

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2006 AT 1100 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, John Knapp and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; James Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Property; David Hewet, Senior Policy Adviser; and Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGY: Councillor Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS: VACANCIES

1. It was agreed, following proposals from the SNP Group, to fill vacancies in respect of the following Committees, Working Groups and outside organisations following the death of Councillor Daniel Coffey, viz:-

COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

Policy and Resources Committee	Councillor McDill
Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee	Councillor McDill
Corporate Governance Committee	Councillor Wilson
Community Services Committee	Councillor McDill
Local Government Licensing Panel	Councillor Campbell
Development Services Committee	Councillor Weir
Development Services Committee - Sitting as a Planning Committee	Councillor Weir
Education Committee	Councillor Reid
Housing Committee	Councillor McDill
Emergency Powers Committee	Councillor McDill

WORKING GROUPS/FORUMS ETC

Community Safety Forum	Councillor McDill
Disability Forum	Councillor Weir
East Ayrshire Ethnic Minorities Forum	Councillor Campbell
Risk and Audit Scrutiny Group	Councillor Wilson
Licensing Board	Councillor Reid

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

John Fulton's Soup Kitchen	Councillor Campbell
Parker's and Tannock's Trust	Councillor Linton
Strathclyde Fire Board (substitute)	Councillor McDill
Archibald Taylor Fund	Councillor Campbell

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

KILMARNOCK TOP OF THE TOWN PROPOSED OFFICE DEVELOPMENT (Item 4, Page 1531, 03/07)

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services in respect of a proposed office development at the Top of the Town, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note and approve the actions taken regarding the invitation for bids and the evaluation of those bids to realise the office and related developments proposed at the Top of the Town, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) that the company named in the report be formally identified as the preferred bidder for the office proposal;
- (iii) to declare the sites at Green Street, Kilmarnock and High Street, Kilmarnock surplus to requirements;
- (iv) in principle, to the disposal of the site at Green Street, Kilmarnock to the preferred bidder for the sum identified in the report;
- (v) that officers initiate detailed negotiations with the preferred developer regarding the terms of the disposal;
- (vi) to authorise officers to initiate detailed negotiations with the preferred bidder and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire regarding implementation of the reserved matters associated with the outline planning consent for the office and also related developments at the Top of the Town, Kilmarnock;
- (vii) that Officers submit a detailed report on the outcome of the negotiations to a future Committee meeting; and
- (viii) that the design issues raised at the meeting would be taken into consideration at the planning stage of the development.

RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. The Press and public were then re-admitted to the meeting.

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT - THE FUTURE? - PROPOSED STUDY TOUR - DENMARK - 25-27 APRIL 2006

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on an invitation for the Council to express interest to attend a three day study tour "Integrated Waste Management - The Future?" to be held in Denmark on 25-27 April 2006.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Lead Officer of the Pan Ayrshire Joint Strategic Waste Management Group had expressed an interest to attend the study tour which would constitute sufficient officer representation in terms of the Council's interest; and
- (ii) that a report on the outcome of the study tour be submitted to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.

ARRANGEMENTS TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL

6. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2006 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought authority to recognise, in the forthcoming months, the 10th Anniversary of the creation of East Ayrshire Council and to take the opportunity to further enhance the work of the Council in its support of children and young people.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals to recognise the 10th Anniversary as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) to authorise the Chief Executive to make initial arrangements both for the launch of the Challenge Fund and for subsequent events and to report further on the use and disbursement of the Challenge Fund.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hrs.