

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 JULY 2006 AT 0900 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: James Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; John Walker, Head of Building and Works; Malcolm Roulston, Head of Information Technology; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; Peter Hessem, Team Leader - Litigation and Advice and Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**HOSPITALITE DE NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES UK - 150th
ANNIVERSARY**

1. There was submitted a report dated 25 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support requesting consideration of an application received from the Notre Dame De Lourdes UK for a contribution towards their 150th annual AGM and Reunion to be held in Kilmarnock on 4 November 2006.

The Committee having noted the Council policy for dealing with applications for recognition of anniversary celebrations, agreed that as the AGM and reunion was considered as an international event, to refer the application back to officers to identify further sources of additional funding.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A (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 paragraphs of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

**CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF DOMESTIC GAS CENTRAL HEATING
(PARA 9)**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 28 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which sought approval of the Committee to negotiate for the procurement of a contract for the installation of domestic gas central heating systems within East Ayrshire in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the negotiation of suitable contract terms in respect of the procurement of a contract for installation of the maximum number of 100 domestic central heating systems in East Ayrshire with Glasgow City Council

in terms of paragraph 9 (2) of the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts;

- (ii) to note that a further report on the outcome of those negotiations would be submitted to a future meeting of the Housing Committee as required in terms of Standing Order 9 (2); and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STAFFING STRUCTURE OF THE
IT SERVICES FUNCTION WITHIN CORPORATE SUPPORT DEPARTMENT
(PARA 11)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 June 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval for the creation of additional staffing posts within the IT Services function of the Department of Corporate Support.

It was agreed to approve the staffing proposals contained within paragraph 3 of the report, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES - SOCIAL WORK
SERVICES (PARA 11)**

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 27 June 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for an amendment to the staffing structure within the Social Work Service of the Department of Educational and Social Services.

It was agreed to approve the staffing proposal contained in paragraph 3 of the report, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

LEISURE SERVICES - OUTDOOR AMENITIES SERVICES (PARA 11)

6. There was submitted a joint report dated 27 June 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for amendments to the staffing structure of the Outdoor Amenities Service within the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

It was agreed to approve the staffing proposals as detailed within paragraph 3 of the report.

**PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTERISED FINANCIAL SYSTEMS (PARA 9)
(Item 12, Page 2259, 03/07)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 June 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance which sought approval for the negotiated purchase of Accounts Receivable and Financial Management software, incorporating a Legal Debt Recovery System and related General Ledger and Creditor payment modules from Civica Financial Systems Ltd.

It was agreed to:

- (i) approve the proposals detailed in paragraph 3 of the report; and

- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

**FORMER TENNIS COURT, VICTORY PARK, GLASGOW ROAD, MUIRKIRK
(PARA 9)**

8. There was submitted a joint report dated 29 June 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested authority to declare surplus land extending to 1,035 square meters (0.26 acres) or thereby comprising the former tennis courts at Victory Park, Glasgow Road, Muirkirk, as identified on the plan attached, for the purpose of a lease to the organisation identified in the report and which sought Committee approval to lease this land to the organisation identified in the report in accordance with the Council's Concessionary Rental Policy.

Councillor McIntyre seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) to declare surplus 1,035 metres (0.26 acres) or thereby of land comprising the site of the former tennis courts at Victory Park, Muirkirk;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to lease this land to the organisation identified in the report in accordance with the terms and conditions detailed within the report; and
- (iii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to conclude matters on behalf of the Council.

Councillor McDill seconded by Councillor Reid moved as an amendment the above but that the Council do not seek payment of Bonds from such groups involved in such initiatives throughout East Ayrshire in order to encourage such proposals.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 5 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 0920 hours.