

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2003 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lillian MacLean, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Andrew Scott-Martin, Dean Castle Country Park Manager; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Manager; Andrew Hamilton, Leisure Policy Officer; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Officer; Karen McLeod, Solicitor; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Hay, Brian Reeves and Iain Linton

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TO
9 FEBRUARY 2003 (PERIOD 11)**

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 18 March 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11).

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as shown in the appendix to these Minutes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. The Chair, at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 9 on the agenda at this point.

**PROPOSED NEW RIGHT OF WAY: THE DOCTOR'S ROAD, OCHILTREE (Item
14, Page 3056, 99/03)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2003 (circulated) by the Head of Administrative and Legal Services/Solicitor to the Council which provided an up-date of the results of further investigation undertaken as to the usage of the route known as "The Doctor's Road", Ochiltree and invited the Committee to determine whether the route or part thereof should be added to the Council's Rights of Way Register.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that that part of "The Doctor's Road", Ochiltree leading from High Street, Ochiltree to the War Memorial be added to the Council's Rights of Way Register, the Committee being satisfied that this part of the route meets the specified criteria to be recognised as a right of way as set out in Paragraph 4.2 of the report; and to authorise the Head of Administrative and Legal Services/ Solicitor to the Council to make the necessary arrangements regarding notification and advertisement;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to investigate whether the alternative route suggested by Ochiltree Community Council leading from the War Memorial to the A70 satisfies the criteria to be recognised as a right of way, including the carrying out of all necessary advertisement and consultation, and to report back to this Committee on the outcome; and
- (iii) that the Officers concerned liaise with the Head of Roads and Transportation to identify and address any road safety issues arising from (i) and (ii), above.

MUSEUM REGISTRATION FOR DICK INSTITUTE, BAIRD INSTITUTE AND DEAN CASTLE

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised that the Baird Institute, Dick Institute and Dean Castle Museums had met the registration standards of Resource (the Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries) and had now been designated as being Fully Registered Museums.

It was agreed to note the recent success in achieving Museum Registration for the Baird Institute, Dick Institute and Dean Castle Museums.

OUTDOOR ACCESS PROJECT (Item 1 Page 2620, 99/03)

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval to begin implementation of the East Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy including the creation of path networks and developing a community based walking programme aimed at reducing chronic heart disease in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Paths to Health Initiative referred to in paragraph 3.9 of the report be renamed, the necessary arrangements in this connection to be made by the Director of Community Services;
- (ii) otherwise, to approve the project or revised project, as referred to in the report, subject to external funding approvals;
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to provide progress reports relating to project performance;
- (iv) to refer this report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the staffing implications; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND: TEENAGE RECREATION
AREAS (Item 1, Page 2235, 99/03)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of progress which had been made with the Better Neighbourhood Services funded Teenage Recreation Areas and invited the Committee to approve the location of the multi-sports play areas.

It was agreed:

- (i) to the court in North West Kilmarnock being located at Meiklewood Road, subject to planning permission and land use being approved;
- (ii) to the court in Shortlees being located in a suitable location to be agreed with the local Councillor; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

CRAFTS DEVELOPMENT: FUTURE FUNDING

8. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of funding secured for the expansion of the Crafts Development Project, in partnership with North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the progress which was being made in support of Crafts Development;
- (ii) to refer this report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in respect of the staffing implications;
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to provide progress reports relating to the performance of the project; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

NEW SPORTING FUTURES PROJECT

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of recent strategic funding bids and sought approval to begin the implementation process associated with the New Sporting Futures Project.

It was agreed;

- (i) to approve the implementation of the Project;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to provide annual progress reports relating to the performance of the project;
- (iii) to refer this report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the staffing implications; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT INITIATIVE (Item 13, Page 2802, 99/03)

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 21 March 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Educational and Social Services and of Community Services which advised of the recent award of £974,553 from the New Opportunities for PE and Sport activities programme in Scotland and sought agreement to begin the implementation process of this programme.

It was agreed;

- (i) to approve the implementation of this Project;
- (ii) to refer this report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the staffing implications; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAMME

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Scottish Executive Community Safety Partnership Award and sought approval for the appointment of four new temporary posts within the Community Safety Section.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the appointment of an Assistant Community Safety Officer, a Clerical Assistant, and two CCTV operatives on a temporary basis for a maximum period of two years;
- (ii) to refer this matter to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in respect of the staffing implications; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

CLEANSING: REPLACEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN SWEEPING MACHINES WITH RIDE-ON FACILITY

12. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised that the existing eight Applied sweepers acquired in September 1999 would be four years old in September 2003 and that the maintenance contract and operating lease based on a period of four years would terminate at that time; and sought approval for the replacement of this equipment by due process according to European Community rules.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the acquisition of eight applied ride-on (or equivalent) sweeping machines;
- (ii) to approve a contract maintenance agreement with the supplier over a four year period; and
- (iii) to instruct the Director of Finance to secure an appropriate operating lease over a term of four years.

SALE AND MISUSE OF FIREWORKS (Item 10, Page 2991, 99/03)

13. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an update on legislative and other developments relating to the control and sale of fireworks.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Chair to write to local MPs to seek their support for the Fireworks Bill during its passage through the Westminster parliamentary process and also to write to all local MSPs following the elections on 1 May 2003 to seek their support for the proposals contained with the Fireworks Bill; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

14. 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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 9 FEBRUARY 2003 (PERIOD 11)

15. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 18 March 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Community Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out turn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: OUTDOOR AMENITIES AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 9 FEBRUARY 2003 (PERIOD 11)

16. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 18 March 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Community Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out turn for the year for Outdoor Amenities and Leisure Management for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11).

The Meeting terminated at 1121 hours.

APPENDIX

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supply and Fitment of Changing Facilities to Mill Avenue, Kilmaurs	J & W Milligan, Hurlford	£36,933.75
Bellfield Bowling Club and Changing Pavilion – New Build	John Moulds (Kilmarnock) Limited, Kilmarnock	£296,253.74
Proposed Extension to Cumnock Cemetery, Cumnock	Ayrshire Construction Limited, Auchinleck	£39,848.55
* Outdoor Access Signage Strategy Consultancy Service	Donaldson Environmental Consultants, Glasgow	£7,900.00

* Tenders were evaluated on a financial evaluation followed by an added value approval stage in order to identify the most advantageous bid received.