

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2002
AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Brian McNeil, Brian Reeves, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie; Church Representatives John Paterson, John McHugh and Matthew Sullivan; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative Alasdair MacQueen.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Graham Short, Head of Schools; Euan Couperwhite, Departmental Finance Manager; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Officer; Robin Baker, Treasury Services Manager; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Willie Coffey, George Smith, Julie Faulds and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

**THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO OPEN A
GAELIC MEDIUM BASE AT GRANGE ACADEMY, KILMARNOCK (Item 11.2,
Page 2787, 99/03)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 3 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposal to establish a Gaelic Medium Base at Grange Academy, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a facility for Gaelic Medium Education be established at Grange Academy, Kilmarnock from August 2003, or as soon as possible thereafter; and
- (ii) that the pupils transfer to the new base on its completion, taking account of the wishes of the parents and children concerned.

**BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES: PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
SCHOOLS PROJECT
(Item 17, Page 2790, 99/03)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which invited the Education Committee to consider the framework within which it was proposed that the Public Private Partnership for school buildings should proceed.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) to accept the framework for further development detailed in the report including the proposed phasing of the project;

- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services continue negotiations with the Scottish Executive to attempt to fill the funding gap outlined in the report;
- (iii) to endorse the major priority given to taking action in the best interests of staff for whom the proposed project for action had implications;
- (iv) that the Director of Educational and Social Services take the appropriate action to establish a Public Private Partnership Project Team;
- (v) that the Director of Educational and Social Services put in place arrangements for liaison and consultation with Trades Union representatives and staff;
- (vi) that consultation documents be brought forward to be considered for release in phase 1 of the project; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment that a commitment be given to investigate a Not for Profit Model for the refurbishment of school buildings.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 6.

Rev John Paterson joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

2.2 BELLFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL/SHORTLEES PRIMARY SCHOOL/PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION/COMMUNITY LEARNING/INTEGRATED SERVICES (Item 17, Page 2790, 99/03)

There was submitted a consultative document dated 14 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined proposals for the aforementioned schools under the Building Learning Communities Public Private Partnership Project.

It was agreed to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, the proposal that:-

- (i) Bellfield Primary School will be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. The pupils will transfer to the new build non-denominational primary school to be constructed on the campus of the present Shortlees Primary School in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (ii) Shortlees Primary School will be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. The pupils will transfer to the new build non-denominational primary school to be constructed on the campus of the present Shortlees Primary School in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iii) Shortlees Nursery School will be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. The pupils will transfer to a new facility within the campus of the new build non-denominational primary school to be constructed on the campus of the present Shortlees Primary School in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iv) included within the development proposals will be:
 - (a) provision for the delivery of integrated services;
 - (b) enhanced community services; and

- (c) enhanced community learning;
- (v) all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposals to the Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, e-mail: educationppp@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Monday 13 January 2003; and
- (vi) the Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee.

Arising from a query regarding the roll projections detailed in Appendices 2, 4 and 6 of the report for Bellfield and Shortlees Primary Schools, it was also agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services incorporate an explanatory note regarding the figures contained in the column headed 'Placing Requests Out'.

2.3 MAUCHLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL/PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION

There was submitted a consultative document dated 14 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined proposals for the aforementioned school under the Building Learning Communities Public Private Partnership Project.

It was agreed to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, the proposal that:-

- (i) Mauchline Primary School incorporating pre-school provision be refurbished and extended with a view to the work being completed by August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (ii) all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, e-mail: educationppp@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Monday 13 January 2003; and
- (iii) the Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee.

2.4 GRANGE ACADEMY, INCLUDING THE HEARING IMPAIRED UNIT AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT BASE/ANNANHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL/PARK SCHOOL/COMMUNITY LEARNING

There was submitted a consultative document dated 14 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined proposals for the aforementioned school under the Building Learning Communities Public Private Partnership Project.

It was agreed to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, the proposal that-

- (i) a new build Grange Academy be provided on an identified site on the existing campus of Grange Academy and incorporating a new build Annanhill Primary School and new build Park School including purpose built facilities for hearing impairment, visual impairment and community learning and a greater opportunity for the integration of pupils with special educational needs;

- (ii) the existing Grange Academy building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils transfer to new build Grange Academy in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iii) the existing Annanhill Primary School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build Annanhill Primary School within the new build education centre at the present Grange Academy campus in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iv) the existing Park School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build Park School within the new build education centre at the present Grange Academy campus in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (v) enhanced community learning facilities be incorporated in the new build;
- (vi) all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, e-mail: educationppp@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Monday 13 January 2003; and
- (vii) the Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee.

2.5 ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY/ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL/ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL/PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION/COMMUNITY LEARNING

There was submitted a consultative document dated 14 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined proposals for the aforementioned school under the Building Learning Communities Public Private Partnership Project.

It was agreed to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, the proposal that:-

- (i) a new education centre be built on the St Joseph's site at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock. The centre would provide separate purpose built accommodation for:-
 - (a) a new St Joseph's Academy;
 - (b) (i) a new denominational primary school resulting from the amalgamation of St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary Schools;
 - (ii) pre-school provision;
 - (c) enhanced community learning facilities
- (ii) St Joseph's Academy (Kilmarnock campus) be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build denominational secondary school, on the Kilmarnock site, by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iii) St Joseph's Academy (Cumnock campus) be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build denominational secondary school, on the Kilmarnock site, by August 2006 or

as soon as possible thereafter. The delineated area of St Joseph's will remain unaltered;

- (iv) St Columba's Primary School be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new denominational primary school building at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (v)
 - (i) St Matthew's Primary School be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new denominational primary school building at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
 - (ii) Nursery class based in St Matthew's Primary School be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to new pre-school provision within the new building at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;

The delineated area of the new school will be amended to incorporate the current delineated areas of St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary Schools;
- (vi) enhanced community facilities be incorporated into the new building;
- (vii) all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, e-mail: educationppp@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Monday 13 January 2003; and
- (viii) the Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee.

Arising from a query, it was also agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services make reference to the travel arrangements for the Cumnock campus at paragraph 5.4 of the consultative document; and
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services verify the roll projection figures detailed in the report prior to issuing the consultative document.

The meeting terminated at 1554 hours.