

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Elaine Dinwoodie 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; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Paul Whip, Financial Services Manager; Donald McVicar, Local Office and Registration Manager; Gerard Cairns, Library, Registration and Museums Manager; Adam Geary, Museums, Arts and Theatre Manager; David Hunter, Risk and Insurance Manager and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 1 (1 JANUARY TO 30 MARCH 2003)

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of absence rates and absence management for the Department of Community Services for the period 1 January to 30 March 2003 .

REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENTAL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2003/06

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the contents of the Department of Community Services' Continuous Improvement Plan 2003/06.

It was agreed to approve the contents of the Community Services' Continuous Improvement Plan 2003/06

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04

3. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval of the Capital Programme for the Community Services Department for the financial year 2003/04.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed Capital Programme for 2003/2004 for the Community Services Department; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SURPLUS GROUND - SITE OF FORMER BURNSIDE HALL, BURNSIDE, NEW CUMNOCK

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare ground at the site of the former Burnside Hall, Burnside, New Cumnock surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the site of the former Burnside Hall, Burnside, New Cumnock surplus to 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.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE - QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of an additional allocation of funding under the Scottish Executive Quality of Life Initiative and which requested the Committee to consider and approve, if acceptable, the arrangements to implement the proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals contained within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AUDIT OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of an audit of the Council's Food Law Enforcement Service by the Food Standards Agency.

DOG FOULING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of new legislation designed to deal with the problem of dog fouling.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend the appropriate amendments to the Scheme of Delegation with the Director of Community Service empowered to authorise suitable Officers to issue fixed penalty notices;
- (ii) to submit an appropriate report to each of the Local Committees; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

THE CONTROL OF SEAGULLS

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the situation regarding the problems of seagulls in this area, in comparison with other Local Authority areas, and the possible measures which may be considered for their control.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to set up a Working Group at this time to deal with the gull problem;
- (ii) to note that the Council has no resources for taking any action; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CATERING, INTERIOR DESIGN AND DISABLED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
FOR THE PALACE THEATRE, KILMARNOCK**

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for the submission of an Arts Lottery Bid to the Scottish Arts Council for a programme of works to upgrade catering facilities, interior layout and disabled access at the Palace Theatre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission of a lottery funding bid to support the developments outlined in the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report back on progress with the project; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL STRATEGY: GUIDANCE
FOR SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

10. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the publication by CoSLA and the Scottish Executive of "Implementation of the National Cultural Strategy: Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report back on progress on the development of Cultural Strategy for East Ayrshire in due course; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**PROPOSED NORTHWEST KILMARNOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
CENTRE - OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HUNTER CENTRE**

11. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the potential improvements possible at the Hunter Centre, Kilmarnock as part of the Northwest Kilmarnock Neighbourhood Services Centre and which sought approval for the submission of appropriate bids for funding to the Sports Lottery Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position regarding the potential development of the Hunter Centre as part of the Northwest Kilmarnock Neighbourhood Services Centre;
- (ii) to approve the submission of appropriate external funding bids to support this element of the project;
- (iii) to note that a further report regarding the financial support for this project will be submitted by the Director of Community Services in due course; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

12. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the difficulties being faced in providing skateboard facilities and which recommended alternative use of the available funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the insurance position regarding skateboard provision;
- (ii) not to proceed with skateboard facility provision;
- (iii) to further consider the re-distribution of the £100,000 Scottish Executive Quality of Life Funding presently allocated to a skateboarding facility, with a view to maximising the benefit for the age group concerned; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ANNANHILL GOLF COURSE

13. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of an approach made to the Council by Annanhill Golf Club to consider the Club purchasing the clubhouse and operating the golf course.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the commencement of discussions with Annanhill Golf Club; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report back on progress in due course.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

14. There was submitted a report dated 30 April 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising of proposed changes to the funding and structure of two football development schemes supported by the Council, Kilmarnock Football Club and other partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Director of Community Services to secure new partnership arrangements for football development within existing departmental budgets;
- (ii) to approve the potential requirement to host and manage the projects if necessary; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCOTTISH FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE

15. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services asking the Committee to consider the response to the consultation letter from the General Register Office for Scotland (GRO) on the establishment of a Scottish Family History Centre, its implications for the delivery of a service at a local level and to consider options available for the development of an East Ayrshire service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed response to the GRO consultation letter as outlined in the Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to continue to seek external funding sources and suitable premises.

EAST AYRSHIRE RESPONSE TO THE SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

16. There was submitted a report dated 1 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested the Committee to consider and, if applicable, adopt the proposals in the draft Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the comments attached as Appendix 1 to the report as the Council's response to the consultation paper;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to forward an appropriate reply to the Scottish Natural Heritage; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted in response of contracts as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supply & Delivery of 12 Ride-On Mowers	STM, Solihull	£110,448.00
Waste Disposal Service	Barr Ltd, Paisley	Schedule of Rates Basis

The meeting terminated at 1115 hours