

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2005 AT 1120 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Harry Wilson, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillor Eric Ross.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; David Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jim O'Neill and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Brian Reeves was unanimously appointed and took the Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised that, in terms of Standing Order 18, an additional report on an application for civic hospitality from Dalmellington Band would be tabled for consideration.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES BUDGETARY UPDATE

2. It was reported, and noted, that the Conferences and Courses budget for financial year 2005/2006 was £20,000.

CONFERENCES/COURSES

3.1 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN SCOTLAND - TWO DAY CONFERENCE - 17/18 MAY 2005 - EDINBURGH

There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 May 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) advised of an invitation to attend a two day Conference organised by the Scottish Executive entitled "Infrastructure Investment in Scotland" to be held from 17-18 May 2005 at the Edinburgh Conference Centre; and (ii) noted that two places had been booked for the Conference in terms of the Chief Executive's delegated authority.

3.2 VOCAL CONFERENCE - 1-2 SEPTEMBER 2005 - CARNOUSTIE

There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of an invitation for the Council to be represented at the above Conference.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above Conference by one Member of the Administration, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

3.3 THE COALFIELD COMMUNITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005 - 20-22 SEPTEMBER 2005 - DUNFERMLINE

There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the Coalfield Communities Campaign Annual Conference to be held between 20 and 22 September 2005.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above Conference by one Member of the Administration, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

CIVIC CEREMONIAL BUDGETARY UPDATE

4. It was reported and noted that the Civic Ceremonial budget for financial year 2005/2006 was £9,470.00 and the balance remaining as at 11 May 2005 was £8,295.00.

CIVIC CEREMONIAL APPLICATIONS

5.1 COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF WORLD WAR 2

There was submitted a report dated 14 April 2005 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought approval for a grant to support an all Ayrshire Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War 2.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve an award of up to £2,000, based on an equal share between the three Ayrshire Authorities, to support the veterans reception at the 60th Anniversary of World War 2 on 11 June 2005;
- (ii) that whilst the Head of Service - Quality Improvement had confirmed that the organising Committee had focused on the event being a commemoration of the end of the War and had subsequently arranged the date of the proposed event to be the mid point between VE Day and VJ Day, he would ensure that the organising Committee were made aware of the Sub-Committee's concerns that the event should not be misinterpreted as being associated with VE Day;
- (iii) that the Head of Service - Quality Improvement ensure that the organising Committee had included such organisations as the Burma Star and Singapore Veterans and such like;
- (iv) to remit to the Head of Service - Quality Improvement to liaise with the Council's Public Relations Department to ensure that all appropriate organisations were either invited to, or made aware of, the event and that all publicity made it clear that the event commemorated the end of the War; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

5.2 DALMELLINGTON BAND

There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application received from Dalmellington Band for a contribution towards a finger buffet for the opening event of their new Band and Community Music Hall.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request from Dalmellington Band for a contribution of £500.00 towards their event;
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair, and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1140 hours.