

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2005 AT
0900 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Brian Reeves, Danny Coffey, John Knapp, Jimmy Kelly and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL: A PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE COUNCIL
ELECTIONS UNTIL 2008**

1. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 2005 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which informed the Committee of a view expressed by the City of Edinburgh Council that the next Council Elections should be postponed one year and held in 2008.

The Administration Manager explained that the proposal related to the Local Government Elections (Scotland) Bill, a private members Bill proposed by David Mundell to allow for Local Government Elections to be held on different dates from the Scottish Parliament Elections. The Administration Manager further advised that he had ascertained from the Scottish Parliament website that morning that the proposal was recorded as fallen, following David Mundell's resignation as an MSP. However, previous information received by the Council had indicated that the Bill would be progressed by another MSP and Edinburgh Council had confirmed this and had no knowledge of the Bill falling. Edinburgh Council further confirmed that they had received an acknowledgement from the Scottish Executive in respect of their proposal. Accordingly, the Administration Manager advised he would clarify the position but requested that the Committee give consideration to the report.

Having heard the Administration Manager in explanation, it was agreed to support the view expressed by the City of Edinburgh Council that the next Local Government Election be postponed one year until 2008 and that the Scottish Executive be advised accordingly.

**NAMING OF STREET - DEVELOPMENT LOCATED OFF ARRAN DRIVE,
AUCHINLECK**

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Committee to consider and determine a name for a new street to be created by a private housing development located off Arran Drive, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the street be named Dippol Crescent; and

- (ii) that the Executive Director of Development and Property Services be advised accordingly.

The meeting terminated at 0908 hours.