

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2006 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Depute Provost Tommy Farrell and Councillors William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

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; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Property; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; and Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager.

ALSO ATTENDING: Carol Calder, Audit Scotland.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Stephanie Young and Willie Coffey.

CHAIR: Provost Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

DEATH OF COUNCILLOR DANIEL COFFEY

The Provost recognised the sudden and tragic death on the previous Sunday night of Councillor Danny Coffey which had come as a terrible shock to everyone; she stated that her thoughts were with his family at this difficult time.

Danny had enjoyed a lengthy and active career in local government politics and served tirelessly as a Councillor with both the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council and the former Strathclyde Regional Council from 1986 until local government reorganisation 10 years later. During that period he had also had the honour of serving as Provost of Kilmarnock and Loudoun between 1992 and 1996 and in recognition of his political abilities his party had recently selected him again to stand as a candidate for election to the Scottish Parliament in 2007.

Since the first days of East Ayrshire Council in 1996, Danny had worked hard on behalf of his constituents and his party and had played a significant part in the life of the Council. The Provost continued, saying that whilst Danny's commitment to his politics and his constituents was enormous, he was as passionately concerned with his family and had been dedicated to the care of his father. The other great love of Danny's life was Kilmarnock Football Club where he had been Treasurer of the Kilmarnock Supporters Association and a founding member of their Travel Club.

All of these attributes were exemplified by the fact that Danny had walked back from the hospital on Sunday night having made one of his regular visits to his father and one of his last acts was to phone in a message to the SNP Office leaving an instruction for the Roads Section to be contacted the next day regarding two street

lights which he had noticed were out of operation as he walked along; clearly he was still thinking of others at that time.

The Provost concluded her remarks by stating that Danny would be a great loss not only to this Council but to all who knew him and on behalf of the Council and all present conveyed sympathies and best wishes to his father William, his brother, our Councillor Willie Coffey and his sister Helen.

The Council then stood to observe one minute's silence.

Councillor Reid then addressed the meeting by thanking all the Members and Officers for their support which was very much appreciated in the difficult circumstances. East Ayrshire Council had provided a supportive community of which they could be truly proud.

Councillor Reid continued by stating that Danny was a very active and highly respected Councillor but was also much more; Danny had been a true Scottish patriot who had a great love for his country, he was a committed family man and a great Kilmarnock supporter. He remarked that Danny had a real love for life and his enthusiasm was very contagious and that he had a very kind heart and genuinely loved those around him. He referred to this morning's papers which commented that Danny was "one in a million" and "Mr Kilmarnock".

Councillor Reid confirmed that he had been a Councillor with Danny for 14 years and that this had been a very difficult time and that Danny's death had been a great loss to him personally.

Councillor Reid concluded by stating that Danny was very much a man of the people and would be sorely missed and that our thoughts were with Willie and the Coffey family at this very difficult time.

Councillor McIntyre then, on behalf of the Labour Administration, added his condolences to the family and friends of Danny.

Councillor McIntyre also stated that he had known Danny and his family for many years and although they had had political differences, Danny was a good hard working local Councillor and was respected by all sides of the chamber.

Councillor McIntyre concluded by stating that Danny would be sadly missed and would be a great loss to the community.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 8 December 2005 (pages 1846-1851) and Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2006 (pages 1992-1996) which were approved as a correct record.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved, subject to the undernoted amendment, both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings, viz:-
 - 2.1 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 2 DECEMBER 2005 (pages 1841-1845).**
 - 2.2 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 9 DECEMBER 2005 (page 1852).**

- 2.3 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 12 DECEMBER 2005 (pages 1853-1854).
- 2.4 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 13 DECEMBER 2005 (pages 1855-1860).
- 2.5 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 20 DECEMBER 2005 (pages 1861-1863).
- 2.6 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 DECEMBER 2005 (pages 1864-1866).
- 2.7 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 11 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1867-1877).
- 2.8 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 11 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1878-1879).
- 2.9 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 12 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1880-1885).
- 2.10 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 13 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1886-1887).
- 2.11 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 17 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1888-1889).
- 2.12 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 18 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1890-1895).
- 2.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 19 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1896-1899).
- 2.14 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1900-1905).
- 2.15 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 24 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1906-1907).
- 2.16 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 24 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1908-1911).
- 2.17 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1912-1921).
- 2.18 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1922-1927).
- 2.19 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 26 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1928-1932).
- 2.20 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 27 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1933-1937).
- 2.21 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 31 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1938-1945).
- 2.22 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 31 JANUARY 2006 (pages 1946-1951).
- 2.23 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1952-1956).
- 2.24 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1957-1962).
- 2.25 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 2 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1963-1967).
- 2.26 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 3 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1968-1970).

2.27 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 8 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1971-1988).

MATTER ARISING - FAIR TRADE (Item 15, Page 1976, 03/07)

It was agreed, that as an initial short term measure, the Council would provide interim financial aid to the group who attend the Kilmarnock Farmers Market (to promote Traidcraft and Fairtrade) as they currently paid Ayrshire Farmers Market, the licence holder, £23 per month to rent a stall.

2.28 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 8 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1989-1991).

2.29 SPECIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 14 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1997-1998).

2.30 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF 16 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 1999-2008).

MATTER ARISING - SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY (Item 11, Page 2001, 03/07)

It was agreed to amend the Minute to reflect the points raised at the meeting and that (ii) should now read "to refer the revised Policy to each Executive Director for further consideration, in conjunction with the Head of Personnel, of service specific operational issues arising in respect of employees who require to work in residential establishments or clients' private homes, as well as in respect of teachers' interests".

2.31 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 17 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 2009-2010).

2.32 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 17 FEBRUARY 2006 (pages 2011-2015).

CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT TO YIPWORLD.COM

3. It was agreed, following requests received, that Councillor Farrell replace Councillor Menzies and Councillor McDill replace Councillor Willie Coffey on the Board of Yipworld.com.

**AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN TOURISM PARTNERSHIP -
NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested Council to nominate a representative to serve on the Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Partnership.

It was agreed to nominate the Chair of Development Services Committee to serve on the Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Partnership.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hrs.