

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2006 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Robert McDill, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Ray Murray, Jim Raymond, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Elaine Dinwoodie and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Adam Geary, Arts and Museums Manager; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Manager; Anneke Freel, Outdoor Access Manager; Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Angie Bennett, Sports Development Manager; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, John Campbell, John Knapp and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

CHAIRS REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed to the meeting Naima El Abdouni, a French Exchange Student and Scott McIntyre, a trainee accountant, who were undertaking work placements with the Administrative and Legal Services and the Finance Service respectively.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 1
(JANUARY 2006 – MARCH 2006)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2006 (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 31 March 2006.

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Raymond, moved that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment that the contents of the report be noted with alarm.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 12 votes to 4.

Councillors John Weir, Harry Wilson and William Menzies joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT – THE FUTURE

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the Chair's participation in a Study Tour to Denmark, organised by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Chair would arrange to send a copy of the report submitted to the Strategic Waste Committee, together with the overheads, to Members of this Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Isabella Macrae joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD SIP OUTDOOR ACCESS PROJECT – THE RIVER AYR WAY

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the progress of the implementation of the River Ayr Way and proposals for the launch to be held on 9-11 June 2006.

FUTURE MUSEUM PROJECT

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the Arts & Museums Service's progress in The Future Museum Project and which informed the Committee of the planned launch event of the website: www.futuremuseum.co.uk and the creation of a learning package/exhibition around mining.

MEMORIAL SAFETY PROGRESS REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the updated position regarding the memorial safety inspections and remedial work carried out by the Council's Cemetery Safety Squad and which advised of the ongoing programme of making safe dangerous headstones so as to meet the requirements of the Health and Safety Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in the implementation of the programme of inspection and addressing the issue of dangerous memorials; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES: PROGRESS REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 4 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on progress made in implementing the ban on smoking in public places.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that 2 fixed penalty notices had been issued in connection with smoking in the Burns Mall;
- (ii) to note that 2 warning letters had been issued to Licensed Premises in East Ayrshire; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEW SPORTING FUTURES – YOUTH DIVERSION THROUGH SPORT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which provided an overview of progress associated with the New Sporting Futures Project with a specific focus upon current innovative youth diversion initiatives.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
River Ayr Way Section 12B, Tarholm Bridge to Gadgirth Bridge.	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£34,781.92
River Ayr Walkway – Section 12A, Stair to Gadgirth Bridge.	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£32,811.98
River Ayr Way – Section 5D, Fisherman's Bridge to Sorn (D-Merkland).	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£66,443.68
River Ayr Way – Section 12C Tarholm Bridge to Oswald's Bridge.	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£73,579.92
River Ayr Way – Section 5A, B, C (Nethershield, Daldilling and Glenlogan).	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£68,472.74
Waste Disposal Services.	Barr Environmental Ltd, Cumnock	Schedule of Rates

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

10. 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 detailed in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

LAND AT DEAN STREET, WYLIE PLACE, STEWARTON

11. There was submitted a joint report dated 2 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus land extending to 155 square metres at Dean Street/Wylie Place, Stewarton for the purpose of disposal to Springfield Homes Stewarton Ltd.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare surplus 155 square metres of land at Dean Street/Wylie Place, Stewarton surplus to requirements and to authorise the disposal of same to Springfield Homes Stewarton Ltd;

- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to finalise the negotiations for the sale; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.