

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, John Campbell, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Elaine Dinwoodie and Elaine Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** Bill Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Manager; Anneke Freel, Project Manager; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Angela Cameron, Senior Accountant; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Stephanie Young and Ian Linton.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES (LEISURE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES) TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6)**

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 4 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Neighbourhood Services (Leisure and Protective Services) for the period ended 18 September 2005 (Period 6).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing for the period ended 18 September 2005 (Period 6).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: OUTDOOR AMENITIES AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6)**

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Outdoor Amenities and Leisure Management for the period ended 18 September 2005 (Period 6).

### **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3 (1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2005)**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of absence rates for Community Services, within the Department of Neighbourhood Services, for the quarterly period ended 30 September 2005.

### **MAJOR GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS – KILMARNOCK LEISURE CENTRE TRUST AND CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT LEISURE GROUP**

5. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on progress on the performance of the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust and Cumnock and District Leisure Group in relation to the leisure facilities these organisations provide with financial support from the Council.

#### **5.1 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Raymond, Macrae, Knapp and Crawford declared a non-financial interest in respect of this item.

#### **5.2 Consideration of Item**

It was agreed to note the terms of the report.

### **INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM 2005**

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the outcome of the International Communities in Bloom Competition and Symposium which had been held in Saskatoon, Canada from 21-25 September 2005.

In this connection, the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services further reported that Sorn had also received the Lady Jane Grosvenor award in the Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Competition for the "Best Wee Village in Scotland 2005".

It was agreed to note the terms of the report and the further information provided by the Executive Director.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE'S ACTIVITY MOTIVATION INITIATIVE: EXTERNAL ACADEMIC EVALUATION**

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which updated on progress made by the innovative Activity Motivation Initiative (AMI) including the outcome of a recent external academic evaluation by Glasgow Caledonian University.

In this connection, the Chair advised that with regard to paragraph 8.1 of the report, lines 1 and 2, the words "Education Committee and Community Services" should be deleted; and in paragraph 8.1 (ii), line 2, the words "and Social Services to explore options" should be deleted.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the comments of the Chair amending the report;

- (ii) to welcome the work of the AMI in relation to improving the health and wellbeing of local children and raising the national profile of East Ayrshire;
- (iii) to request that options for funding the continuation of this Initiative be explored to secure the long term funding of the AMI; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **FACILITIES PLANNING MODEL FOR EAST AYRSHIRE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided a summary of the findings of the Facilities Planning Model (FPM) which had been utilised by Sportscotland to assist in establishing priority needs for investment in sports facilities in East Ayrshire.

Councillor O'Neill seconded by Councillor Raymond moved:-

- (i) to note the summary of the findings of the Facilities Planning Model, as set out in the report;
- (ii) to approve the priorities shown in paragraph 7.2 of the report, as the basis for future investment in sports facilities; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

Councillor D. Coffey seconded by Councillor Weir moved as amendment:-

- (i) to note the summary of the findings of the Facilities Planning Model, as set out in the report;
- (ii) to approve the priorities shown in paragraph 7.2 of the report, as the basis for future investment in sports facilities, subject to the deletion of priority 2 – “Ensuring that the sports facilities included in the PPP Academies in Kilmarnock are open to full community use to address unmet demand in the north of East Ayrshire”; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 15 votes to 4.

### **CLEANSING – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the vehicle replacement requirements of the Cleansing DSO in financial year 2006/2007; and sought approval for the acquisition of three refuse collection vehicles, one mechanical sweeper and one pick up.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acquisition, subject to appropriate budget provision being made, of three Refuse Collection vehicles estimated at a capital cost of £126,000, one 3.5 tonne pick up at £34,000; and one street sweeping vehicle at £115,000; and
- (ii) to instruct the Executive Head of Finance to secure the appropriate operating leases or other appropriate methods of acquisition for the above, in due course.

### **INTRODUCTION OF “EATSAFE” AWARDS SCHEME**

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the introduction, in conjunction with the Food Standards Agency, of “EatSafe” Awards to local catering businesses.

In this connection, the Chair made reference, and extended congratulations, to the Chip Box, Stewarton; the Ocean Star, Newmilns and Lochside House Hotel, New Cumnock which had received awards under the EatSafe Scheme, in recognition of high standards of hygiene and safety management within their premises.

The Committee:-

- (i) concurred with the Chair’s comments;
- (ii) endorsed the participation of East Ayrshire Council in the Scheme; and
- (iii) otherwise, noted the terms of the report.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE SHOUT CARD**

11. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which updated on the development of a new Initiative called the SHOUT card.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services provide annual progress reports to this Committee on the Initiative.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN EVALUATION REPORT**

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided a summary of the evaluation of the Summer Activity Programme for Children 2005.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE OUTDOOR ACCESS PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT**

13. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which updated on the progress of the implementation of the East Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy and advised of potential future developments.

#### **13.1 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Raymond, Macrae, and Wilson each declared a non-financial interest with regard to those aspects of the report relating to the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership.

#### **13.2 Consideration of Item**

It was agreed to note the terms of the report.

**AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 October 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as shown in the appendix to these minutes.

The meeting terminated at 1103 hours.

**APPENDIX**

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Successful Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Future Museum Website Design	Laveron Ltd, Glasgow	<b>£41,400.00</b>
Supply and Delivery of 6x4 Refuse RCV (Phase 23)	Heil Europe Ltd, Fife	<b>£129,498.00</b>
River Ayr Walk Way, Section 8, Ballochmyle Gorge	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	<b>£34,826.70</b>
**River Ayr Walk Way, Route 3 - Crossflatt Farm to Upper Wellwood	James Shankland, Cumnock	<b>£75,847.00</b>
*Supply of Precinct Sweeper - Phase 21	Applied Sweepers Ltd, Falkirk	<b>£65,550.00</b>

\* This tender was awarded on the most economic tender taking account of set criteria.

\*\* This tender was subject to an evaluation process, the award criteria being:- financial evaluation - 70% and added value evaluation - 30%.