

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2007
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Depute Provost Farrell and Councillors Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Helen Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Campbell, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, 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; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Jim Kane, Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; and Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Maureen McKay, John McGhee, Jimmy Kelly and William Menzies.

CHAIR: Depute Provost Farrell, Chair.

DEPUTE PROVOST'S REMARKS

1. The Depute Provost began the Council meeting by congratulating Kilmarnock Football Club on their success in reaching the CIS Insurance Cup Final and extended his best wishes to the team for their forthcoming game against Hibernian on 18 March 2007 at Hampden Park.

The Depute Provost advised that the team had worked hard throughout the season and deserved a win and stated that he had no doubt that the team would be able to rely on their loyal fans to give their usual unfailing support which would help them in their quest for glory.

The Depute Provost advised that the team's success to date reflected well, not just on the town of Kilmarnock, but on the whole of East Ayrshire.

The Depute Provost then referred to the recent splendid addition to the courtyard outside the Meeting Room which was a mural created by the pupils of St Joseph's Academy under the direction of the Principal Teacher of Art, John Grant and his staff. The Depute Provost stated that this was an imaginative, striking and impressive piece of work which captured a variety of aspects of life in East Ayrshire both as a geographic area and as a Council. The Depute Provost stated that he was particularly pleased to see the rich industrial heritage of the area caught in its panels. The Depute Provost continued by advising that the work was so cleverly done that hours of study were rewarded by new discoveries within its composition. The Depute Provost referred to the Kilmarnock historic 1997 cup victory which was also

recorded for prosperity and hoped that the forthcoming CIS Cup Final would demand an extra panel.

The Depute Provost then congratulated everyone involved in the production of this magnificent piece of work.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as correct records, Minutes of meeting of Council held on 7 December 2006 (pages 2584-2588) and Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on 8 February 2007 (pages 2697-2700).

2.1 Matters Arising

2.1.1 Audited Accounts 2005/06 - Debt Charges (Item 5, Page 2587, 03/07)

Having noted that the Council on 7 December 2006 agreed to note the terms of this report, it was further agreed to formally authorise approval for the appropriation of £2.485M to the Capital Fund which was recommended by the External Auditor and also referred to in the report.

2.1.2 Closure of Accident and Emergency Unit at Ayr Hospital by NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Item 2.1.2, Page 2585,03/07)

It was noted that Depute Provost Farrell would consider if there was anything further the Council could do in terms of the decision by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to close the Accident and Emergency Unit at Ayr Hospital.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3. There were submitted (circulated) and approved both as correct records and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings, viz:-
- 3.1 SPECIAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF 28 NOVEMBER 2006 (pages 2569-2571).**
- 3.2 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 28 NOVEMBER 2006 (pages 2572-2575).**
- 3.3 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 28 NOVEMBER 2006 (pages 2576-2578).**
- 3.4 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 1 DECEMBER 2006 (pages 2579-2581).**
- 3.5 SPECIAL KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 6 DECEMBER 2006 (page 2582).**
- 3.6 SPECIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 6 DECEMBER 2006 (page 2583).**
- 3.7 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 8 DECEMBER 2006 (pages 2589-2591).**
- 3.8 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 12 DECEMBER 2006 (pages 2592-2595).**
- 3.9 SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 DECEMBER 2006 (pages 2596-2600).**

- 3.10 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 21 DECEMBER 2006 (pages 2601-2603).
 - 3.11 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 9 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2604-2611).
 - 3.12 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 9 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2612-2615).
 - 3.13 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 11 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2616-2619).
 - 3.14 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 17 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2620-2623).
 - 3.15 SPECIAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF 19 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2624-2625).
 - 3.16 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 23 JANUARY 2007 (page 2626).
 - 3.17 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 23 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2627-2631).
 - 3.18 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 24 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2632-2641)
 - 3.19 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 24 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2642-2645).
 - 3.20 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 25 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2646-2649).
 - 3.21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 25 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2650-2652).
 - 3.22 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 26 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2653-2656).
- Councillor Jackson left the meeting at this point.
- 3.23 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 30 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2657-2665).
 - 3.24 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 30 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2666-2669).
 - 3.25 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 31 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2670-2674).
 - 3.26 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 31 JANUARY 2007 (pages 2675-2678).
 - 3.27 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2007 (pages 2679-2684).
 - 3.28 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 7 FEBRUARY 2007 (pages 2685-2693).
 - 3.29 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 7 FEBRUARY 2007 (pages 2694-2696).
 - 3.30 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF 15 FEBRUARY 2007 (pages 2701-2713).
 - 3.31 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 16 FEBRUARY 2007 (pages 2714-2720).

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: REVIEW OF THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION
AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICER DELEGATION**

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which submitted for consideration of Council a draft Scheme of Delegation and Administration for Officers revised to take cognisance of the new departmental structure effective from 1 April 2007.

It was agreed, subject to the paragraph at the end of page 37 transferring to the remit of the Head of Planning and Economic Development and the reference in the ninth paragraph of page 41 changing from the Head of Planning and Economic Development to the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management:-

- (i) to approve and adopt the revised Scheme of Delegation and Administration for Officers attached to the report;
- (ii) to note that the revised Scheme of Delegation and Administration for Officers would take effect from 1 April 2007;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to approve further minor or consequential changes if necessary; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS -
ORGANISATION OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2007 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which presented for approval, the list of polling districts and polling places in respect of the Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies of Kilmarnock and Loudoun and Carrick, Cumnock and Doon (part) for the Scottish Parliamentary and Local Government Elections.

It was agreed, subject to the amendment to the description of E204 from "Longpark (part)" to "Glasgow Road District and Longpark (part)" to approve the list of polling districts and polling places detailed within the Appendix to the report for the purposes of the Scottish Parliamentary and Local Government Elections.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING IN EAST AYRSHIRE - FOUR YEARLY REVIEW
(Item 8, Page 2472, 03/07)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2007 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which presented to Council for consideration and endorsement the Community Planning Review Supplement 2006/07 and a summary of the 2007-2011 Thematic Action Plans.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Community Plan Review Supplement subject to minor textual changes;
- (ii) to endorse the revised thematic Action Plans subject to minor textual changes;
- (iii) to note that a further report on the outcome of the review of operating structures would be presented to a future Committee of the Council;

- (iv) to note the financial implications arising from the report; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**KILMARNOCK TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP
NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES (Item 8, Page 2169, 03/07)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2007 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Council to nominate three representatives to serve on the Kilmarnock Townscape Heritage Initiative Partnership.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved that the membership be two Administration and one Opposition to serve on the Kilmarnock Townscape Heritage Initiative Partnership, Members being Leader of the Council, Chair of Development Services Committee and an Opposition Member.

Councillor Linton seconded by Councillor Wilson moved as an amendment that the membership be two Opposition and one Administration to serve on the Kilmarnock Townscape Heritage Initiative Partnership, Members being Councillors Reid and W Coffey and one Member from the Administration.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 16 votes to 8.

The Council thereafter agreed to nominate Councillor Reid as the Opposition Member to serve on the Partnership.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hours.