

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2002 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Lillian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Tim Baulk, Financial Services Manager; Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Denis Craig, Principal Officer, Recreation Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Hay, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Julie Faulds, William Menzies and Elaine Stewart.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

BUDGETARY CONTROL PROGRESS REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 6)

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 October 2002 (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 the Community Services Department for the period ended 22 September 2002 (Period 6).

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3
(1 JULY-29 SEPTEMBER 2002)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on absence rates and absence management for the Department of Community Services for the period 1 July-29 September 2002.

STRATEGIC WASTE FUND GUIDANCE

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of final guidance from the Scottish Executive for local authorities on the operation of the Strategic Waste Fund.

NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY - THE STRATEGIC WASTE FUND

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of an application to the Strategic Waste Fund to promote more source segregation of household waste throughout Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a co-ordinated application for monies from the Strategic Waste Fund is being made by Professor Baird of the Caledonian Shanks Centre for Waste Management on behalf of the 3 Ayrshire Authorities;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services submit a progress report on the application to this Committee when appropriate;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee on proposals for the recycling of plastic; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FOOD SERVICE PLAN

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of amendments to the Food Service Plan and which requested that the Committee formally approves the Plan which reflects Food Law and Enforcement policies and procedures as recommended by the Food Standards Agency.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Food Service Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL STRATEGY

6. There was submitted a joint report dated 29 October 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Community Services and of Educational and Social Services on the draft guidance and which sought approval for a proposed response to the consultation as set out within the document.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the consultation themes as shown in Paragraph 3.6 of the report;
- (ii) to note the key issues contained within the draft guidance, particularly with regard to the role and importance of Cultural Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PLAYPARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (Item 15, Page 2226, 99/03)

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the final recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group on Playparks.

It was agreed to approve the proposed Playpark Improvement Programme as submitted by the Member/Officer Working Group subject to on-going review in light of any future change of circumstances.

PROVISION OF SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES (Item 14, Page 2802, 99/03)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the issues surrounding the provision of skateboarding facilities.

BURNS MONUMENT, KAY PARK, KILMARNOCK

9. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services for consideration and approval of proposals for the revitalisation of the Burns Monument, Kay Park, Kilmarnock and seeking approval to submit an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a "project planning grant" to carry out a feasibility study on the proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals for the revitalisation of the Burns Monument in the Kay Park;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to submit an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project planning grant in respect of the development proposals; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STORAGE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS (Item 7, Page 2374, 99/03)

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of the deliberations of the CoSLA firework task group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the CoSLA Task Group Report on fireworks;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to (a) make representations to CoSLA that its minimum position should be that the current and proposed voluntary codes be made statutory in conjunction with mandatory licensing by local authorities of the sale of fireworks in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, whilst noting that the Council's preferred position remained that there should be a complete ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public and CoSLA be urged to reconsider this; and (b) advise local MPs and MSPs of the Committee's views and seek their support for the introduction of appropriate legislation; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE CURLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - FUNDING RENEWAL

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the continuation of funding of the Ayrshire Curling Development Post in conjunction with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, North Ayrshire Leisure and South Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the allocation of partnership funding for a further 3 year period as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to provide regular progress reports on the performance of the project; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN EVALUATING REPORT

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an executive summary of the evaluation process associated with the Summer Activity Programme for Children.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

13. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which outlined an application for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme for Members' consideration.

It was agreed to award a grant of £400 to Dunaskin Doon Band.

CLEANSING - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

14. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the vehicle replacement requirements of the Cleansing DSO in financial year 2003/04 and which sought approval for the acquisition of two Refuse Collection vehicles, one mechanical sweeper and four pick-ups.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acquisition, subject to appropriate budget provision having been made, of two Refuse Collection vehicles estimated at a capital cost of £230,000, four 3.5 tonne pick-ups at a total cost of £76,000 and a Street Sweeping vehicle at £82,000; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Finance to secure the appropriate operating leases for the above in due course.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 October 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted in respect of a contract as follows, viz:-

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Successful Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Baird Institute, Cumnock - Installation of a wheelchair lift	JCM Ltd, Glasgow	£23,270.05

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

16. 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 PROGRESS REPORT - OUTDOOR AMENITIES AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 6)

17. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 October 2002 (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 22 September 2002 (Period 6).

BUDGETARY CONTROL PROGRESS REPORT - REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 6)

- 18.** There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 October 2002 (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 22 September 2002 (Period 6).

The meeting terminated at 1155 hrs.