

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2002 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, and Elaine Stewart.

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; Andrew Scott-Martin, Country Park Manager; Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Donna Chisholm, Museums, Arts and Theatre Manager; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Iain Linton and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Vice-Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE OUTDOOR ACCESS STRATEGY

1. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested the Committee to consider and, if acceptable, adopt the East Ayrshire Outdoor Access Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the East Ayrshire Access Outdoor Strategy; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillors Brian Reeves and John Weir joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

CEMETERY SAFETY REPORT

2. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which updated Members on the progress being made on Cemetery Safety.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the introduction of an East Ayrshire Memorial Masons Registration Scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AVAILABILITY OF LAIRS IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CEMETERIES

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the availability of lairs in Council cemeteries and which established priorities for future developments.

BURNS HOUSE MUSEUM - MAUCHLINE

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable the Council to purchase the Burns House Museum, Mauchline and which sought formal approval to conclude this transaction.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the purchase of the Burns House Museum and Nance Tinnocks House from Burns House (Mauchline) Tryst Ltd at a total cost of £55,100.00;
- (ii) that an update report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BURNS FESTIVAL AND HOLY FAIR 2002

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided information on the Burns Festival and Holy Fair held in late April early May.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on applications for financial assistance under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme for Members' consideration.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to deal with the applications as follows:

Heritage

- (a) Doors Opened Ayrshire - £1,200.00
- (b) Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society - £1,600.00. Conditional on successful Heritage Lottery Fund Grant and that images of weaving or from the textiles industry be included in the 400 images selected.

Environmental

- (a) West of Scotland Begonia Society - £50.00
- (b) The Scottish Ornithologists Club, Ayrshire Branch - £800.00

Sport

- (a) Boy's and Girl's Clubs (Glasgow and South West Scotland) - £500.00
- (b) Sports for Special Needs - £1,600.00

Arts and Cultural

- (a) Ayrshire Music Festival Association - £200.00
- (b) Citizens Theatre - Refused as although the Group had previously been able to demonstrate that people in East Ayrshire visit the Theatre, the Group do not deliver outreach work in East Ayrshire.

Community Safety

- (a) Crime Stoppers Scotland - £500.00
- (b) Ayr and District Safe Drivers Association - £100.00

Recreational Activities

- (a) Ayrshire Radio Controlled Car Club - £500.00
- (ii) to note the advice that the budget was fully committed to be forwarded to other applicants to the Scheme during the financial year 2002/2003 and that applicants would be provided with information on alternative funding mechanisms for specific projects where appropriate.

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION POLICY

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the implementation of a programming policy for East Ayrshire Council's gallery spaces in the Dick Institute.

Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Drew McIntyre, moved that the recommendations as contained within the report be approved.

Councillor Daniel Coffey, seconded by Councillor Harry Wilson, moved as an amendment that the report be continued to a future meeting of this Committee to allow clarification of the groups who exhibit works within the gallery spaces in the Dick Institute.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by eight votes to seven.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 4
(1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2002)**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of absence rates and absence management for the Department of Community Services for the period 1 January to 31 March 2002.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Department's progress in response to its 2001/02 Health and Safety Action Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Department's response to the 2001/02 Action Plan; and
- (ii) to approve the departmental Health and Safety Action Plan as attached to the report.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/03

10. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval of the Capital Programme for the Community Services Department for the financial year 2002/03.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed Capital Programme for 2002/2003 for the Community Services Department; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - LOCAL OFFICE, DRONGAN

11. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare the Local Office in Drongan surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the Local Office in Drongan surplus to the Department's requirements;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services in accordance with agreed procedures; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - ELMBANK BOTHY, DICK ROAD, KILMARNOCK

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare the Grounds Maintenance bothy sited at Dick Road, Kilmarnock surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the Elmbank Bothy surplus to the Department's requirements;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services in accordance with agreed procedures; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PAVILION AT MORTON PARK, KILMAURS

13. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the current condition of the pavilion at Morton Park, Kilmaurs and which sought approval for its demolition.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Committee to allow the outcome of a meeting with a local group to be reported.

STORAGE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS

14. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of a number of developments concerning the storage and sale of fireworks and related matters.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services report back to a future meeting of the Committee on the findings and recommendations of the CoSLA Task Group; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY REGULATION - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 2 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of a Consultation Document on the Regulation of Private Water Supplies in Scotland.

CONTAMINATED LAND: ADDITIONAL CAPITAL CONSENT IN 2002/03

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of additional funding for capital works associated with the implementation of the statutory regime for the identification and remediation of contaminated land.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on forthcoming changes in Legislation to enable Local Authorities to take action in respect of vehicles which have apparently been abandoned.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

18. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted in respect of the contracts as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Provision of a Temporary Storage and Complete Disposal of Fridges and Freezers service.	M Baker Recycling Ltd, Exeter	Schedule of Rates basis
Supply and delivery of one 3.5 tonne Panel Van	Verve Van Centre, Glasgow	£18,480.00
Supply and Delivery of one 26 tonne Refuse Collection vehicle.	Geesink Norba, Pontyclun	£112,025.00
Supply and Delivery of two 3.5 tonne Crew Cab Tippers	Kerr & Smith, Glasgow	£37,952.00
Supply and Delivery of two 22 tonne Refuse Collection vehicles.	Heil Europe, Dalgety Bay	£223,364.00
Supply and Delivery of one Recycling Unit	Lex Commercials, Glasgow	£70,758.00
Supply and Delivery of one 13 tonne Road Sweeper	Kerr & Smith, Glasgow	£80,876.00

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

PANTOMIME AT THE PALACE THEATRE

- 20.** There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the 2002 arrangements for producing the Palace Theatre pantomime; sought approval to tender the contract for the pantomime in 2003; and thereafter sought approval of a virement within the Palace Theatre budget to reflect the new arrangements for the pantomime.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Director of Community Services to begin the tendering process for the Palace Theatre's pantomime in 2003 and thereafter;
- (ii) to refer the report to the Policy and Resources Committee to authorise the virement within the existing budget; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1135 hours.

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