

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2004 AT 1000 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Raymond, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, Isabel Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, John Knapp, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Elaine Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** David Mitchell, Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support; Bill Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; Gerard Cairns, Library, Registration and Information Services Manager; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; Robert Pollock, Operations Manager (Cleansing); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Tommy Farrell and Elaine Dinwoodie.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Raymond, Vice-Chair

**AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2004 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as follows:-

<b>Contracts</b>	<b>Successful Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demolition and associated works at Cumnock Swimming Pool, Woodroad Park, Cumnock	W H McClounie, New Cumnock	£48,754.65
Supply of play park equipment 2004	Jupiter Play and Leisure Ltd, Murieston	Awarded on schedule of rates basis.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 1 (1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2004)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on absence rates for the Department of Community Services for the quarterly period ending 31 March 2004.

Councillor Cree joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

### **AYRSHIRE LIBRARIES FORUM**

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for East Ayrshire Council to adopt the role of "Lead Authority" for the Ayrshire Libraries Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council become Lead Authority for the Ayrshire Libraries Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **WASTE DISPOSAL – JOINT WORKING**

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to enter into discussions with South Ayrshire Council following their written request to explore the possibility of assigning contracted landfill tonnages.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services be authorised to enter into discussions with South Ayrshire Council, as requested; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF 3 BIN SYSTEM – PROGRESS REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on progress in implementing the 3 bin system for kerbside household waste recycling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Committee's appreciation of the work of Community Services staff in implementing the new system;
- (ii) to note that further progress reports would be submitted for consideration to future meetings of the Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **CHARGES FOR COMMITMENT SERVICES**

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on proposed charges for a new registration service which was contained in the consultation document "Civic Registration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the charges outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report, to be implemented from 1 April 2004; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**SURPLUS GROUND ADJACENT TO THE GAVIN HAMILTON SPORTS CENTRE,  
JAMIESON ROAD, DARVEL**

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited the Committee to declare the ground adjacent to the Gavin Hamilton Sports Centre, Jamieson Road, Darvel, surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the site adjacent to the Gavin Hamilton Sports Centre, Jamieson Road, Darvel, surplus to requirements;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services in accordance with the agreed procedures; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

**MOSCOW PLAYPARK – SURPLUS GROUND**

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited the Committee to declare land at Fir Park, Moscow, surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the site at Fir Park, Moscow, surplus to requirements;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services in accordance with the agreed procedures; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SURPLUS LAND AT DALSALLOCH WOOD, AUCHINLECK**

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited the Committee to declare land at Dalsalloch Wood, Auchinleck, surplus to requirements to allow its marketing for potential development and authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to market the subjects in accordance with Council procedures.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the site at Dalsalloch Wood, Auchinleck, surplus to requirements;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to discuss with the Executive Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Local Member, the possibility of also including within the land identified as surplus to requirements the site currently occupied by the Marie Curie Field of Hope, subject to re-locating the Field of Hope to a more appropriate site;
- (iii) that the outcome of discussions in terms of (ii) be the subject of a further report to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **REVIEW OF GOLF COURSE AND BOWLING GREEN FACILITIES**

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to establish a short-life Member/Officer Working Group to review the Council's golf course and bowling green facilities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a short-life Member/Officer Working Group be established, the proposed remit of which was outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report;
- (ii) that it be remitted to Council to consider the Membership of the Working Group;
- (iii) that a report on the findings of the Member/Officer Working Group be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **REVIEW OF SEASONAL FACILITIES**

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval of the outcome of a review of a number of seasonal facilities and to amend the way in which others were delivered.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the changes in management arrangements for the facilities as detailed within the report, with financial savings totalling £10,450;
- (ii) that issues surrounding access to bowling facilities by non-members be considered by the Member/Officer Working Group on golf course and bowling green facilities; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **REORGANISATION OF GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited the Committee to consider funding arrangements for grants to voluntary organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to fund voluntary organisations directly; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **CONSULTATION ON GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING UNAUTHORISED CAMPING BY GYPSIES/TRAVELLERS**

13. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval of a proposed response to a consultation exercise by the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the proposed response to the Scottish Executive's consultation, as contained within Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee in due course following the issue of guidelines by the Scottish Executive;
- (iii) to approve the preparation of a Council strategy for dealing with unauthorised encampments, for consideration by a future Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT LEISURE GROUP – CUMNOCK SWIMMING POOL REVENUE SUPPORT**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 20 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for grant aid support to the Cumnock and District Leisure Group (CDLG) to fund the running costs of the new Swimming Pool at Broomfield, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to review the requirement for revenue support for 2004/05 with the Cumnock and District Leisure Group and make an interim payment of £45,000 to the Group, with any additional revenue support required to be made following a review of internal and external sources;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to develop a suitable Service Level Agreement to underpin the grant and bring the proposed agreement back to the Committee, for approval; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

- 15.** 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 the paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

#### **OUTDOOR AMENITIES – BUSINESS PLAN 2004/05 (PARA 6)**

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the Outdoor Amenities DSO Business Plan for 2004/05.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Daniel Coffey, moved to approve the Outdoor Amenities DSO Business Plan for 2004/05, subject to the amendment of the key objectives detailed in 2.2 of the Business Plan as follows:- (i) insertion of a new objective, "to ensure the aims of the service are in tandem with what the people of East Ayrshire would expect"; (ii) amendment of the objective "to continue to upgrade the machines and equipment of the sections in line with changing market trends", to include the words "when necessary"; and (iii) amendment of the objective of

“minimising risk and uncontrollable costs” to read “minimising risk, unnecessary costs and ensuring so far as possible that there are no uncontrollable costs”.

Councillor Raymond seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment that the Outdoor Amenities Business Plan for 2004/05, as contained within Appendix 2 to the report be approved.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 10 votes to 5.

Councillor Murray left the meeting during discussion of this item.

#### **LEISURE MANAGEMENT DSO – BUSINESS PLAN 2004/05 (PARA 6)**

17. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the Leisure Management DSO Business Plan for 2004/05.

It was agreed to approve the Leisure Management Business Plan for 2004/05, as contained within the Appendix to the report.

Councillor Murray re-joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

#### **CLEANSING DSO - BUSINESS PLAN 2004/05 (PARA 6)**

18. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the Cleansing DSO Business Plan for 2004/05.

It was agreed to approve the Cleansing DSO Business Plan for 2004/05, as contained within Appendix 1 to the report.

#### **DALMELLINGTON BOWLING CLUB – NEGOTIATION OF LEASE TERMS (PARA 4)**

19. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the current position of the negotiations of new lease terms with Dalmellington Bowling Club.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to withdraw formally the Notice to Quit issued on 7 November 2003;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Development and Property Services and the Solicitor to the Council to negotiate the terms of a new lease with the Club; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **DOON VALLEY SWIMMING POOL (PARA 11)**

20. There was submitted a joint report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which for agreement in principle for the transfer of the management of Doon Valley Swimming Pool from the Department of Educational and Social Services to the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to agree to the proposal, in principle, to transfer the swimming pool, including staffing and budget to the Department of Neighbourhood Services, subject to the completion of a Service Level Agreement between Neighbourhood Services and Doon Academy;
- (ii) that the final transfer arrangements be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1115 hours.

