

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 1155 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Tommy Farrell, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Dave Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor, Development and Property Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid and Harry Wilson.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES BUDGETARY UPDATE

1. It was reported, and noted, that the balance of the Conferences and Courses Budget for the financial year 2004/2005 was £17,622 as at 24 August 2004.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

2.1 THE COALFIELD COMMUNITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004

There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services on the Coalfield Communities Campaign Annual Conference to be held between 8 – 10 November 2004 at the County Hall, Matlock.

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.

2.2 SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF PERSONNEL IN SCOTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 3-5 NOVEMBER 2004, OLD COURSE HOTEL, ST ANDREWS

There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on the Society of Directors of Personnel in Scotland Conference to be held at the Old Course Hotel, St Andrews from 3-5 November 2004.

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.

2.3 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS AGM AND CONFERENCE, 19-21 NOVEMBER 2004, NOVOTEL, BRISTOL

There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Councillors.

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

3. It was reported, and noted, that the balance of the Civic Ceremonial Budget for the financial year 2004/2005 was £4,262.94 as at 24 August 2004.

CIVIC CEREMONIAL APPLICATIONS

4.1 JOUÉ-LÈS-TOURS - EXCHANGES

There was submitted a report dated 22 July 2004 (circulated) by the Chief Executive (i) which gave details of the recent civic visit and Officer exchange of representatives from Joué-lès-Tours in May of this year; (ii) which considered an invitation received from Mayor Le Breton to a Craft and Food Market in Joué; and (iii) which noted that a reciprocal officer exchange would be arranged.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the invitation from Mayor Le Breton for the Provost and Mr Darnbrough to visit and take part in the Craft and Food Market the weekend before Christmas;
- (ii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit a further more detailed report to the Sub-Committee once further information has been received;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to investigate the feasibility of offering a taste of local produce, free of charge, at the Christmas Market;
- (iv) to note that Officers would be managing the reciprocal officer exchange in accordance with established procedure and a further report would be submitted in due course; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

4.2 SANTA COLOMA DE GRAMENET

There was submitted a report dated 23 July 2004 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of an invitation received from the Municipal Authority Town Hall of Santa Coloma De Gramenet which invited the Provost to visit Santa Coloma from 29-30 October 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the invitation to visit Santa Coloma De Gramenet on this occasion be declined but that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to look at the possibility of establishing a video link between East Ayrshire and Santa Coloma during the celebrations; and

- (ii) that Officers, in consultation with the Provost, continue to correspond with Santa Coloma De Gramenet to further strengthen the twinning link.

4.3 AUCHINLECK INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

4.3.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Jimmy Carmichael declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item and took no part in the consideration or determination of the application.

4.3.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support on an application from Auchinleck Indoor Bowling Club to provide a dinner to be held on 16 January 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request from Auchinleck Indoor Bowling Club for a dinner at a cost of no more than £400; and
- (i) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair.

4.4 INTER-AUTHORITY BOWLING MATCHES

There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for funding for 2 inter-authority bowling matches.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council host the inter-authority bowling match with the other Ayrshire authorities in 2004/2005, the match with South Lanarkshire Council in 2005/2006, and to participate in the events in 2006/07 at a cost of no more than £2,200;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to organise the events where appropriate; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1215 hours.