

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2004 AT 0917 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, John Knapp and Elaine Dinwoodie.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Keith Orton, Principal Engineer (Traffic); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Edward McSheffrey, Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brian Reeves and Jimmy Kelly.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE: PROPOSED HOPPER BUS SERVICE**

1. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to appoint a bus operator to provide the Hopper bus service within Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:

- (i) to accept the tender from Tenderer B for the service which covers the larger Town Centre circuit (including Armour Street and Titchfield Street) on a gross price basis for a stepped bus service, ie Contract Ref 6955A2;
- (ii) that a flat fare of 20p be charged for each trip;
- (iii) that Strathclyde Passenger Transport be invited to manage the service and provide publicity materials subject to not exceeding the annual budget provided by Morrisons; and
- (iv) that the Director of Development Services shall seek additional funding for the possible future introduction of a low floor bus, subject to the earliest possible assessment of demand and negotiations with the operator; and shall continue to explore the possibility of extending Hopper services between the Town Centre and other retail areas.

The meeting terminated at 0932 hrs.