

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2011 AT 1000 HRS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Alan Brown, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, David Shaw, William Crawford, Kathy Morrice, Elaine Dinwoodie, Drew Filson and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Craig McArthur, Head of Finance; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Social Work; Julie Jamieson, Chief Accountant; Lynne Buchanan, Communication and Customer First Manager; Joe McLachlan, Corporate Accounting Manager; Fiona Finlay, Principal Planning Officer; and Julie McGarry, Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon Cree, Barney Menzies and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Provost Stephanie Young, Chair.

PRESENTATION TO BILL SALMOND, ASSISTANT COUNCIL OFFICER

The Provost began the Council meeting by paying tribute, on behalf of all Members and colleagues, to Bill Salmond, Assistant Council Officer, who would be retiring from the Council's service effective from 31 July 2011. The Provost gave a résumé on Bill's extensive career prior to joining East Ayrshire Council where he had been employed since its inception in 1996. The Provost gave details of Bill's wide and diverse range of personal interests within the community and paid tribute to Bill's wife, Margaret, who was in attendance.

The Provost then presented Bill, on behalf of East Ayrshire Council, with a special gift of gratitude and thanks for the work he had given to the Council and specifically to the help and assistance which he had given to her during her term as Provost and wished him and his wife Margaret the very best wishes for the future.

Bill then responded in suitable terms.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

1. The Provost referred to a letter which had been received from Clarence House on behalf of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge which thanked the Council for their good wishes and for setting up Friends of Hollybush House in honour of their marriage.

The Provost then congratulated Stewarton teacher, Mark Renny, who had recently been named Basketball Scotland Young Person's Coach of the Year in recognition of

his hard work and dedication to Stewarton Academy's Basketball Development Programme. The Provost advised that Mark's S1 team had remained undefeated in all Ayrshire competitions this season and had also won both the Ayrshire League and the Ayrshire Cup.

The Provost then expressed her delight to learn that Silverwood Primary School had won a coveted place in the Grand Final of the Scottish European Trust's Euro Quiz, held on Monday 6 June, where over 1,500 pupils from 350 schools had competed, with the winning teams from each heat going forward to the final. The Provost advised that although they didn't win, the pupils had a fantastic day and congratulated them on their achievements.

The Provost then advised that to date, four out of five phases of the Woodroad Regeneration Project had been completed and that during the last four years the Woodroad Regeneration Forum had won the Best Local Charity Award, BT Community Award, Green Flag Award and had come second in the Community Woodland Award. The Provost was thrilled to announce that the Forum had been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services and that they were the only group this year in the Lieutenancy of Ayrshire and Arran to have received this most prestigious award. The Provost then congratulated everyone and wished them good luck in the last phase of the project - the Woodroad Visitors Centre. She further advised that a request had been received by the Lord Lieutenant to arrange a Civic Reception for them.

The Provost then advised that for an unprecedented sixth consecutive year, East Ayrshire had been recognised by the National Music Council of Great Britain and this year had been awarded the prestigious Major Trophy. East Ayrshire had been jointly awarded the Trophy along with Devon County Council and, as such, the Silver Salver was shared, which would be displayed in the cabinet within Headquarters until November this year. The Provost advised that East Ayrshire Council was the only Scottish local authority to have been awarded the Major Trophy: one of only four local authorities UK-wide to have been awarded the Major Trophy twice: and the only local authority UK-wide to be recognised in six consecutive years, two Major Trophies and four Diplomas of Merit. The Provost congratulated the pupils and members of staff for their commitment and dedication.

The Provost then expressed her delight that the campaign to save the River Doon, supported by the Council, had succeeded in turning round Scottish Power's proposal to implement reductions in the flow on the River Doon.

The Provost then stated that it had been marvellous to send off bikers from Moscow in Ayrshire on a long trek to Moscow, Russia. The Provost advised that the bikers were raising funds for the National Spinal Injury Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The Provost further advised that the community of Moscow had arranged a barbecue and fun day to see the bikers off and that proceeds raised on the day were being donated to the Buchanan Centre, Combat Stress and East Ayrshire Young Carers. The Provost also advised that the bikers would be returning on 13 July and she hoped that as many Members as possible would be able to make it to Moscow to welcome them back.

The Provost then advised that the town of Kilmarnock had been buzzing at the recent global/continental market which had been a wonderful spectacle where she had enjoyed meeting some of the traders. The Provost advised that feedback had been

amazing and that she was looking forward to welcoming the event back to the town in September.

The Provost was pleased to learn that the walled garden of Annanhill House estate would soon be blooming again thanks to a partnership between the Council and members of the local community.

The Provost was also glad to hear that the Local Area Co-ordinators in Social Services had won an award at a ceremony held on 3 June. The Provost advised that the award - Involving Our Local Communities - Delivering Lasting Improvement and Changing Things for the Better - was a significant achievement as there are only six given out each year and congratulated everyone involved.

The Provost then referred to Stewarton Bowling Club who were celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year and that four Elected Members had taken part in a bowling competition on Saturday 4 June. The Provost advised that unfortunately they did not win the coveted Rose Bowl but was delighted to join them at the presentation at the end of the day.

The Provost then stated how honoured she had been to be invited to join East Ayrshire Carers at the official opening by HRH Princess Anne of their new premises in Carnoustie.

The Provost then expressed her pleasure to have joined everyone at the East Ayrshire Schools Have Talent concert held on 19 May at the Palace Theatre. The Provost advised that the event had been organised by Martyn Hay to raise funds for the Ellie and Laurie Finlayson Trust. The Provost further advised that the children who had taken part were magnificent and that East Ayrshire schools certainly did have talent.

The Provost then referred to her attendance at the sod cutting at Patna/St Xavier's, Darvel and Gargieston Primary Schools and stated how wonderful it had been to see these projects going ahead and that the children and teachers alike would no doubt be looking forward to moving into their new premises.

The Provost then advised that East Ayrshire had three finalists in the Scottish Education Awards which was an annual event organised by the Scottish Government. The Provost advised that the finalists were Enterprise and Employability Across Learning Award (secondary) - St Joseph's Academy; Educational Supporter of the Year Award - Robert Chatham, Senior Janitor at James Hamilton Academy and New Farm Primary School and Nursery Class; and Probationer Teacher of the Year Award – Natalie White from New Farm Primary School. The Provost congratulated all of the finalists.

The Provost then advised that it had been fantastic news that the River Ayr Way had now officially been designated as one of Scotland's Great Trails, putting the walk in a family with 20 other routes including some of the iconic long distance walks such as the West Highland Way, the Great Glen Way, the Speyside Way and the Southern Upland Way.

The Provost then commented that East Ayrshire Council had won the award for Sustainable Outcomes for its outstanding work delivering MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition Do It!) programmes to local families. The Provost advised that the team was presented with £250 at the prestigious MEND Best Practice Awards ceremony held in London on Friday 10 June.

The Provost then advised that on 29 May at Rugby Park, Auchinleck Talbot had beaten Musselburgh Athletic 2-1 to win the Scottish Junior Cup for a record 9th time. The Provost further advised that this was the 125th anniversary of the Scottish Junior Cup and that some Members may recall that Talbot had also won the 100th Final in 1986. The Provost congratulated manager Tommy Sloan and his team and looked forward to formally recognising their outstanding achievement at a Civic Reception to be organised later in the year.

The Provost expressed her pleasure as she welcomed serving personnel, veterans and cadet forces to Council Headquarters on Monday 21 June to mark Armed Forces Day and to have the opportunity to show our support and recognition.

The Provost then advised that Councillor Reid, Fiona Lees and herself had attended an open day at the Northwest Area Centre on Monday to begin Learning Disability Awareness Week. The Provost advised that events had been ongoing all week and were run as a joint venture with Community Planning Partners and urged all Members to try and visit some of the events which had still to be held.

The Provost then advised that she had received a visitor from Canada on Tuesday 21 June, a history student called Bethany Philpott. The Provost advised that Bethany was in Scotland to research the birthplace of the founder of the Ontario Veterinary College, Andrew Smith from Dalrymple. The Provost stated that it had been a pleasure to meet her and her grandparents and expressed her delight to receive a painting which was gifted to the Council from the Dean of Veterinary College, University of Guelph.

Finally, the Provost advised that the Leader of the Council had attended James Hamilton Academy's Prize Giving last week at which a DVD produced by two pupils had been shown, the DVD being made with the help of the BBC. The DVD was then shown to the Council Members.

PROVOST/DEPUTE PROVOST

1.1 ELECTION OF PROVOST

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Stephanie Young be elected as Provost.

1.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor John Campbell be elected as Depute Provost.

PROVOST'S CHARITY OF THE YEAR - ALZHEIMER'S SCOTLAND

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 June 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which informed Council of the support which the Provost's Office had given to Alzheimer's Scotland during 2010/11.

It was agreed:

- (i) to acknowledge the efforts of everyone involved and congratulate them for the support given and money raised through the Provost's Office during 2010/11 for Alzheimer's Scotland;
- (ii) to note that the total raised was £29,038.46; and

- (iii) to endorse the approach being taken by the Provost for 2011/12 to support local and individual charity initiatives.

Henry Simmons, Chief Executive of the charity and Katy Hawker, Dementia Advisor for East Ayrshire were then presented with a cheque for the funds raised and gave thanks to the Council and the support which the Provost's Office had given to Alzheimer's Scotland over the last year.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. There were submitted and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of Council held on 12 May 2011 (pages 1638 - 1642).

MATTER ARISING - MOTION TO COUNCIL BY COUNCILLOR MOIRA PIRIE (Item 5, Page 1642, 07/12) - Councillor Pirie referred to the letter received from the District Manager of Jobcentre Plus in response to the formal motion, and Council noted that Councillor Pirie wished the second paragraph of the letter to read "I can confirm that Job Centres in West of Scotland District, including our Job Centres in Kilmarnock and Cumnock, have no longer official or unofficial targets set to sanction customers attending Jobcentre Plus".

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

4. 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 (a synopsis of the questions and answers, by way of information only, is shown in the Appendix to these Minutes).

CABINET/COMMITTEE MINUTES

5. There were submitted (circulated) and approved, as correct records with the exception of the Minutes of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee which were for noting only, the Minutes of the undernoted meetings, viz:-

5.1 CABINET OF 4 MAY 2011 (pages 1630-1634).

5.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 11 MAY (pages 1635-1637).

5.3 CABINET OF 18 MAY 2011 (pages 1643-1647).

MATTER ARISING - REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO COVER GRANTS UNDER THE RESTORING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (Item 6, Page 1646, 07/12)

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved the Minutes as a correct record and in respect of the recommendation contained therein.

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Dinwoodie, moved as an amendment, that the delegated authority to be given to the Head of Planning and Economic Development to approve Restoring Communities Programme grant applications be up to £8,000 and that the Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 16 votes to 12.

5.4 SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 19 MAY 2011 (pages 1648-1657).

- 5.5 GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 20 MAY 2011 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) (pages 1658-1660).
- 5.6 CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 24 MAY 2011 (pages 1661-1662).
- 5.7 CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 24 MAY 2011 (pages 1663-1665).
- 5.8 NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 25 MAY 2011 (pages 1666-1669).
- 5.9 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 26 MAY 2011 (page 1670).
- 5.10 NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 27 MAY 2011 (pages 1671-1673).
- 5.11 LOCAL REVIEW BODY OF 27 MAY 2011 (page 1674).
- 5.12 CABINET OF 1 JUNE 2011 (pages 1675-1681).
- 5.13 SPECIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 9 JUNE 2011 (page 1682).
- 5.14 APPEALS PANEL OF 10 JUNE 2011 (pages 1683-1684).

**EXTRACT FROM CABINET MINUTE OF 22 JUNE 2011 -
REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES - FINANCE SERVICE**

- 6. It was agreed to the recommendations from the special Cabinet meeting of 22 June 2011 to the transfer of responsibility for the Payroll function to the Head of Human Resources as detailed in paragraph 5.25 of the special Cabinet report, with immediate effect.

**APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL/DEPUTE LEADER AND
CABINET PORTFOLIO SPOKESPERSONS ETC**

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 31 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which requested the Council to consider the appointment of the Leader of the Council, Depute Leader of the Council, Cabinet Portfolio Spokespersons, Chair and Vice-Chairs etc as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved the following appointments, viz:-

Leader of the Council and Spokesperson for Strategic Planning, Management and Resources and Equalities - Councillor Douglas Reid.

Depute Leader of the Council and Spokesperson for Strategic Planning, Management and Resources and Equalities - Councillor Iain Linton.

Spokespersons for Improving Community Health and Wellbeing - Councillors Kathy Morrice and John MacKay.

Spokespersons for Delivering Community Regeneration - Councillors Jim Buchanan and Robert McDill.

Spokespersons for Promoting Lifelong Learning - Councillors Jim Roberts and Hugh Ross.

Spokesperson for Improving Community Safety - Councillor Jim Todd.

Spokesperson for Planning - Councillor Alan Brown.

Governance and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Tom Cook (Chair), Councillor Willie Coffey (Vice-Chair).

Appeals Panel - Councillor Iain Linton (as Spokesperson for Management and Resources).

Local Government Licensing Panel - Councillor Hugh Ross (Chair).

Planning Function

Local Review Body - Councillor Alan Brown as Spokesperson for Planning.

Northern Local Planning Committee - Councillor Alan Brown (Chair), Councillor John Campbell (Vice-Chair).

Southern Local Planning Committee - Councillor Drew Filson (Chair), Councillor Kathy Morrice (Vice-Chair).

Local Grants Committees

Northern Area Local Grants Committee - Councillor Robert McDill (Chair), Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame (Vice-Chair).

Central North Local Grants Committee - Councillor Jim Buchanan (Chair), Councillor Helen Coffey (Vice-Chair).

Central South Local Grants Committee - Councillor Jim Todd (Chair), Councillor Tom Cook (Vice-Chair).

Southern Area Local Grants Committee - Councillor Kathy Morrice (Chair), Councillor Drew Filson (Vice-Chair).

Councillor Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment the following appointments, viz:-

Leader of the Council and Spokesperson for Strategic Planning, Management and Resources and Equalities - Councillor Maureen McKay.

Depute Leader of the Council and Spokesperson for Strategic Planning, Management and Resources and Equalities - Councillor Barney Menzies.

Spokesperson for Planning - Councillor Jimmy Kelly.

Governance and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor John McGhee (Chair)

Planning Function

Northern Local Planning Committee - Councillor John McGhee (Chair), Councillor Stuart Finlayson (Vice-Chair).

Southern Local Planning Committee - Councillor William Crawford (Chair), Councillor Neil McGhee (Vice-Chair).

Local Grants Committees

Northern Area Local Grants Committee - Councillor John McGhee (Chair), Councillor Stuart Finlayson (Vice-Chair).

Central North Local Grants Committee - Councillor Drew McIntyre (Chair), Councillor Gordon Cree (Vice-Chair).

Central South Local Grants Committee - Councillor John Knapp (Chair), Councillor Robert Keohone (Vice-Chair).

Southern Area Local Grants Committee - Councillor Barney Menzies (Chair), Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie (Vice-Chair).

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 17 votes to 12.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which submitted the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 to the Council and which sought approval to forward them to the Controller of Audit (the Statement of Accounts were tabled).

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Statement of Accounts for 2010/11;
- (ii) to note the transfers indicated in Paragraph 4.3 of the report as approved by Cabinet on 15 June 2011;
- (iii) to approve the submission of the Group Statement of Accounts to the Controller of Audit once all information became available but no later than 30 June; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

2010/11 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which submitted the Annual Performance Report for 2010/11 to the Council and which sought approval of proposed arrangements for its publication and distribution.

Councillor Todd left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved:

- (i) to note the contents of the 2010/11 Annual Performance Report which included the Audited 2010/11 Statutory Performance Indicators;
- (ii) to approve the arrangements for publication of the information subject to any minor textual amendments;
- (iii) to note that a separate report would be submitted to the Governance and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Finlayson, seconded by Councillor John McGhee, moved as an amendment:

- (i) that the educational attainment paragraph at page 3 should begin "Improvements in exam performance in East Ayrshire ...);

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the 2010/11 Annual Performance Report including the audited 2010/11 Statutory Performance Indicators;
- (iii) to approve the arrangements for publication of the information;
- (iv) to note that a separate report would be submitted to the Governance and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 14 votes to 13.

It was also noted that the Chief Executive would liaise with Councillor Maureen McKay in relation to the previous year comparator figures.

REPORT BY CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 June 2011 (circulated) by the Chief Social Work Officer which provided Council with (i) information on the role and responsibilities of the Chief Social Work Officer; and (ii) an initial Chief Social Work Officer report for the period 2009-2011.

Councillor Willie Coffey left the meeting at this point.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM COOK

11. Councillor Tom Cook, seconded by Councillor Cuninghame, moved the following motion:-

“This Council is putting greater emphasis on Health and Safety amongst its employees, particularly in relation to working at heights and using ladders. This initiative is fully supported by the Elected Members of the Council.

It is therefore incongruous that we either personally take part in or are party to, the erection of election campaign material on Council lighting columns generally without adopting any of the procedures we would expect Council employees to use.

Further, these election campaign posters are often visually intrusive.

Therefore, in the interest of Health and Safety and visual amenity, this Council revokes, with immediate effect, the Council's consent made at its meeting on 27 March 1997, under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to allow the display of election campaign publicity material within the limits of public roads under the control of East Ayrshire.

The effect of this decision will prohibit the display of election campaign publicity material, on any Council property, including lighting columns, traffic sign poles and other street furniture”.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved an amended motion that the display of election campaign publicity material within the limits of public roads under the control of East Ayrshire Council be prohibited within a 100m radius of the curtilage of any polling station.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 15 votes to 12.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MAUREEN MCKAY

12. Council unanimously agreed to adopt the following motion, viz:-

“That Council review its current policy, as last considered and approved on 26 June 2008, of not granting lets of Council-owned sites to circuses or similar types of organisation which utilise or travel with wild and/or exotic animals, and that it be remitted to relevant officers to bring forward to a future Council meeting a suitable report setting out the implications of extending the existing policy to include a ban on the letting of Council-owned sites to any circus or similar organisation which utilises or travels with any animal”.

Council noted that the opportunity for interested parties to address Council prior to its consideration of any amendments to existing policy would be considered in the preparation of the report.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION

13. The Council meeting adjourned at 1257 hrs and reconvened at 1330 hrs with the same Members in attendance with the exception of Councillors Helen Coffey, Robert Keohone, Iain Linton, Drew McIntyre, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, David Shaw, William Crawford, Elaine Dinwoodie and Moira Pirie.

**RECOMMENDATION OF SPECIAL NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15 JUNE 2011 - PRE-DETERMINATION HEARING: APPLICATION NO
11/0242/PPP: MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUSIVE OF FURTHER
EDUCATION COLLEGE, RESIDENTIAL, CARE HOME, BUSINESS, SMALL
SCALE RETAIL, HOTEL, PUBLIC HOUSE, RESTAURANT, CAFE AND
CRÈCHE/NURSERY AT 18 - 20 HILL STREET KILMARNOCK BY DIAGEO
SCOTLAND LTD (Item 1, Page 1690, 07/12)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which informed Council of the recommendations of the Special Northern Local Planning Committee held on 15 June 2011 regarding the above planning application for planning permission in principle in terms of the Scheme of Delegation on the grounds that the application under consideration proposed a major development in terms of the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 that was considered significantly contrary to the Development Plan.

It was agreed to the recommendations from the Special Northern Local Planning Committee:

- (i) to endorse the view of the Head of Planning and Economic Development that the application be approved subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report; and
- (ii) that an additional condition be imposed to ensure that the issue of inclusive design is addressed in all subsequent detailed applications in respect of the proposed development and that the applicant consult with East Ayrshire Access Panel North District on inclusive design, as detailed below.

Additional Condition No 18

Notwithstanding Condition No 4, the submission of all further applications for the Approval of Matters Specified in the Conditions of this Planning Permission in Principle (AMCPPP's) shall have regard to the issues of accessibility in terms of the final design and layout of all developments within the application site. All further applications shall demonstrate how the proposals promote accessibility in terms of

the design and layout and how the applicants have taken the views of the East Ayrshire Access Panel North District into account. REASON: In the interests of inclusive design. Further to Condition No 18, the applicant is strongly recommended to make early contact with the East Ayrshire Access Panel North District. In this respect the applicant is advised to note that the East Ayrshire Access Panel North District is willing to advise on detailed matters in terms of accessibility at the detailed planning stage and can be contacted via Susan Fulton of East Ayrshire Council's Planning and Economic Development Service at East Ayrshire Council, The Johnnie Walker Bond, 15 Strand Street, Kilmarnock KA1 1HU.

The meeting terminated at 1342 hrs.

APPENDIX**SYNOPSIS OF QUESTIONS, POINTS AND ANSWERS ON THE
REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING (PARA 4.2)**

Councillor Cook, whilst recognising the work underway in a number of schools, enquired if plans could be brought forward for the upgrades at Fenwick Primary School.

Councillor Reid indicated that he and the Spokesperson for Life Long Learning were aware of the issues at Fenwick Primary School and confirmed that consideration would be given to the matters raised.

Councillor Maureen McKay, while welcoming the work underway at Willowbank School, asked why it had taken three years to commence construction on the new school.

Councillor Linton confirmed that this project had involved protracted discussions on design with a particular emphasis on the specific needs of the pupils which had included engagement with pupils, parents and staff. The timescale taken had been reasonable and appropriate to ensure that the specialist building and equipment were delivered, when considering more "conventional" schools, such as Gargieston, timescales involved were reduced.

DECRIMINALISED PARKING - ENFORCEMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE (PARA 5.6)

Councillor Cook further referred to the proposal for decriminalised parking and enforcement arrangements within East Ayrshire and the possibility of a two month gap where no enforcement would be in effect.

Councillor Todd, Spokesperson for Community Safety, confirmed that the Head of Roads and Transportation was in regular consultation with Strathclyde Police together with other officers of the Council and confirmed all are working towards, as far as possible, a seamless transition of enforcement responsibilities within East Ayrshire.

GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PARA 2.6)

Councillor Maureen McKay enquired as to the long term implications of front loading the 10 year Capital Programme. Councillor McKay also made reference to Public Art decisions and if public art work could be commissioned for the northwest area of Kilmarnock possibly to be actioned via local schools.

Councillor Reid, in terms of engagement of schools, referred to the very positive DVD which had been played at the beginning of the Council meeting in relation to the northwest area of Kilmarnock. He confirmed that pupils from northwest and the Darvel areas had been actively involved in the public artwork. He also confirmed that the trade unions, at a recent JCC, had suggested the workers' memorial at the Dean Castle Country Park.

Councillor Reid also referred to capital investment, providing opportunities for local industry now, was appropriate.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUMS (PARA 3.1)

Councillor Maureen McKay asked if it had been an omission not to mention the commitment to community ownership/management and why the Local Community Planning Forum scheduled for June had been stood down.

Councillor Reid confirmed that the commitment to community engagement would be continuing and had been nationally recognised in the Government's budget and that review work continued and officers would report back on the review process in due course.