

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1415 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Maureen Mackay, Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, John Campbell, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Jim Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Property; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer, Roads; Peter Hessett, Team Leader – Litigation; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Daniel Coffey, Isabella Macrae, Ian Linton, Tommy Farrell and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE - CHRISTMAS PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

1. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested approval of arrangements for parking charges in the short stay car parks in Kilmarnock Town Centre on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas this year, and in future years.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Reid moved, the introduction of free car parking in the short stay car parks in Kilmarnock Town Centre on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas for a pilot period of one year, that any costs incurred be met by the Department and requested the Head of Roads and Transportation to monitor the impact of the charges.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith moved, as an amendment to approve the introduction of parking charges in the short stay car parks in Kilmarnock Town Centre on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas 2004, with the inclusion of Nelson Street car park as a short stay car park, that the Executive Directive of Development and Property Services prepare a study of the impact the charges may have on the Kilmarnock Retail Traders; consult "Promoting Kilmarnock" on the findings and report back to a future meeting of Development Services Committee.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 11 votes to 4.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. The Committee resolved that under Section 50(A)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 the Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Councillor Kelly joined the meeting at this point.

ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - CUMNOCK

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on an Asset Management Strategy for Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise officers of East Ayrshire Council and the Department of Works and Pensions to work together to develop proposals for a new office development within the town centre of Cumnock;
- (ii) to remit to officers to, thereafter, report the outcome of any detailed appraisal exercise to a future meeting of the Committee along with recommendations as to the preferred development vehicle and associated cost implications;
- (iii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to incur, if required, expenditure of up to £60,000 to undertake further investigations and to meet initial architectural fees as required; and
- (iv) to refer the report to the Policy and Resources Committee for its consideration.

The meeting terminated at 1440 hours.