

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2007 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Helen Coffey, Gordon Cree, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Elaine Dinwoodie

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre and Elaine Stewart

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES (LEISURE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES) TO 10 DECEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 9)

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 9 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the 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 10 December 2006 (period 9).

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 4 (1 OCTOBER 2006 – 31 DECEMBER 2006)

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on absence rates for Community Services, within the Department of Neighbourhood Services, for the quarterly period ended 31 December 2006.

ABANDONED VEHICLES UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the current situation regarding abandoned vehicles and the implications of the End of Life Vehicle Directive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the actions taken so far in meeting the Council's obligations in terms of abandoned and end of life vehicles;

- (ii) to continue to support the protection of the environment by removal, treatment and recycling of such vehicles; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**LOCAL ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION AND REGISTRATION SERVICES
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2006**

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the implications of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (LEARS) and which requested consideration of minor changes to charges relating to Registration Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed charges outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

5. There was submitted a report dated 9 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the new duties and responsibilities placed on the Council by the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and associated legislation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the charging regime for sampling, analysis and risk assessment in accordance with the legislation as set out in paragraphs 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the introduction of a Private Water Supply grant scheme to be administered in accordance with the legislation by the Environmental Health Service;
- (iii) to note the provisions of the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and associated legislation; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CEMETERY BURIAL SPACE

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the availability of burial space in the Council's cemeteries and which identified priorities for future capital investment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the priorities for investment in cemetery development as shown in paragraph 3.2 of the report;

- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to liaise with the Executive Director of Corporate Support to pursue the acquisition of land to meet the future needs of the Cemetery Service; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DOON VALLEY SWIMMING POOL – SPORTS LOTTERY AWARD

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the successful outcome of a Sports Lottery funding bid to improve and expand the range of facilities available at the Doon Valley Swimming Pool in Dalmellington.

ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL MULTI USE GAMES AREA

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Darvel as part of the network that was currently being developed across East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the installation of the 13th MUGA in Darvel;
- (ii) to approve the upgrading of the existing Sportswall in Logan; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note contents of the report.

LEISURE CATERING CONTACT

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the performance of the Leisure Catering contract which covered the Palace and Grand Hall Complex and Dean Castle Country Park Visitor Centre, Kilmarnock.

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

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services review the criteria for awarding this contract in June of this year and that greater weight is placed on accessibility, removing financial barriers wherever possible, to allow the widest possible public access to the Grand Hall in particular.

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

UPGRADE OF KILMARNOCK AND CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC SPACE CCTV SYSTEMS

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to negotiate and extend the contract with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd for the upgrade of Kilmarnock and Cumnock Town Centre Public Space CCTV Systems

It was agreed to approve the negotiation of a contract with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd for the upgrade of Kilmarnock and Cumnock Town Centre Public Space CCTV Systems under the terms of paragraph 9 (2) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (negotiated tenders).

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 January 2007 (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
Installation of 2 Public CCTV cameras at Muirkirk	ADT Fire and Security Plc, Uddingston	£19,378.80
Extension to form CCTV and Risk Management Centre, London Road Headquarters, Kilmarnock	Maxi Construction Ltd, West Lothian	£1,703,935.13

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

12. 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.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND ADJACENT TO CATRINE GAMES HALL, STATION YARD, CATRINE

13. There was submitted a report dated 22 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of land adjacent to Catrine Games Hall, Station Yard, Catrine which extended to 0.4324 hectares (1.07 acres respectively, or there by).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land shown on the plan surplus to requirement and to authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report;
- (ii) to authorise the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services to finalise negotiation for the disposal of the site;
- (iii) to note that in the event of the agreed capital consideration being above the delegated authority limit of the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services that a report on the finalised negotiated terms and conditions would be submitted to a future meeting of

- the Policy and Resources Committee or the Emergency Powers Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours