

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2002 AT 1002 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

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

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Chris Johnston, Financial Services Manager; Karl Doroszenko, Policy and Projects Manager; Karen McLeod, Solicitor; Julie Haig, Public Relations Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Janet Reuben, Chief Executive of the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jim Raymond, Eric Jackson and Julie Faulds.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN TOURIST BOARD (Item 4, Page 2720, 99/03)**

1. The Chair introduced Janet Reuben, Chief Executive, Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board (AATB) who gave a presentation on the highlights of the AATB's work over the last year. Members then asked questions to which Janet Reuben responded accordingly.

There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which reported on tourism matters within East Ayrshire and the role of the Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board in this respect.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith moved to approve the strategic development themes and the tourist information strategy as detailed within the report.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment that the item be continued to allow a more detailed report to be submitted by the Director of Development Services to reassess the location of the tourist information facilities within East Ayrshire to reflect an emphasis on personal contact in terms of services to be provided to tourists.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 8.

**BURNS FESTIVAL 2002 - EVALUATION REPORT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which provided feedback from an independent evaluation of the Burns Festival held in May 2002 and which sought consideration of a funding request for events within East Ayrshire in 2003.

Janet Reuben, Chief Executive, AATB, remained in attendance and answered questions from Members.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved:-

- (i) to agree, in principle, to support the Festival for 2003 and note the positive independent evaluation of the 2002 Burns Festival; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note that a further report would be submitted to the Committee on the proposed programme for 2003.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment that the Director of Development Services provide a strategy to promote a Festival for Kilmarnock and other areas within East Ayrshire which would be fully integrated with the Ayrshire Burns Festival 2003, whilst also giving greater prominence to Kilmarnock than at present.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 8.

Janet Reuben, Chief Executive, AATB, left the meeting at this point.

## **MONITORING REPORTS**

### **3.1 BUSINESS, GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEME: STATUS REPORT**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on companies which had received financial support under the Council's Business, Grants and Loans Schemes in the period from 1 August to 30 September 2002.

### **3.2 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 2 (2002)**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of absence rates for the Department of Development Services for the quarterly period ending 30 June 2002.

### **3.3 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2002 (PERIOD 4)**

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 7 October 2002 (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 28 July 2002 (Period 4).

## **COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND AND ITS ROLE IN COMMUNITY REGENERATION**

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which outlined: (a) the anticipated roles of Communities Scotland in relation to community regeneration; and (b) the potential relevance of its strategies and funding mechanisms for services managed by Development Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current and developing roles of Communities Scotland in relation to community regeneration and the relevance of these activities to those of the Department of Development Services; and

- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to continue to liaise with Communities Scotland, in conjunction as appropriate with other Directors relative to issues affecting their respective remits, to ensure that the services provided by the Department remain co-ordinated with, and are complementary to, the range of activities supporting community regeneration.

#### **REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING: CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which presented the conclusions of the Scottish Executive regarding its proposed review of strategic planning within Scotland and indicated the implications of the review for East Ayrshire Council's Planning Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the current programme aimed at completing the process of adopting the Local Plan and Opencast Coal Subject Plan should be continued;
- (ii) that the arrangements for joint strategic planning should be maintained; and
- (iii) to note that a further report would be submitted to the Committee on joint planning arrangements in due course once there had been an opportunity to review these arrangements in the context of the planned new legislation.

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - REPORT OF LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY INTO UNRESOLVED OBJECTIONS TO THE EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (Item 3, Page 1453, 99/03)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the conclusions and recommendations made by the Inquiry Reporter, following his consideration of unresolved objections to the East Ayrshire Local Plan at the Local Plan Inquiry; to present to the Council for consideration a Schedule of the Recommendations made by the Reporter; to seek approval for a Schedule of Modifications which it is recommended that the Council should make to the Local Plan in order to meet the Reporter's recommendations; and to seek adoption of a series of modified policies as a basis for the determination of all future planning applications.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Inquiry Reporter's report;
- (ii) to approve the suggested Council response to the Recommendations made by the Reporter, as detailed in Annex I to the report;
- (iii) to approve the Schedule of Modifications as detailed in Annex 2 of the report, subject to the housing site (Reference 175H) at Waterslap, Laigh Fenwick, being deleted from the Local Plan, and to authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to advertise the modifications detailed in the Schedule of Modifications for objection, as required by statute;
- (iv) to recommend, to Council, adoption of the Local Plan as modified as a basis for the determination of all future planning applications lodged with the Council for determination;
- (v) to progress the Local Plan to adoption through the statutory process; and

- (vi) to note that a number of recommendations made by the Reporter would be addressed in an early review of policies relating to:-
- (a) housing demand and supply utilising the most up-to-date household projections and census information;
  - (b) retail policy in Kilmarnock, with particular reference to bulky goods;
  - (c) waste disposal; and
  - (d) telecommunications.

**AYRSHIRE WOODLAND STRATEGY (Item 6, Page 2558, 99/03)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the decision of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee regarding the draft Ayrshire Woodland Strategy and which sought the Committee's approval of the Ayrshire Woodland Strategy, Finalised Version 2002.

It was agreed to approve the Ayrshire Woodland Strategy, Finalised Version 2002.

**CONSIDERATION OF COALFIELD ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE CONSULTATIVE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2002-2004 (Item 5, Page 2280, 99/03)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the Coalfield Environment Initiative Strategic Plan 2002-2004, which had been prepared in draft form by the Coalfield Environment Officer for consultation purposes, and which sought the Committee's views on the draft Strategic Plan.

It was agreed to approve the Coalfield Environment Initiative Consultative Draft Strategic Plan 2002-2004 for consultation purposes.

**THE GROUNDWATER REGULATIONS 1998: DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE ON MINERAL EXTRACTION FOR CONSULTATION**

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised on a Consultation Paper entitled "The Groundwater Regulations 1998: Code of Practice on Mineral Extraction", which invited the views of the Council on the practical guidance it contained regarding the minimisation of risks posed to groundwater and the wider aquatic environment by the mining and extraction industries.

It was agreed to submit a copy of this report to the Scottish Executive as representing the views of East Ayrshire Council on the consultation document.

**ADVISORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS (TWENTY'S PLENTY)  
(Item 16, Page 2133, 99/03)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval (a) of proposals for the introduction of advisory 20mph speed limits at selected residential sites in the vicinity of schools; and (b) for other sites which satisfied the criteria for a Twenty's Plenty Area which would be considered for a future funding programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals for introduction of advisory 20mph speed limits at selected residential sites in the vicinity of schools as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to approve other sites which satisfied the criteria for a Twenty's Plenty Area, as detailed within the report, which would be considered for a future funding programme; and
- (iii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to agree small scale traffic calming measures at school locations not previously treated as detailed within the report.

**EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMITS AT B778 LOUDOUN STREET, STEWARTON AND B7061 MAIN STREET, FENWICK**

11. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the extension of the existing 30mph speed limits at B778 Loudoun Street, Stewarton, and B7061 Main Street, Fenwick.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the extension of the existing 30mph speed limits on Loudoun Street, Stewarton and Main Street, Fenwick, as detailed within the report.

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

**EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT - A719 MAIN ROAD, WATERSIDE**

12. There was submitted a report dated 4 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) requested consideration of an objection to the proposed speed limit Order; and (b) sought approval for the proposed East Ayrshire Council (Route A719 Main Road, Waterside) (Restricted Road and Amendment) Order, which would have the effect of extending the existing 30mph speed limit on A719 Main Road, at the south end of Waterside.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to note the objection that had been received to the proposed Order; and
- (iii) to approve the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit at the southern end of Waterside on the A719.

**INTRODUCTION OF 50MPH SPEED LIMIT: A719 THROUGH MOSCOW**

13. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the A719 through Moscow village.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the introduction of a 50mph speed limit through Moscow, as detailed within the report.

### **SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL SURVEYS**

14. There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to carry out studies in additional schools which would allow the further development of the long-term strategy for the Safer Routes to School Programme.

It was agreed to approve the implementation of a programme of studies in the three groups of schools as detailed in the report.

### **CONDITION OF STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS**

15. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of an updated assessment of priority areas for streetlight replacement.

It was agreed to approve the priority areas for streetlight replacement as detailed within the report.

### **INTRODUCTION OF 17 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT: C127 LOW ASHYARD BRIDGE, NEAR HURLFORD**

16. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the introduction of a 17 Tonne weight limit on C127 Low Ashyard Bridge, near Hurlford.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the introduction of a 17 Tonne weight limit on Low Ashyard Bridge, as detailed within the report.

### **A76 CROSSROADS JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT**

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the Scottish Executive's decision to invite tenders for the construction of the A76 Crossroads junction improvement.

### **WINTER MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS 2002/03**

18. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of arrangements being made for winter maintenance operations during 2002/03, and of the intention to procure additional services and equipment.

### **ROAD SAFETY CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

19. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the Road Safety Capital Programme for 2002/03.

It was agreed to approve the programme for the provision of gateway treatments as detailed within the report.

**AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

20. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 October 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted. The amounts shown are actual costs of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Patching A70 and A713 Roads - No 2	Kyle Tarmacadam, Irvine	£28,678.84
Removal, Supplying and Laying of Superimposed Road Marking Materials and the Supplying and Fixing of Road Studs Annual Contract 2002/2003	Prismo Ltd., West Lothian	£31,774.60
Rural Ground Maintenance	W Owen & Son, Stirling	£27,476.32
Footway Slurry Seal	Colmac Ltd., Scunthorpe	£61,424.04
*Preliminary Design and Consultation of Pedestrian Safety and Access Measures and Bus/Rail Interchange Measures in Kilmarnock	Faber Maunsell, Edinburgh	£20,865.00
*Urban Traffic Management and Control (UTMC) System	W S Atkins Consultants Ltd., Glasgow	£48,594.70
* Quality Bus Corridor Measures in Kilmarnock: Preliminary Design and Consultation	Scott Wilson Scotland Ltd., Glasgow	£17,693.00
* Public Transport Fund (5) Bid - Option 2	Faber Maunsell, Edinburgh	£13,250.00
** Supply and Delivery of Two 12 Tonne Chassis Cab Tipper/Gritter Combination Vehicles	Lex Commercials, Glasgow	£112,052.00
** Supply and Delivery of Two 18 Tonne Tipper/Gritter Combination Vehicles	Lex Commercials, Glasgow	£128,220.00

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
** Supply and Delivery of Two 18 Tonne Gully Cleaners	Lex Commercials, Glasgow	£178,748.00
** Supply and Delivery of Seven Citroen Berlingo Vans	Arnold Clark Automobiles, Kilmarnock	£62,811.00
** Supply and Delivery of Three 10 Passenger Crew Buses with Tow-Hitch	Verve Van Centre, Glasgow	£78,211.80
Machine Patching, Various	Barr Limited, Ayr	£58,353.39
The Glebe Area, Kilmarnock - Lighting Improvement	Inframan Ltd, Dundonald	£37,504.52
Shortlees Crescent Area, Kilmarnock - Better Neighbourhoods Lighting	Lymburn Contractors Ltd., Dalrymple	£63,396.50
Resurfacing - A713 Borland and B730 Stair	East Ayrshire Council Roads Contracts, Galston	£26,766.59
Footway Resurfacing - Dunlop/Stewarton	Alistair Dick Contracts, Darvel	£16,267.15

\* Tenders were assessed on a 60/40 quality/price ratio tender assessment model.

\*\* Tenders were evaluated on the most economically advantageous tender using a set evaluation criteria.

Councillor Linton re-joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

#### **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HEARING RELATIVE TO A PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE AT KILLOCH**

21. There was submitted a joint report dated 17 October 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Development Services which sought approval for special administrative Hearing arrangements to deal with the large number of objections lodged in respect of Application No. 02/0369/FL for proposed Resource Recovery Centre at Killoch Disposal Point, Ochiltree.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved to approve the proposed special administrative arrangements for the Hearing as detailed within the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment to remove the 1½ hour time limit for objections to be heard from the special Hearing Procedures; that the time limit instead be set at the discretion of the Chair of the

Development Services Committee following the proposed pre-hearing meeting and that the application be considered in accordance with existing Hearing Procedures.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 8.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

22. 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.

#### **ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2002 (PERIOD 4)**

23. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 7 October 2002 (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 28 July 2002 (Period 4).

#### **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO - TRADING SERVICES TO 28 JULY 2002 (PERIOD 4)**

24. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 7 October 2002 (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 28 July 2002 (Period 4).

The meeting terminated at 1210 hours.