

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2003 AT 0920 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Cameron Neill, Business Manager - Roads; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Daniel Coffey, Jim Raymond and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

WOODLANDS STRATEGY

1.1 Declaration of Interest

Provost Boyd declared an indirect non-pecuniary interest in terms of the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

1.2 There was submitted a report dated 1 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the establishment of an Ayrshire Forestry Forum with appropriate support.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the formation of an Ayrshire Forestry Forum;
- (ii) to contribute up to £5,000 per annum towards the cost of appointing a Project Co-ordinator and support for the Forum's activities;
- (iii) to offer to establish the post within the Development Services Department; and
- (iv) to request the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee to consider ways in which the activities of the East Ayrshire Woodlands and the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group could be reinforced through the activities of the proposed Forum.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Councillors Reid, Wilson, Linton and McDill joined the meeting during the above item.

**PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING WORK AND ROADS CONTRACT
BUSINESS PLAN**

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the projected requirement for the procurement of engineering works under the control of the Development Services Department and which recommended approval of the Business Plan for the Roads Contracts Unit as Best Value suppliers for the range of work required to be contracted by the Department.

It was agreed to approve the Business Plan for the Roads Contracts Unit as detailed within the report.

The meeting terminated at 0929 hours.