

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2004

NEWMILNS CEMETERY – SURPLUS GROUND

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to declare land at Newmilns Cemetery, Dalwhatswood Road, Newmilns surplus to requirements.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The former Cemetery Keeper's Cottage at Dalwhatswood Road, Newmilns was sold to a private buyer by the Council on 14th October 2002. The owner of the house has now enquired if it would be possible to purchase land adjacent to the cottage owned by the Council
- 2.2 The site is shown on the map attached as Appendix 1.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The land in question is a steep embankment planted with trees. The area was formerly used as a store for surplus soil and was the site for a bothy and tool shed. These facilities are no longer required and it is considered that the land has no operational or amenity value.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A capital receipt will be generated by the sale of this land; this will be paid into the General Services Account in line with current policy.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council has the legal authority to sell this land.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 As it is considered that this site has no operational or amenity value, it should be sold to the owner of the former Cemetery Keeper's Cottage in Newmilns.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- i) declare the land at Newmilns Cemetery (shown in Appendix 1) surplus to requirements;
 - ii) remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise the Department of Development and Property Services in accordance with agreed procedures; and
 - iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

WS/JAG/KH
6th August 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Memo from the Department of Development and Property Services to the Head of Leisure Services dated 13th August 2003.
2. Memo from Parks and Cemeteries Officer to the Head of Leisure Services dated 22nd August 2003.
3. E-mail from Head of Leisure Services to the Department of Development and Property Services dated 26th August 2003.

Anyone wishing to inspect the background papers listed above, please contact John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services on 01563 576264.

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