

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2001 AT 1002 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, 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; 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; David Mitchell, Legal Manager; Joseph Cassidy, Policy Manager (Housing); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Len Paget, Principal Engineer; Karen Macleod, Solicitor; Deborah Brady, Policy Assistant (Housing); and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid and Iain Linton.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS**1.1 APPLICATION NO 00/0339/FL: GLENAMMER ENGINEERING LIMITED:
GLENAMMER COTTAGE, DALRYMPLE (Item 2.3, Page 1312, 99/02)**

There was submitted a report dated 31 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the decision of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 6 October 2000, which referred consideration of this planning application to this Committee, with a recommendation that the application be approved as (a) the use of the premises for industrial purpose had been established for a period of 8½ years; (b) the existence of other light industrial activity in the past in the area; and (c) with regard to road safety, there had been no history of road accidents in the area notwithstanding the industrial use of the premises in question, and the existence of other light industrial activity in the past in close proximity to the premises; and an executive summary sheet and a report dated 31 May 2001 (both circulated) by the Director of Development Services on this full planning application for proposed change of use of existing garage to light industrial unit and proposed extension at Glenammer Cottage, Dalrymple.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported that two letters of objection had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Director of Development Services: Refusal, for the following reasons, viz:- (1) The proposed development is contrary to Policy IND6 of the East Ayrshire Local Plan (Finalised Version with Modifications), as there is no specific locational need for this industrial use to be located in the countryside; (2) The proposed development would be detrimental to road safety as the existing access has very poor visibilities and as such would be contrary to Policy IND5 of the East Ayrshire Local Plan (Finalised

Version with Modifications) as there would be adverse transportation and infrastructure implications resulting from the proposed development; (3) The proposed development is contrary to Policy IND10 of the East Ayrshire Local Plan (Finalised Version with Modifications) as the application site is not an identified site in the rural area with potential for industrial or business development. Furthermore, the proposed development is not a sympathetic industrial or business development related to appropriate rural activities or associated with the traditional activities of agriculture and forestry; and (4) The proposed development is not specifically related to a rural activity and there is no specific locational need for the development at this location. Therefore, the development would be contrary to Policy 6.32 of the Adopted Dalmellington/Patna/Dalrymple Local Plan.

No Hearing took place as the representative of the objector did not wish to address the Committee. The applicant was present.

Following consideration of the report, it was agreed that given the use provides employment for two people (the change of use being retrospective) and would provide an additional employment opportunity for one further person, the proposal benefits the local economy, given the relatively small scale of the business activity and the absence of any adverse impact on the amenity of the area arising from the operation of the business to date, a departure from policy as regards the location of the use is considered acceptable; and on the basis of the previous record of greater vehicular activity associated with a former sawmill, the minimal increase in traffic movements related to the change of use and extension would not adversely impact on road safety at the site, there being no history of road accidents at this particular location during the operation of the current business or that previously operated from the application site, to grant the application.

It was also agreed that the determination of appropriate conditions, including specifically a condition relating to the provision of an improved access to the application site prior to any further expansion of the business, to be imposed on the planning permission be remitted to the Head of Planning and Building Control.

1.2 APPLICATION NO 99/0776/OL: WIMPEY STRATEGIC LAND MANAGEMENT: ALTONHILL/WESTERN ROAD, KILMARNOCK

It was noted that a site visit had taken place prior to the meeting.

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and a report dated 31 May 2001 (both circulated) by the Director of Development Services on an outline planning application for proposed development of land for residential and industrial/commercial purposes at Altonhill/Western Road, Kilmarnock.

The Head of Planning and Building Control reported:-

- (i) that no letters of objection had been received; and
- (ii) an additional condition, to read, viz:- "Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, and the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997, permission is hereby granted only in respect of the use of industrial/commercial elements of this consent for "business" purposes as defined by Class 4 of the above Use Classes Order"; this condition being imposed to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over the use of the site in the interests of residential amenity.

The Head of Planning and Building Control summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Director of Development Services:- (i) Approval, subject to notification to the Scottish Ministers under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997 and subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) In the case of the reserved matters specified below, application for approval must be made not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission; (2) That the development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of five years from the date of this permission or within the expiration of two years from the final approval of all reserved matters, whichever is the later; (3) The concept master plan and indicative phasing plan submitted along with the application are for information purposes only and shall not be treated as forming part of the issued consent; (4) Before any development commences on the site, the further approval of the Planning Authority shall be obtained in respect of the under-mentioned matters hereby reserved: (a) the layout of the site; (b) the size, height, design and external appearance of the proposed dwellinghouses; (c) the means of drainage and sewage disposal; (d) details of the access arrangements; (e) the provision for open space; (f) the provision for car parking; (g) the boundary walls/fences to be erected; (h) the landscaping of the site; and (i) finished site levels/floor levels; (5) The details to be submitted under Condition (4) above shall include a detailed finalised Master Plan confirming the following matters:- (a) the areas of land to be developed for housing; (b) the areas and phasing of advanced structural tree planting; (c) the areas of land to be developed for parkland; (d) the means of access to the areas of housing and recreational facilities; (e) pedestrian, cycling and a transport infrastructure including provision for a possible rail halt; and (f) the means of providing sustainable urban drainage. Subject to the approval of the Planning Authority, this master plan may indicate those areas where, notwithstanding Condition (4) above, development may commence once all of the reserved matters within that particular area have been agreed, even though not all the reserved matters have been agreed in other areas; (6) Details to be submitted under Condition (5) above shall include:- A Landscape Strategy encompassing:- (a) the provision of 2.40 hectares of public space to include a purposely designed public park land minimum area of 1.5 ha; (b) advanced structural tree planting, in a strip not less than 10m wide including forestry transplants, whips and heavy standard specimens, along the west and south boundary of the site and the boundary of the industrial/commercial land with the residential land; (c) the means of managing and maintaining all public open space/planting/parkland areas; and (d) the phasing of the provision of the various elements of the landscape strategy; (7) Details to be submitted under Condition (4) above shall indicate a 'buffer zone' (free form residential development) along the part of the boundary indicated in yellow on the plans hereby approved. The details submitted shall be accompanied by a noise impact assessment prepared by a suitably qualified acoustical consultant addressing the impact of the buffer zone on the remainder of the site; (8) The structural planting required by Condition (5) above shall be planted within 2 years of the date of its approval; (9) Details submitted under Condition (5) above shall provide for the replacement of the existing Right of Way through the site to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority. Any diversion of a Right of Way will have to be formally confirmed under Section 206 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997; (10) Development shall not begin on site until details of any land consolidation and earth levelling works have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Such details shall include existing and proposed levels by reference to fixed ordnance datum's across the entire site and the details shall confirm the relationship in terms of existing and proposed levels along the eastern boundary of the site where abutting existing properties. The details shall also be accompanied by a report prepared by a suitably qualified mining engineer addressing the impact of the development on the stability of land adjacent to the site and the measures to be taken to secure and cap any existing mine entries in or adjacent to the site; (11) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, the details of the means of access from Kilmaurs Road and Western Road indicated on the plans are not approved. Revised details at a scale of not greater than 1:500 shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development; (12) Before development begins on the site details of footpath/cycle links to the Altonhill Area to (the east), Kilmaurs Road and Western Road shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The footpath/cycle links shall thereafter be constructed in accordance with the approved scheme; (13) Upon the completion of all the houses located in an approved development phase, the roads in that phase shall be provided with a final wearing surface; (14) Details submitted under Condition (4) above shall provide for the continuation of the existing separation/avenue strip along Kilmaurs Road onto the northern frontage of the site; (15) The details to be submitted further to Condition (4) above shall allow for there being a maximum housing density within any development area of 25 dwellings per hectare, (net of the distributor road/verge limits and areas included in the Landscape Strategy submitted further to Condition (5) above). The submitted housing layout details shall take full account of the provisions of the Landscape Strategy; (16) Discrete housing areas within the development shall not exceed 75 dwellings in size; (17) The developer shall ensure that all residential development shall be constructed around cul-de-sacs, courtyards or in small grounds with private open space and public open space areas with no direct road frontage to the distributor road. There shall be a mix of house types augmented with a high quality of landscaping including substantial tree planting; (18) The developers shall ensure that prior to the construction of the 201st house on the site outwith the area bounded in blue on the approved plan, the distributor road from Kilmaurs Road to Western Road shall have been completed; (19) The developer shall ensure by roads design mechanisms that commercial traffic is discouraged from travelling on the residential distributor road. Details of said mechanisms shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for approval prior to the commencement of construction of the distributor road; (20) Details submitted in pursuance of Condition (4) above shall provide for a maximum of 40 houses in the area coloured blue on the approved plan and for this area to be exclusively accessed directly via Altonhill; (21) No trees shall be felled, lopped, have roots cut, or be the subject of any other works without the written consent of the Planning Authority; and (22) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992, and the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997, permission is hereby granted only in respect of the use of industrial/commercial elements of this consent for "business" purposes as defined by Class 4 of the above Use Classes Order; Conditions (1) and (2) being imposed to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Conditions (3) and (4) the approval is in outline only; Condition (5) the application was submitted in outline only and in order to ensure a properly programmed development; Condition (6) to ensure that adequate provision of public open space is provided, to an adequate standard, and that it is subsequently

maintained, in the interests of residential and visual amenity; Conditions (7) and (10) in the interests of residential amenity; Condition (8) in the interests of visual amenity; Condition (9) to ensure that public open space areas are laid out in a proper manner in the interests of residential amenity, whilst maintaining existing Rights of Way; Condition (11) the application was submitted in outline only and in order to ensure a properly programmed and detailed development; Condition (12) to ensure that public open space areas and footpaths/cycle links are laid out in a proper manner in the interests of residential amenity; Condition (13) in the interests of visual amenity and road safety; Conditions (14) and (17) in the interests of visual amenity; Condition (15) to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over the future development of the site in a manner consistent with the Development Plan; Condition (16) in the interests of visual/residential amenity; Conditions (18) and (20) in the interests of road safety; Condition (19) in the interests of road safety/residential amenity; Condition (21) in the interests of visual amenity and to maintain the existing visual contribution of the trees to the amenity of the area; and Condition (22) to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over the use of the site in the interests of residential amenity; and (ii) that the planning consent shall not be issued until a formal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has been satisfactorily concluded between the Solicitor to the Council and the applicant as described in Paragraph 6.6 of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to grant the application subject to appropriate notification to the Scottish Ministers under the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997 and subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed and to the additional condition; and
- (ii) that planning consent not be issued until a formal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 had been satisfactorily concluded between the Solicitor to the Council and the applicant as described in Paragraph 6.6 of the report.

MONITORING REPORT

2.1 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEME STATUS REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 May 2001 (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 1 April to 18 May 2001.

THE NATURE OF SCOTLAND - A POLICY STATEMENT (Item 12, Page 3969, 96/99)

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services and the Director of Community Services on the contents of the draft Policy Statement: The Nature of Scotland, issued by the Scottish Executive in March 2001; and which sought homologation of a response to the Scottish Executive with regard to the specific proposals for safeguarding Nature Conservation Areas.

The Chair recommended that an additional comment be included in the response, viz:- "To welcome the shift and policy emphasis by Scottish Natural Heritage towards

the accommodation of appropriate development within areas designated for conservation but to call for Scottish Natural Heritage to take account of the economic and social needs of rural areas in drawing up designation of conservation areas”.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to homologate the provisional response made to the Scottish Executive Environment Group Wildlife and Habitats by the Head of Planning and Building Control to the draft policy statement: The Nature of Scotland, as described in Paragraph 4 of the report; and
- (ii) to incorporate the additional comment in the response as described above.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS TO LOCAL PLAN AND OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF AGREED MODIFICATIONS (Item 4, Page 1594, 99/02)

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on objections received in respect of the Finalised Version of the East Ayrshire Local Plan which remained outstanding and unresolved; formal objections and representations received in respect of the modifications made to the Finalised Version of the Local Plan; the Department of Development Services' assessment of each objection received in respect of the modifications; and which sought authorisation to forward a copy of the remaining outstanding and unresolved objections to the Local Plan and a copy of the objections received in respect of the modifications made to the Local Plan, to the Scottish Executive Enquiry Reporters Unit for consideration in any future public local enquiry into the Local Plan which might require to be arranged at a future date.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to make any necessary supplementary comments and observations, as required and considered appropriate on the unresolved objections to the Local Plan, prior to their being forwarded to the Scottish Executive Enquiry Reporters Unit, as agreed in (iii) below;
- (ii) to approve the suggested Council response to the objections received to the modifications to the Local Plan, as detailed in Annexe 3 to the report;
- (iii) to forward copies of all unresolved objections to the Local Plan (summarised in Annexes 1 and 2 to the report) together with copies of the objections received to the modifications and the Council's response to the objections (as detailed in Annexe 3 to the report) to the Scottish Executive Enquiry Reporters Unit for information and action; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

VIREMENT 2001/02 REVENUE BUDGET (Item 1, Page 1634, 99/02)

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the virement of budgets necessary following the unsuccessful bid by Clyde Solway Consortium, of which East Ayrshire Council was a partner, to renew the contract for maintaining the trunk roads in South West Scotland, the successful contractor being Amey Limited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the virement proposals as described in Paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Finance to make the necessary adjustments to the corporate ledger; and
- (iii) to remit the virement proposals to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

**NATURAL HERITAGE ZONES PROGRAMME - ZONE 17: WEST CENTRAL BELT
(Item 5, Page 1281, 99/02)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 28 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the content of Scottish Natural Heritage's Draft Local Prospectus for the Natural Heritage of the West Central Belt, identified as Zone 17 of the Natural Heritage Zones Programme; and which recommended a formal response to be made to Scottish Natural Heritage by the Head of Planning and Building Control.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Head of Planning and Building Control to respond to Scottish Natural Heritage on the Draft Local Prospectus for the Natural Heritage of the West Central Belt in the terms described in Paragraph 5 of the report; and
- (ii) to continue to liaise with Scottish Natural Heritage on future initiatives which might emerge through the Natural Heritage Zone Programme.

**AIRDS MOSS POTENTIAL SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION
(Item 7, Page 1185, 99/02)**

7.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Eric Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item and left the meeting.

7.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 28 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought views on the proposed revision to the boundaries of the possible Special Area of Conservation proposed by Scottish Natural Heritage, for Airds Moss.

Councillor George Smith recommended an additional recommendation, viz:- "To re-affirm the general concerns about designation procedures noted in relation to the consultation report: The Nature of Scotland".

It was agreed to continue consideration of this item until later in the Agenda to enable Members to consider the additional recommendation.

Councillor Eric Jackson re-joined the meeting at this point.

SAFEGUARDING OF AERODROMES AND RELATED ISSUES

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought comment on a review by the Scottish Executive on the safeguarding of aerodromes and related issues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to forward the report to the Scottish Executive as the Council's response to the consultation on the Safeguarding of Aerodromes and Related Issues together with the request that:-
 - (a) urgent action be taken to raise the awareness of the effect of wind turbines on aircraft safety; and
 - (b) the Scottish Executive consider directing Planning Authorities to consult Airports on all wind turbine applications.

AIRDS MOSS POTENTIAL SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION - CONTINUED CONSIDERATION (Item 7, Page 1185, 99/02)

9.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Eric Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item and left the meeting.

9.2 Consideration of Item

Having considered the additional recommendation in respect of this item, it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee support, in principle, the proposed designation of Airds Moss as a Special Area of Conservation, to the extent of the boundaries as revised; and
- (ii) to re-affirm the general concerns about designation procedures noted in relation to the consultation report: The Nature of Scotland.

Councillor Eric Jackson re-joined the meeting at this point.

SPORT, LEISURE AND RECREATION FUND (Item 3, Page 1453, 99/02)

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for a formal process whereby developers, whose proposals comprised four or more houses, contributed towards appropriate sport, leisure and recreation facilities to meet the demands of local residents within the area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the establishment of three Sport, Leisure and Recreational Funds based on Local Planning Committee Areas to receive contributions through Section 75 Legal Agreements attached to planning consents, or other appropriate Legal Agreements, from developers of sites within their areas with a capacity of four or more houses;
- (ii) that the specific requirements of Policy TLR 5 become operative in relation to new applications received after the date of this Committee (5 June 2001);
- (iii) that funds generated through Policy TLR 5 be used solely for projects that meet the sport, leisure and recreation deficiencies identified in the Local Plan, or any subsequent public review;

- (iv) that annual reports on each Sport, Leisure and Recreational Fund be submitted to future meetings of the Development Services and Community Services Committees in accordance with Paragraph 4.4 of the report;
- (v) that a contribution of 1% of total construction costs should be requested from each developer in pursuance of Policy TLR 5;
- (vi) to authorise the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to draw up detailed procedural guidelines for applying these requirements to planning applications and on the administration and use of the fund; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF SCHEME OF DELEGATION

11. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the Review of the Scheme of Delegation to determine the route whereby planning and other applications be considered.

Councillor Eric Ross, seconded by Councillor George Smith, moved:-

- (i) that the Committee agree to recommend the changes and recommendations listed in Paragraphs 3.1 to 5.4 of the report and the Scheme of Delegation as revised, as described in Annexe A to the report; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, to make the necessary arrangements to incorporate the proposed changes within the Council-wide Review of the Scheme of Delegation.

Reference having been made to Paragraphs 3.1, 5.2 and 5.3 and associated recommendations in relation to issues of proposed Officer delegation; minerals related development; and decision-making powers of Local Planning and Development Services Committees, Councillor Robert McDill, seconded by Councillor Daniel Coffey, moved as an amendment to continue consideration of the item.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 11 votes to 7.

BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES - REVIEW OF SCHEME OF DELEGATION (Item 7, Page 763, 96/99)

12. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought support for a revision of the Scheme of Delegation as it applied to the Business Support Schemes.

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It was agreed to recommend to Council to incorporate the proposed revisions shown in Appendix I to the report on approvals of business loan and grant support into the approved Scheme of Delegation.

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SURPLUS PROPERTY AT NETHERTON BUSINESS CENTRE, KILMARNOCK

13. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to declare the Nethernton Business Centre, Kilmarnock, surplus to its requirements for the purpose of disposal.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare Netherton Business Centre, Kilmarnock, surplus to requirements; and
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to make arrangements for its disposal, including its disposal to existing tenants of Netherton Business Centre, Kilmarnock.

GALSTON ROUNDABOUT - MONUMENT PROPOSED BY GALSTON ROTARY CLUB

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the views on the proposal by Galston Rotary Club to erect a monument at Galston Roundabout.

Councillor John Knapp, seconded by Councillor Stephanie Young, moved to refuse permission to Galston Rotary Club to erect a monument at the Galston Roundabout.

Councillor Tommy Farrell, seconded by Councillor Jim Raymond, moved as an amendment, to continue consideration of this item, to enable the views of the parents and the School Board of Loudoun Academy to be consulted on the proposal and be reported upon accordingly to this Committee, in due course.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 13 votes to 5.

RURAL TRANSPORT FUND 2001/2004

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the Scottish Executive had announced continued and improved funding for the next 3 years for the rural transport fund for socially desirable bus services in rural areas; and on potential new services to be introduced in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that the Scottish Executive had announced funding levels for the period 2001-2004 for the rural transport fund for socially desirable bus services in rural areas; and
- (ii) the potential new bus services that may be introduced in East Ayrshire.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on proposals for gateway features for villages in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the criteria for assessing priority for gateway features as described in Paragraph 3.5 of the report;
- (ii) to the programme for the implementation of village gateway treatments in 2001/2002 as described in Paragraph 4.2 of the report;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services seek external funding sources for environmental measures to enhance gateway treatments; and
- (iv) that further reports on progress and future proposals be submitted to this Committee, in due course.

Councillor John Knapp left the meeting at this point.

REVISED STREET LIGHTING CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Item 1, Page 1634, 99/02)

17. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which recommended revisions of the capital programme for street lighting.

It was agreed to approve the revised street lighting capital programme as described in Paragraph 4.1 of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

18. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 May 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided details of the lowest satisfactory 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>
Patching A70 and A713 - No 1	J H Moodie, Patna	£30,824.02
Patching B, C & U Class Roads - No 1	J H Moodie, Patna	£56,762.36
Patching North Area	Lightways Contractors Ltd., Larbert	£45,993.99
Carriageway Surface Dressing Heavy Duty B751, Grange Terrace, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire Council Roads Contracts, Kilmarnock	£16,300.08
C104 Bridge No 20 - Remedial Works	Kelburne Construction Ltd., Kilmarnock	£72,878.00
Newmilns - Brown Street Lighting Improvement	Hyder Infrastructure Services Ltd., Dundonald	£19,719.28
Rural Ground Maintenance 2001 - North	W I & A Gilbert, Dalry	£50,631.12
Kilmarnock - Shortlees Area Column Replacement	Lightways Contractors Ltd., Larbert	£46,132.41
Supply of Traffic Signs and Traffic Sign Posts	Deeorgan Ltd., Paisley	up to the value of £25,000

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

19. 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.

6-38 JOHN FINNIE STREET, 12-14, 24-26 STRAND STREET AND 1-5 DUNLOP STREET, KILMARNOCK (Item 10, Page 1012, 99/02)

20. There was submitted a joint report dated 9 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Development Services on current proposals at 6-38 John Finnie Street, 12-14, 24-26 Strand Street and 1-5 Dunlop Street, Kilmarnock, for the redevelopment of the site.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at this point.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report and that further reports on progress be brought to future meetings of the Housing and Development Services Committees;
- (ii) to the adoption of a co-ordinated approach with the partners and potential funders to promote the comprehensive and phased redevelopment of the site, to include Cunninghame Housing Association as the developer partner, in order to attract Scottish Homes' development funding for the project, with the Council acting as facilitator; and
- (iii) to authorise the development of an Acquisition Strategy and to proceed with voluntary negotiations with the other owners to acquire properties in the development site and to implement the use of compulsory purchase powers as appropriate to allow the development proposals to proceed.

Councillor Jim Raymond left the meeting at this point.

LOAN AND GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE - CUMNOCK COMPANY

21. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to make loan and grant funding available as part of a wider funding package to support the development of an innovative new business venture in Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the loan funding package of £30,000 which was approved under the Scheme of Delegation; and
- (ii) to approve grant funding of £20,000 to support the development of the project, subject to the following conditions, viz:-
 - (a) that the promoters of the project be successful in their bid to acquire the premises from East Ayrshire Council; and
 - (b) that other elements of the funding package, as described in Paragraph 3.1 of the report, be approved and assembled, but with discretion being delegated to the Director of Development Services in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to accept any reasonable variation to the elements or amounts of the complete package, provided that the total private sector input (promoters plus bank input) be not reduced beyond the proposed total level of £115,000.

GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE - CUMNOCK COMPANY

22. There was submitted a report dated 1 June 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval to make grant funding available to a Cumnock Company as part of a wider funding package to support the consolidation of this significant business.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the grant as described in Paragraph 5.4 of the report; and
- (ii) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to draft and conclude an appropriate contractual agreement with the company.

The meeting terminated at 1130 hours.

AGENDA