

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2005 AT
1345 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John McGhee, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Isabella Macrae, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Jim Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Ross, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Eric Jackson, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair.

RE-OPENING OF TOILET AT GLAISNOCK SHOPPING CENTRE, CUMNOCK

1. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which proposed the re-opening of the toilet provision at Glaisnock Shopping Centre and which made interim proposals for these, in light of changed circumstances.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the toilets at the Glaisnock Shopping Centre, subject to a modest refurbishment, be re-opened for public use;
- (ii) to note that the additional net costs to re-open the toilets would be met from the Development and Property Services revenue budget; and
- (iii) that the Chief Executive be asked to undertake a cross-cutting Departmental review to determine the most effective future management arrangements for public conveniences given the contribution such facilities make to economic development and tourism initiatives, with a report coming back to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

Councillor Macrae joined the meeting during discussion of the item.

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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

FUNDING REQUEST - DRONGAN COMPANY

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Committee to agree funding to a Drongan company to support 60 new jobs in the community.

It was agreed to offer the business £1,000 grant per employee to a maximum of 60 employees, and that this be paid in advance at the start of the project, subject to the necessary security and "claw back" arrangements being agreed.

**EAST AYRSHIRE WOODLANDS - CONDUIT
(Item 23, Page 1464, 03/07)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Committee to approve the virement of funds between the respective budgets for the Conduit Training Programme and East Ayrshire Woodlands.

It was agreed to vire £40,000 of funds to East Ayrshire Woodlands from Conduit.

The meeting terminated at 1355 hours.