

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2001 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lillian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services/Solicitor to the Council; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Chris Johnston, Financial Services Manager; Karen McLeod, Solicitor; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid, Robert McDill and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 1.1** The Chair announced that East Ayrshire Council had been successful in its bid for funding from the Public Transport Fund for Pedestrian Safety and Bus Corridor Measures within Kilmarnock. The Chair further advised that the Minister had announced on 22 October 2001 an allocation of £2.7m had been awarded. The Chair indicated that the allocation was the largest grant after the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Fife and Stirling. The Chair also commented that this would fund most of the measures proposed although some of the package submitted was considered not to be priority for the Fund.

The Chair also confirmed that the Director of Development Services and appropriate Officers would shortly arrange for discussions with Members and other interested Groups on implementation details and that there would also be a report to the next Development Services Committee on the Implementation Plan.

The announcement was welcomed by the Committee.

- 1.2** The Chair intimated that Item 3 on the Agenda - "Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS)" had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

MONITORING REPORTS

2.1 BUSINESS, GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEME STATUS REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of companies which had received financial support under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes in the period from 13 August 2001 to 28 September 2001.

2.2 BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 29 JULY 2001 (PERIOD 4)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 1 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and Director of Development Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Development Services Department, for the period ended 29 July 2001 (Period 4).

RIVERS, LOCHS AND COASTS: THE FUTURE OF SCOTLAND'S WATERS

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the main findings and conclusions of the consultation paper "Rivers, Lochs and Coasts: The Future for Scotland's Waters", which outlined the Scottish Executive's ideas on the implementation of the EC Water Framework Directive in Scotland, sought the Committee's views on the document and to homologate the action taken to date by the Director of Development Services.

It was agreed that the Head of Planning and Building Control and the Head of Roads and Transportation confirm their response to the Scottish Executive, as detailed within the report.

AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN TOURIST BOARD

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of developments regarding Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board (AATB) since October 2000 and recommended strategic principles for future tourism information services and promotion strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to instruct the Director of Development Services to amend the report to reflect the Committee's views:-
 - (a) that Bellfield Interchange (adjacent to the A77) was considered the prime potential site for the location of a local Tourist Office within East Ayrshire;
 - (b) that the use of a vacant shop unit for a Tourist Information outlet within Kilmarnock be considered on a temporary basis until a permanent facility was operational;
 - (c) to amend the variety of tourist opportunities in the local area to reflect that it was a comprehensive list and to include Rowallan under Historic Sites heading and Robert The Bruce, William Wallace, the Covenantors and the Reformers under the Cultural Heritage heading;
- (ii) that the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board be informed that the Council would expect the development of a format for local tourist information outlets and a promotional strategy as detailed within the report to be implemented over the course of the next financial year, and that this commitment should be incorporated into the Service Level Agreement with the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board;
- (iii) that the Council should adopt the principles as set out within the report in responding to consultations on the future of the Area Tourist Board (ATB) Network and National Tourism Strategy; and

- (iv) to note that a further report would be submitted to the Committee on the expected national consultation on the future of the ATB's and the National Tourism Strategy.

REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which presented for endorsement subject to comments, a report approved by the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee in response to the Scottish Executive's Consultation Paper, Review of Strategic Planning, June 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report;
- (ii) to endorse the report approved by the Joint Ayrshire Structure Plan and Transportation Committee subject to the comments detailed within the Director's report; and
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to forward a copy of the Director's report including the Appendix to the Scottish Executive; CoSLA and the Minister for Planning and Transport.

REVIEW OF BUILDING CONTROL

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which presented a consultation by the Scottish Executive on the Review of Building Control.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to forward the comments as detailed within the report to the Scottish Executive.

RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the coming into force of revised permitted development rights contained within the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, (GPDO), the introduction of PAN 62 and NPPG 19, both on Radio Telecommunications, and the proposed consequent withdrawal of the Interim Council Policy on Telecommunications Developments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction and effect of the revisions to the GPDO;
- (ii) to recommend to Council the withdrawal of the Council's Interim Policy on Telecommunications Development with the potential for a revised policy to be considered by the Development Services Committee in due course;
- (iii) to instruct the Director of Development Services to write to Lewis MacDonald, MSP, Scottish Office Minister, to local MSP's and the CoSLA Planning Forum expressing concern at the lack of recognition given to the public's perception of the health risks which may be presented by telecommunications masts;

- (iv) the Director's proposal to delete the determination of Telecommunication Developments to the Head of Planning and Building Control was not agreed; and
- (v) to instruct the Director of Development Services to arrange a Seminar on the implications of PAN 62 and NPPG 19, to which all Members be invited to attend, and to circulate background information on the Planning Guidelines.

REVIEW OF HISTORIC SCOTLAND'S GRANTS SCHEME

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which presented for approval comments on the Consultation Paper "Grants for the Repair of Historic Buildings" prepared by Historic Scotland.

It was agreed that the Head of Planning and Building Control and Head of Roads and Transportation should confirm their response to the Scottish Executive as detailed in the report.

AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC FORUM BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES REVIEW

9. There was submitted a report dated 8 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which requested endorsement of the Ayrshire Economic Forum's recent review of Business Support Services, which had to be submitted to the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Business Services Review; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services issue a formal letter to the Ayrshire Economic Forum confirming the decision of the Committee.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - FLAT AT 46 TITCHFIELD STREET, KILMARNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which invited the Committee to declare surplus to requirements the flat known as first floor left at 46 Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare surplus to requirements the flat known as first floor left at 46 Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Development Services to market the flat for sale, along with the flat known as first floor right, 46 Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND TO THE REAR OF 57C MAIN STREET, AUCHINLECK AND ACQUISITION OF LAND AT CRATHIE ROAD, KILMARNOCK

11. There was submitted a report dated 8 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which invited the Committee to declare surplus to requirements land at the rear of 57C Main Street, Auchinleck, for disposal to Vycon Products Limited and to approve the acquisition of land at Crathie Road, Kilmarnock, from Custom Multi-Media Packaging Limited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare an area of land at the rear of 57C Main Street, Auchinleck, surplus to requirements for disposal to Vycon Products Limited;
- (ii) to approve the acquisition of land at the rear of Crathie Road, Kilmarnock, from Custom Multi-Media Packaging Limited; and
- (iii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to enter into negotiations with Vycon Products Limited and Custom Multi-Media Packaging Limited regarding the disposal/acquisition of land at the locations identified in (i) above in accordance with delegated powers.

EAST AYRSHIRE WOODLANDS

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 9 August 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the progress of the East Ayrshire Woodlands Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the East Ayrshire Woodlands Project; and
- (ii) to approve the assessment of Best Value as detailed within the report.

CONDUIT ILM TRAINING PROJECT

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 8 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the progress of the Conduit Project and sought approval for the funding contribution for the financial year 2002/03.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the continuation of £30,000 funding contribution for the financial year 2002/03;
- (ii) to approve the assessment of Best Value as detailed within the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE PARKING

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the Committee's guidance regarding off-street parking charges in the town centre car parks on the four Sundays in December prior to Christmas 2001.

Councillor Daniel Coffey, seconded by Councillor Harry Wilson, moved to make no charges in the Council's car parks within Kilmarnock Town Centre for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

Councillor Eric Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment to make normal charges within "the ring-road" apart from the multi-storey in the Council's car parks within Kilmarnock Town Centre for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas as set out as option (iii) within the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 11 votes to 6 votes.

RATIONALISATION OF 30 MPH SPEED LIMITS: GLASGOW ROAD AND WESTERN ROAD, KILMARNOCK

15. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for rationalisation of the 30 mph speed limits on Glasgow Road and Western Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Traffic Order in respect of rationalisation of the 30 mph speed limits on Glasgow Road and Western Road, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Development Services to confirm the decision of the Committee in writing to the objectors and Officials.

ADVISORY 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS (TWENTY'S PLENTY)

16. There was submitted a report dated 8 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (i) which advised of the results of a national trial programme of advisory 20 mph speed limits in residential areas; (ii) which sought authorisation from the Scottish Executive to maintain the advisory 20 mph speed limits at the three trial sites in East Ayrshire; and (iii) which advised of new guidelines relating to 20 mph speed limits.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the national advisory 20 mph speed limit trials and that the three sites in East Ayrshire Council were considered a success;
- (ii) that authorisation is sought from the Scottish Executive to maintain the advisory 20 mph speed limits at the three trial sites in East Ayrshire; and
- (iii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation should identify in consultation with Local Members, potential 20 mph sites based on the principles as detailed within the report for consideration by this Committee at a future date.

Councillor Raymond left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 October 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted in terms of the undernoted Department of Development Services' contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Carriageway Surfacing - Western Road/Capington Avenue, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire Council Roads Contracts, Kilmarnock	£28,141.57
Patching 2, North Area	Lightways Contractors Ltd., Larbert	£43,998.99
Pedestrian Facility - Glencairn Square, Kilmarnock	Wallace Dick & Sons, Darvel	£34,085.53

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Footway Resurfacing - Irvine Valley	Ayrshire Construction Ltd., Auchinleck	£18,799.30
Kilmarnock Cycle and Pedestrian Facilities - Red Textured Surfacing and Anti-Skid Surfacing	Marcon Ltd., Glenboig	£43,037.28

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

18. 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.

EAST AYRSHIRE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

19. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of recent developments in the delivery of business support services which had affected the future operation of East Ayrshire Business Partnership Limited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to authorise, if appropriate, the Director of Development Services to report on any firm proposals which arise as a result of the current deliberations which are ongoing.

BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT: ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 29 JULY 2001 (PERIOD 4)

20. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 2 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and Director of Development Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 29 July 2001 (Period 4).

BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO - TRADING SERVICES TO 29 JULY 2001(PERIOD 4)

21. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 1 October 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Vehicle Maintenance DSO - Trading Services for the period ended 29 July 2001 (Period 4).

The meeting terminated at 1115 hours.

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