

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2002 AT 1000 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, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services/Solicitor to the Council; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Iain Linton and Julie Faulds.

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Elaine Stewart as a new Member of the Committee.

**MONITORING REPORTS**

**2.1 BUSINESS, GRANTS AND LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 April 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 March 2002 to 30 April 2002.

**2.2 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 1 (2002)**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of absence rates for the Department of Development Services for the quarterly period ended 31 March 2002.

**REVIEW OF BUILDING CONTROL (Item 6, Page 2130, 99/02)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which presented a consultation by the Scottish Executive on the proposals for Improving Building Standards.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report as the basis of the Council's response to the consultation; and
- (ii) that the Head of Planning and Building Control forward the comments to the Scottish Executive.

**STRATEGY FOR THE REGENERATION OF KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE  
(Item 9, Page 1985, 99/02)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a strategy for the regeneration of Kilmarnock Town Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the strategy for the regeneration of Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (ii) to insert "centre" after any reference to the "Top of the Town" as detailed within the report;
- (iii) that the feasibility of introducing a tramway link within the town centre should also be considered; and
- (iv) that the Director of Development Services re-convene the Kilmarnock Town Centre Partnership Steering Group.

**THE PROVISION OF SEWERAGE SERVICES TO NEW DEVELOPMENT  
(Item 6, Page 2280, 99/02)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of recent discussions regarding the provision of sewerage infrastructure for future development in East Ayrshire and recommended the establishment of a Forum to improve liaison between statutory agencies, developers and the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report subject to the amendment that alternative solutions within East Ayrshire as a whole to overcome the identified sewerage constraint may be required to enable development to proceed; and
- (ii) to the establishment of a technical forum as detailed within the report.

**DRAFT AYRSHIRE WOODLAND STRATEGY**

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought the views of the Committee on the Draft Ayrshire Woodland Strategy, circulated to East Ayrshire Council by the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee as part of a formal consultation with statutory bodies.

It was agreed to continue the report to a future meeting.

**THE FUTURE OF SCOTLAND'S WATERS - PROPOSAL FOR LEGISLATION  
(Item 3, Page 2129, 99/02)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which outlined the Scottish Executive's second consultation paper on the future management of the water environment in Scotland and which sought the Committee's views on the document as it related to development planning and to homologate the action taken to date by the Director of Development Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the comments as detailed within the report as the response to the consultation; and
- (ii) to homologate the action taken by the Director of Development Services to communicate the response to the Scottish Executive.

**CONSULTATION DRAFT, NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE 3:  
PLANNING FOR HOUSING CONSULTATION DRAFT, PLANNING ADVICE NOTE  
38 - HOUSING LAND**

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the contents of 2 consultation documents issued by the Scottish Executive comprising Consultation Draft NPPG3, "Planning for Housing" and an associated Consultation Draft PAN38, "Housing Land" and which sought approval of a recommended response for consultation purposes.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services forward the comments detailed within the report to the Scottish Executive Development Department as the Council's formal views on the Draft Productions; and
- (iii) to note that much of the useful advice contained in these documents had already been incorporated in East Ayrshire Council's finalised Local Plan.

Councillor Carmichael left the meeting during discussion of the above.

**PROVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES**

9. There was submitted a report dated 2 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the planning issues relating to the provision of waste management facilities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to confirm the policy principle that waste processing facilities be restricted to 90% of waste arising from within Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

**GLASGOW PRESTWICK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - PROPOSED EXTENSION  
OF CONTROLLED AIRSPACE**

10. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a proposed bid to extend the controlled airspace at Glasgow Prestwick International Airport and which sought approval to support the proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the proposals for the extension of the controlled airspace at Glasgow Prestwick International Airport; and
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Development Services to communicate that support to the appropriate parties.

### **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE RELOCATION POLICY**

11. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the organisations currently invited by the Scottish Executive to review their locations as part of the Scottish Relocation Policy; and the preparation of a corporate response to the Relocation Review by the three Ayrshire Councils through the auspices of the Ayrshire Economic Forum.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the corporate response to the Scottish Executive Relocation Policy.

### **CONDUIT RELOCATION (Item 13, Page 2132, 99/02)**

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the relocation of the CONDUIT premises within Dalmellington.

### **KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE**

13. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (i) on the work undertaken and the achievements of the Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative (KTCMI) in the year 2001/2002; (ii) which sought approval of the proposed activities for the year 2002/2003 and to continue grant funding in terms of the Code of Guidance on Funding of External Bodies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the compliance with the terms of the Code of Guidance in respect of the Council's relationship with KTCMI;
- (ii) to note the achievements of KTCMI during the financial year 2001/2002 as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to support the work of the KTCMI and the partnership work with Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire and the retailers in Kilmarnock Town Centre;
- (iv) to approve the proposed work programme for 2002/2003;
- (v) to approve the preparation and implementation of a Service Level Agreement in respect of the Council's funding of KTCMI for 2002/2003; and
- (vi) that the Director of Development Services report on the monitoring of the agreed service level targets and outcomes of the KTCMI to a future meeting of the Committee.

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

### **TIMBER TRANSPORT**

14. There was submitted a report dated 17 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the developments in relation to timber transport in Ayrshire and in particular, the workings of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group and national groups to minimise the impact of increased timber transport on the road network;
- (ii) that the Draft Ayrshire Agreed Routes Map be presented to the affected Local Area Committees to comment on; and
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services write to Forest Enterprise to request that the impact of timber transport on the environment be considered as a criteria when assessing whether a forestry project required an Environmental Impact Assessment, and that the Roads Authority is consulted during the determination of the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Councillor Reid re-joined the meeting and Councillor McDill left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

### **TRANSPORTATION PROPOSALS**

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of transportation proposals in relation to the upgrading of the Kilmarnock to Glasgow rail line and the outcome of a Public Transport Study on the A77 corridor, and which sought approval for a bid to the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund to support these proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Strategic Rail Authority had included the upgrading of the Kilmarnock to Glasgow rail line in its programme and that Jayress Consultants had completed a Public Transport Study for the A77 corridor;
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services include the provision of a Railhalt at Altonhill, Kilmarnock, within the assessment of the Kilmarnock - Glasgow rail line proposals; and
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services make a bid to the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund for the public transport improvements as detailed within the report.

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

### **ON-STREET PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 14, Page 2132, 99/02)**

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on detailed proposals for on-street parking and residents' parking in Kilmarnock Town Centre and also sought approval to undertake further public consultation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the details of the on-street parking strategy; and
- (ii) to approve the proposals for the central area and for residents' parking schemes in the areas surrounding Kilmarnock Town Centre, as the basis for further public consultation.

### MAXIMUM PARKING STANDARDS

17. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of a response on the Scottish Executive's draft National Planning Policy Guideline on Maximum Parking Standards.

It was agreed to approve the comments on the Scottish Executive's proposals for Maximum Parking Standards as detailed within the report.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON OMNE COMMUNICATIONS CABLING INSTALLATIONS

18. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the progress and performance of OMNE installation works within the town of Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that OMNE Communications had been placed into administration and that the Head of Roads and Transportation was monitoring the position regarding the completion of re-instatement works; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

19. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders that had been accepted in terms of the Director of Development Services Contracts:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Rural Ground Maintenance 2002 - North	W I & A Gilbert, Dalry	£50,842.35
Patching B, C and U Roads - No 1	J H Moodie, Patna	£41,501.90
Route A713 - Glenmuck Bridge - Invert Repairs	Chemchem Scotland Ltd, Falkirk	£55,286.76
Patching A70 and A713 - No 1	Lymburn Contractors Ltd, Dalrymple	£39,719.00
Patching 1 - North Area	Lightways Contractors Ltd, Larbert	£74,695.95
Urban Herbicide (Roads and Hard Landscape) 2002	W I & A Gilbert, Dalry	£39,805.26
Supply of Traffic Signs and Posts	Dee Organ Ltd, Paisley	Up to the value of £25,000.00
Supply and Delivery of 2 4x4 Estate Cars	S & S Services, Ayr	£27,834.90

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

20. 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 the appropriate Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### **TIMBER TRANSPORT - KERR TIMBER PRODUCTS, LANFINE ESTATE, GALSTON (PARA 6)**

21. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on damage caused to the U56 (Bogend - Middlefield Road) and U55 (Threepwood - Cairnhill Road) by vehicles extracting timber from Newfield, near Galston; and which sought approval to impose weight limits, if required, to prevent further damage.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that consultation would take place with Kerr Timber Products and Scottish Woodlands, in an attempt to achieve a mutually acceptable solution to allow timber extraction to continue at Newfield and Greenfield Forests, Galston; and
- (ii) to note that the Director of Development Services may impose a temporary Weight Restriction Order on sections of the U1, U55 and U56 public roads adjacent to the forests should this prove to be necessary to prevent damage to the roads which made them hazardous to other road users.

#### **RE-SURVEY OF KILMARNOCK BURGH BY HISTORIC SCOTLAND (PARA 6)**

22. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on recent survey work carried out by Historic Scotland in Kilmarnock Burgh, and the alterations which had been proposed to the Statutory List of Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the comments detailed within the report be passed to Historic Scotland;
- (iii) that the Director of Development Services provide the additional information required by Historic Scotland; and
- (iv) to recommend to Historic Scotland that they should not proceed to list further buildings until the current review of grants and funding for repairs and restoration of listed buildings has been completed.

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

#### **TRANSPORT SERVICES - PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES UNIT BUSINESS PLAN (PARAS 8 AND 9)**

23. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated on current procurement arrangements for

Transport Services and which sought approval of the Transport Services Business Plan for 2002/03.

It was agreed to approve the business plan for the Transport Services Unit for the year 2002/03.

**ROADS CONTRACTS UNIT BUSINESS OPERATING PLAN 2002/2003  
(PARAS 8 AND 9)**

- 24.** There was submitted a report dated 1 May 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the projected requirement for the procurement of engineering works under the control of the Department of Development Services and recommended approval of the Business Plan for the Roads Contracts Unit as best value suppliers for a range of work required to be contracted by the Department.

It was agreed to approve the Business Plan for the Roads Contracts Unit.

The meeting terminated at 1141 hours.

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