

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, John Campbell, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, George Smith, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Elaine Dinwoodie and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Robert Pollock, Cleansing Services Manager; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Iain Linton, Tommy Farrell and William Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

CHAIRS REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Melissa Paton from Grange Academy, who was on work experience with Administrative and Legal Services, to the meeting.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES (LEISURE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES) TO 12 DECEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 9)

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 11 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Neighbourhood Services (Leisure and Protective Services) for the period ended 12 December 2004 (Period 9).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: OUTDOOR AMENITIES AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 12 DECEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 9)

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Outdoor Amenities and Leisure Management for the period ended 12 December 2004 (Period 9).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 12 DECEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 9)

4. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for

Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing for the period ended 12 December 2004 (Period 9).

HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP WORKING AND TOPIC INSPECTIONS

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on changes which had recently taken place in the statutory Health and Safety enforcement regime and others which were proposed over the next 18 months.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the approach suggested by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to achieve the implementation of the HSC and Department for Work and Pensions new strategy to improve future standards of workplace health and safety;
- (ii) that this should be implemented as a rolling programme during the year 2004/05; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CULTURAL COMMISSION - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the progress made by the Cultural Commission and which sought approval for a response to a consultation paper relating to the Cultural Sector in Scotland.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed consultation responses as shown in the Appendices to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME REGULATIONS

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on an invitation that the Council respond to a Consultation Paper and the terms of a response submitted following consultation with the Chair.

It was agreed to note that the Council had recorded its concerns on the contents of the Consultation Paper on the Landfill Allowance Scheme Regulations.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 – NOISE

8. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of a successful bid submitted by the three Ayrshire Councils for additional funds to introduce services to comply with the noise provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

Having noted that the figure in paragraph 4.1 of the report should be £234,388.00, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a successful application for grant funding had been made resulting in an award of £234,388 to cover the period up to 31 March 2006;
- (ii) to note that each of the three Ayrshire Councils will have to publish resolutions under Section 41 of the Act;
- (iii) that a separate report will be submitted to Council on these resolutions; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RESTRUCTURE OF STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of a restructuring of command and management within Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

FUTURE MUSEUM SOUTH WEST

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the Arts and Museum's Services success in securing funding from the Scottish Executive through the Scottish Museums Council to the value of £300,000 over three years for the Future Museum Project and which sought approval for the employment of a Digitisation Assistant to support the Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer this matter to the Corporate Governance Committee in respect of their interest; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY INTERNAL WASTE AUDITS

11. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of additional funding to be made available to support Local Authority Internal Waste Audits and Waste Prevention Action Plans.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Cleansing Service would compile a bid for additional resources to undertake an Internal Waste Audit and Waste Prevention Plan;
- (ii) to refer this matter to the Corporate Governance Committee in respect of their interest; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

REAL NAPPY CAMPAIGN - WASTE MINIMISATION INITIATIVE

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the success of a bid to the Waste and Resources Action Programme to establish a real nappy network.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit this report to the Corporate Governance Committee in respect of its interest;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to arrange a demonstration for the Committee Members, on the use of real nappies; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McIntyre rejoined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

13. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as follows:-

Contract	Successful Contractor	Amount
Lugar Water Path Network Route B – Auchinleck Estate	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£64,152.76
Doon Valley Path Network – Route 7 – Hollybush Estate	K Imrie Treecare, Mossblown	£37,526.35
Scottish Coal Cycle Route, Section 3 – Cumnock to Auchinleck	QTS Group, Drumclog	£36,128.02
Doon Valley Path Network – Route 6 – Patna to Rankinston	QTS Group, Drumclog	£56,435.94
Supply of 5 no Refuse Collection Vehicles	Heil Europe Ltd, Fife	£123,910 each Total - £619,550
Doon Valley Path Network – Route 3 – Patna Recreation Route (Bridal Way)	BTCV Scotland, Stirling	£61,117
River Ayr Walkway – Route 4 – Upper Wellwood to Fisherman’s Bridge	QTS Group, Drumclog	£76,951.49
Cemetery Extension at Mauchline Cemetery	W H McClounie, New Cumnock	£35,037.98
Dean Castle Country Park, Kilmarnock – Install CCTV an Intruder Alarm System	Alarmfast Supervision Security Systems Ltd, Glasgow	£73,504.38

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

14. 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 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.

REVIEW OF GOLF COURSE PROVISION (PARAS 1 & 11)

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which presented the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group which had reviewed the Council's provision of Golf Courses for consideration and approval.

Having noted the slight amendment to recommendation (i) shown in the report and the addition of a further recommendation, detailed at (ii) below, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the recommendations of the Working Group in relation to Patna and Caprington Golf Courses as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report;
- (ii) to note that further discussions would take place with Patna and Caprington Golf Clubs;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services submit a further report to an early meeting of this Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOWLING GREENS (PARAS 1 & 11)

16. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which presented the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group which had reviewed Council Bowling Green facilities to the Committee for consideration and approval.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the recommendations of the Working Group;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services submit a further report to an early meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (PARAS 1 & 11)

17. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for closure of Netherthird Community Library.

Having noted that Councillor Menzies, Local Member, supported the closure of the Library, Councillor O'Neill seconded by Councillor Raymond, moved:-

- (i) to approve the closure of Netherthird Community Library;
- (ii) to declare the property surplus to requirements;

- (iii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services in accordance with agreed procedures; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment that the status quo remain in relation to the Library.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 13 votes to 5.

AMALGAMATION OF LIBRARY, REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION SERVICES IN DALMELLINGTON AND BELLSBANK (PARAS 1 & 11)

- 18.** There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the amalgamation of Library, Registration and Information Services in the Dalmellington and Bellsbank area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendation of the Working Group that Library Services in the Dalmellington and Bellsbank area were amalgamated into a single facility at the Dalmellington Area Centre;
- (ii) to approve the closure of Bellsbank Library at the end of 2004/05 and the closure of Dalmellington Library when new facilities were available at the Area Centre;
- (iii) to declare the Bellsbank Library facility surplus to requirements from April 2005;
- (iv) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services in accordance with agreed procedures; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.