

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2005 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabel Macrae, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Depute Provost Tommy Farrell, Councillors William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); and Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Harry Wilson, John Knapp and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Provost Darnbrough, Chair.

**LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 - REVIEW OF ELECTORAL
ARRANGEMENTS: STAGE 3 (Item 3, Page 1096, 03/07)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which submitted for consideration of Council (i) the Local Government Boundary Commission's initial proposals for nine multi-member wards within East Ayrshire; and (ii) the recommendations of the Council's Member/Officer Working Group on Review of Ward Boundaries in respect of the Boundary Commission's initial proposals and suggested Ward names.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved to maintain as the basis for the statutory public consultation exercise the SNP proposals, as were submitted to the special Council meeting on 9 November 2004.

Provost Darnbrough, seconded by Depute Provost Farrell, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to approve the recommendations of the Working Party, namely, to support as a basis for the statutory public consultation process to be carried out by the Boundary Commission the Boundary Commission's initial proposals for nine multi-member wards within East Ayrshire as detailed within the appendix to the Working Party's Minutes contained under Appendix 5 to the report;
- (ii) to approve the proposed Ward names as recommended by the Working Party and as detailed within the Minutes of the Working Party at Appendix 5 of the report;
- (iii) that the Chief Executive be authorised to intimate the Council's decision to the Boundary Commission in terms of the consultation process;
- (iv) to note the continuing remit of the Member/Officer Working Group on Review of Ward Boundaries to assist in the review process with a particular emphasis in supporting the forthcoming public consultation exercise; and
- (v) to otherwise note the report.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 20 votes to 7.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR REID

2. Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved the following formal motion:-
“The SNP Group call on this Council to abandon their parking meter scheme with immediate effect, and call for an urgent review of their Kilmarnock Town Centre parking policy. The SNP Group believe that the current scheme is significantly damaging trade for Kilmarnock Town Centre retailers, and the resultant displacement of parked vehicles is having an adverse impact on the access and quality of life of residents in adjoining Town Centre areas.”

On a division by a show of hands the motion was defeated by 20 votes to 7.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hrs.