

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 MAY 2002 AT 1000 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Brian McNeil, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Katie Hall, Drew McIntyre and Alan Campbell.

**CHAIR:** Provost Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

**PROVOST'S REMARKS**

1. The Provost began the meeting by welcoming Councillor Stewart, the new Councillor for Ward 31, to her first Council meeting.

The Provost then stated that all were, he was sure, very sad to hear of the recent death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. The Provost stated that on behalf of the people of East Ayrshire, he and the Chief Executive had sent the following letter to the Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen, the contents of which were as follows:-

"We write on behalf of the people of East Ayrshire to express our sincere condolences to Her Majesty The Queen on the sad loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

Her Majesty occupied a unique place in the hearts of the British nation and her death has come as a great blow. The Queen Mother gave inspirational service to this country and the Commonwealth throughout her long and active life and brought a new dimension to royal service. She will be much missed and it is particularly poignant that her death should so closely follow that of her daughter, Princess Margaret.

Please extend our heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and all other members of the Royal Family. Please assure them that our thoughts and prayers are with them during this very sad and difficult time."

## **DEATH OF COUNCILLOR DAVID MACRAE**

2. The Provost referred to the great loss that the Council had suffered as the result of the sudden and tragic death of Councillor David Macrae. The Provost intimated that David had served as Chair of the Social Inclusion Partnership and Vice-Chair of Housing, two of the many roles he had undertaken with great commitment. The Provost commented that since its inception, David had worked tirelessly to promote social inclusion throughout the Council area. The Provost went on to say that David had believed in his work passionately and had been an extremely capable and enthusiastic Chair.

The Provost stated that David's primary concerns as a Councillor were for his community, and his boundless energy and excellent sense of humour were an inspiration to everyone who met him. The Provost remarked that David had been first and foremost a family man, and his great love and affection for all of his family had been evident to all who knew him.

The Provost further stated that the Council would remain indebted to David for his contribution to the work of East Ayrshire Council and that everyone's thoughts and prayers were with his wife Isabel, his son Douglas, daughter Samantha and with his friends, who had been many.

The Provost, as a mark of respect, asked the Council to be upstanding to observe a minute's silence.

Thereafter the Provost then offered his personal thanks to everyone who had attended the funeral services, either in Church or at the cemetery; those who had written in either to himself or Councillor Jackson, Secretary of the Labour Group; and gave special thanks to Councillor Kelly for his contribution at the Church when he had put into words what all had been feeling so deeply.

## **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 7 March 2002 which were approved as a correct record.

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

4. There were submitted (circulated) for approval as correct records, and approval of any recommendations contained therein the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings, viz:-
- 4.1 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 1 MARCH 2002 (pages 2423-2426).**
  - 4.2 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 8 MARCH 2002 (pages 2435-2438).**
  - 4.3 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE) OF 13 MARCH 2002 (pages 2439-2440).**
  - 4.4 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 13 MARCH 2002 (pages 2441-2449)**
  - 4.5 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 MARCH 2002 (pages 2450-2452).**
  - 4.6 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 19 MARCH 2002 (pages 2453-2456).**

- 4.7 DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 19 MARCH 2002 (pages 2457-2459).
- 4.8 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 19 MARCH 2002 (pages 2460-2463).
- 4.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 20 MARCH 2002 (pages 2464-2467).
- 4.10 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 20 MARCH 2002 (pages 2468-2472).
- 4.11 SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 21 MARCH 2002 (pages 2473-2475).
- 4.12 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 21 MARCH 2002 (pages 2476-2482).
- 4.13 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 21 MARCH 2002 (pages 2483-2486).
- 4.14 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 22 MARCH 2002 (pages 2487-2489).
- 4.15 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 2 APRIL 2002 (pages 2490-2491).

Councillor Weir joined the meeting at this point.

- 4.16 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 9 APRIL 2002 (pages 2492-2497).
- 4.17 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 10 APRIL 2002 (pages 2498-2501).
- 4.18 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 10 APRIL 2002 (pages 2502-2506).
- 4.19 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 11 APRIL 2002 (pages 2507-2516).

#### **REMITTS FROM COMMITTEE**

##### **(a) NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT INITIATIVES (Item 15, Page 2512, 99/02)**

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that the Elected Member representation to the Planning Group be four Members (three Administration, one Opposition) and that the Members from the Administration be Councillor Knapp (Vice-Chair of the Education Committee) who would also act as Chair, Councillor Dinwoodie (Vice-Chair of Community Services Committee), and Councillor Walsh (Vice-Chair of the Social Work Committee).

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved as an amendment that the Elected Member representation to the Planning Group be four Members (two Administration and two Opposition).

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 15 votes to 13.

Councillor Linton was thereafter appointed as the Opposition Member to the Group.

##### **(b) LOCAL RECOGNITION AND PROCEDURE AGREEMENT (Item 20, Page 2514, 99/02)**

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that the Elected Member representation to the East Ayrshire Council Joint Negotiating Committee be four Members (three Administration, one Opposition) and that the Members from the Administration be Councillor Farrell (Chair of Education Committee), Councillor Knapp (Vice-Chair of Education Committee) and Councillor Jackson (Chair of the Corporate Sub-Committee).

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean, moved as an amendment that the Elected Member representation to the East Ayrshire Council Joint Negotiating Committee be four Members (two Administration and two Opposition).

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 15 votes to 13.

Councillor L MacLean was thereafter appointed as the Opposition Member to the Committee.

**4.20 CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 11 APRIL 2002 (pages 2517-2521).**

**4.21 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 12 APRIL 2002 (pages 2522-2523).**

**4.22 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 18 APRIL 2002 (pages 2524-2545)**

**REMIT FROM COMMITTEE**

**(a) AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (Item 9, page 2526)**

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that Councillor Raymond be the Elected Member representative to Leading Action for Textiles, Clothing and Footwear (LATCF) Scotland.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment that Councillor McDill be the Elected Member representative to Leading Action for Textiles, Clothing and Footwear (LATCF) Scotland.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 15 votes to 13.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION - EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL -  
WARD 31 - 18 APRIL 2002**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 April 2002 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which submitted for information, the election results in respect of the Local Government Election for Ward 31 of East Ayrshire Council held on Thursday 18 April 2002 as shown in the Appendix to these Minutes.

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

6. Following the results of the By-Election for Ward 31 held on Thursday 18 April 2002, a request had been received from the Administration that Councillor Elaine Stewart fill the undernoted vacancies:-

Community Services Committee  
 Development Services Committee (and Planning Committee)  
 Local Government Licensing Panel  
 Social Work Committee  
 Doon Valley Local Committee  
 Southern Local Planning Committee  
 Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust  
 Dalmellington and District Conservation Trust Board of Management

The Council approved the above appointments.

**EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD**

7. The Council were invited to nominate an Administration Member to the Board.  
Councillor Reeves was nominated as the Member to the Board.

**AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2000/2001**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 April 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which presented to Members the Audited Abstract of Accounts and Competitive Services Annual Report and Accounts for 2000/2001 together with the External Auditors' report on them.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hrs.

**APPENDIX****CANDIDATE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR ELECTORAL WARD 31**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Elaine Stewart	Scottish Labour Party Candidate

The total number of votes polled for each candidate were as follows:-

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
Martyn Greene	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate	39
John MacKay	Scottish National Party (SNP)	473
Murray Steele	Scottish Socialist Party	142
Elaine Stewart	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	525

There was one ballot paper rejected for the following reasons:-

- Voting for more than one candidate; and writing or mark by which voter could be identified.

The percentage poll was 44.8%

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