

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2007 AT 0900 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Tom Cook, Iain Linton, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp and Robert McDill.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; and Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Eric Jackson

**CHAIR:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. The Committee 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 Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**BURNS MONUMENT CENTRE (Item 3, Page 2812, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 11 June 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to allow Members to consider possible changes to the Burns Monument Project including changes to the uses, enhancements to the external finish and transport links to the facility.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council do not terminate the existing contract for the Burns Monument Centre;
- (ii) to approve the changes to usage, external finish and transport links as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to approve the estimated additional capital cost identified for the proposed changes within the limits detailed in paragraph 6.1 of the report; and
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to give further consideration to (a) the siting of car parking areas within the grounds of the Centre; (b) the proposal to designate one of the rooms within the Centre as the 'Johnnie Walker room', having noted that Diageo were supportive of the proposal in principle; and (c) to maintaining the continued involvement of local people and to consider appropriate ways to invite suggestions for the naming of the Centre from the community; and

- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **INTER AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP**

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to engage with North Ayrshire Council on a partnering arrangement to undertake the surface dressing of carriageways within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to accept the negotiated price of £217,000 from North Ayrshire Council for the completion of the Surface Dressing Programme within East Ayrshire Council.

Councillor McIntyre, having moved an alternative proposal which failed to receive a seconder recorded his dissent to this decision.

The meeting terminated at 0937 hrs.