

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2006 AT 0830 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, John Knapp, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly and Elaine Dinwoodie.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Jim Kane, Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; Lesley Arnott, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; Sam McVie, Principal Surveyor; and Julie McGarry, Assistant Administration Manager.

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

**ADDITIONAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (Item 8, Page 2545, 03/07)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance which sought approval for additional expenditure on capital projects to allow them to proceed.

It was agreed to approve the capital expenditure of £1.765m in respect of the projects highlighted, and funded, as indicated within the report and authorise appropriate Officers to implement the proposals contained therein, as follows:-

<b>PROJECT SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>Galston Primary £m</b>	<b>CCTV/RM Centre £m</b>	<b>Crosshouse Library/LO £m</b>	<b>Total £m</b>
Existing Capital Plan 06/07			0.091	0.091
Schools Fund 06/07			0.050	0.050
Capital Grant 07/08	0.400			0.400
Additional Capital Expenditure 07/08 & 08/09	0.720	0.495	0.009	1.224
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.120</b>	<b>0.495</b>	<b>0.150</b>	<b>1.765</b>

**PROPOSED DEMOLITION AND DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CESSNOCK  
GARDENS, HURLFORD (Item 2, Page 2199, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 4 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which, given the satisfactory progress in rehousing the residents of Cessnock Gardens, requested the Committee to declare surplus to requirements two adjoining areas of land at Cessnock Gardens, Hurlford, extending to 5,698m<sup>2</sup> or thereby and 3,646m<sup>2</sup> respectively and to authorise, only after the property became vacant, the demolition of the existing Care Home and Sheltered Housing buildings erected thereon and the disposal of the cleared site comprising both areas to Shire Housing Association Limited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the areas of land extending to 5,698m<sup>2</sup> or thereby and 3,646m<sup>2</sup> or thereby respectively, surplus to requirement and to authorise, when all residents had been rehoused and the property had been vacated, the demolition of the existing buildings, and the reinstatement and disposal of the wider site to Shire Housing Association Limited, Netherthird House, 15 Glaisnock Road, Cumnock;
- (ii) to approve the demolition and reinstatement works cost as outlined within the report;
- (iii) to approve the costs associated with the Home Loss payments as outlined within the report;
- (iv) that the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services finalise negotiations for the disposal of the site to Shire Housing Association, Netherthird House, 15 Glaisnock Road, Cumnock;
- (v) to note that a further report on the finalised negotiated terms and conditions of disposal would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee or this Committee for consideration in due course; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - REPAIRS REVIEW  
(Item 10, Page 2202, 03/07)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval in terms of Paragraph 9(3) of the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to extend an existing contract both in respect of the extension and of the terms agreed with the existing contractor.

It was agreed:-

- (i) in terms of Paragraph 9(3) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to approve the extension of the existing contract both in respect of the extension and of the terms agreed with the existing contractor; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT MODULE FOR UNIFIED BENEFITS SYSTEM**

4. There was submitted a report dated 13 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance which sought approval for the negotiated purchase of an Electronic Document Management (EDM) and Workflow Module for the Benefits and Revenue Collection System.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the negotiation of the contract terms in respect of the procurement of the new electronic document management module for the Unified Benefits System and related services with Civica Financial Systems Ltd in terms of Paragraph 9(2) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**BARONY `A` FRAME RESTORATION PROJECT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval for the award of a grant of £131,642 to ensure completion of the Barony `A` Frame Restoration Project.

Having noted that the shortfall figure at page 18 should read £116,642 and not £1,116,642, it was agreed to approve the award of a grant of £131,642 to the Barony `A` Frame Trust as set out in Paragraph 5.2 of the report, subject to all satisfactory insurance being in place, to enable the overall project to be delivered within the timescale required by the ten existing funders.

**THE HOLY FAIR - MAUCLINE**

6. There was submitted a joint report dated 11 December 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval of a grant of up to £20,000 payable to the Mauchline Burns Club and to be used towards the costs of funding a `Holy Fair` event in Mauchline in May 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a grant of £20,000 to Mauchline Burns Club towards the cost of the Holy Fair which would be held in Mauchline on 26 May 2007, payment being split between the financial years 2006/07 and 2007/08 as detailed in Section 4 of the report; and
- (ii) to note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Development Services Committee on the outcome of the ongoing discussions being held with the Burns an' a' That Festival.

The meeting terminated at 0850 hours.