2.1** The Barony 'A' Frame Trust was formed in 2003 with the primary objective of retaining and restoring the 'A' Frame Structure as a heritage site of monumental and educational value.
- 2.2** The Trust is a registered Charity whose deed of Trust identified that Trustees should include the Member of East Ayrshire Council for Ward 26 – Ex-officio and the Member of East Ayrshire Council for Ward 27 – Ex-officio. Councillor Menzies and Councillor Neil McGhee have therefore been the Council Trustees ex-officio thus far.
- 2.3** The recent introduction of Multi-Member Wards has necessitated the Trust seeking a revision of the deed to reflect these changes. The trust deed will therefore now be amended to "Trustees will include a Member of East Ayrshire Council for Ward 7 – Ex-officio; and a Member of East Ayrshire Council for Ward 8 – Ex-officio.
- 2.4** The Trust is therefore now seeking one Elected Member from Ward 7 and one Elected Member from Ward 8 to become Trustees.
- 2.5** The Trust accepts that the Council is responsible for determining who should be the Council's representatives; however, the Trust has formally requested that as restoration is at a critical stage with the official launch scheduled for the autumn, that Councillor Menzies and Neil McGhee continue as Trustees as their knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise are invaluable to them.

### **3. APPOINTMENT TO THE BORDERLINE THEATRE**

- 3.1** Borderline Theatre have long enjoyed a good relationship with East Ayrshire Council through performances at the Palace Theatre, partnership working on Life Long Learning projects and an East Ayrshire Council presence on the Board of Directors. The Council's representation prior to May 2007 was Councillor Elaine Stewart.

**3.2** The producer of Borderline Theatre has written to the Council to advise that Borderline is currently going through a period of transition in which the Board of Directors is having to play a fuller part than previously and is being asked to make critical decisions about the future development of the company and staff.

**3.3** The producer has, therefore, invited the Council to nominate one representative to the Board to help shape the company's future. He has advised that this nominee could be either an Elected Member or a Senior Officer and that the only proviso is that it is someone who has the time and interest to be able to take an active role on the Board.

**4. FINANCIAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS** – None arising directly from this report

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** The organisations will be asked to confirm that appropriate public liability/Director and Officers indemnity/fidelity insurance is in place and that such insurance is adequate and covers the extent of the relevant risks involved in a member/Officer being appointed.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** It is recommended that the Council

- (i)** taking into account the Trustees' request, detailed at paragraph 2.5, to appoint an Elected Member from Ward 7 and an Elected Member from Ward 8 to The Barony 'A' Frame Trust as Ex-officio Trustees; and
- (ii)** to appoint either an Elected Member or a Senior Officer to the Board of Borderline Theatre.

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23 July 2007

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letter dated 6 July 2007 from the Barony 'A' Frame Trust
2. Letter dated 13 July 2007 from the Producer, Borderline Theatre

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administrative Manager on Tel No (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support.