

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2000 AT
1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Alan Campbell, 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, Robert Taylor 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; Barbara Haughan, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer, Children and Families; and Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian McNeil, Brian Reeves and David Macrae.

CHAIR: Provost Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

PRESENTATION BY FIREMASTER, STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE

1. The Provost welcomed Firemaster Ord, Mr Phil Robinson, Assistant Firemaster and Commander of West Command, which covered East Ayrshire, and Mrs Eileen Baird, Financial Director of Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

The Firemaster, in his presentation, gave a broad overview of the organisation and its aims. Mrs Baird then outlined the current financial commitments and resources of Strathclyde Fire Brigade and expenditure within the West Command area covering East Ayrshire. Mr Robinson provided details of the activities of the Fire Brigade within West Command and local community safety issues over the past 12 months.

Following questions from Members, the Provost thanked Firemaster Ord and his team for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF COUNCIL MEETING

2. The Council adjourned at 1050 hrs and reconvened at 1055 hrs with the same Members and Officers present and attending with the exception of Councillor Campbell who left the meeting at this point.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. There were submitted Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 19 October 2000 (circulated) which were approved as a correct record.

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

REVIEW OF THE REPAIRS SERVICE: RESULTS (Item 3.16, Page 1327, 99/02)

It was noted that the issue of providing reports on repairs on a Ward by Ward basis would be discussed at the next meeting of the Member/Officer Working Group on Housing Repairs and that a recommendation from this Group would thereafter be brought before the Housing Committee for discussion.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

4. There were submitted, for approval as correct records and approval of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted meetings, viz:-
- 4.1 **SPECIAL NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 11 OCTOBER 2000 (pages 1318-1319).**
- 4.2 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 13 OCTOBER 2000 (pages 1320-1324).**
- 4.3 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 24 OCTOBER 2000 (pages 1332-1335).**
- 4.4 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 27 OCTOBER 2000 (pages 1336-1340).**
- 4.5 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 31 OCTOBER 2000 (page 1341).**
- 4.6 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 31 OCTOBER 2000 (pages 1342-1345).**
- 4.7 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 1 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1346-1349).**
- 4.8 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 3 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1350-1351).**
- 4.9 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 7 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1352-1354).**
- 4.10 **HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 8 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1355-1363).**
- 4.11 **KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 8 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1364-1366).**
- 4.12 **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 9 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1367-1370).**
- 4.13 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 9 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1371-1374).**
- 4.14 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 10 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1375-1377).**
- 4.15 **EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 14 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1378-1388).**
- 4.16 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 14 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1389-1392).**

- 4.17 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 15 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1393-1399).**
- 4.18 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 15 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1400-1403).**
- 4.19 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 21 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1404-1408).**
- 4.20 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 24 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1409-1411).**
- 4.21 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 30 NOVEMBER 2000 (pages 1412-1434).**
- 4.21.1 REVIEW OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURES (Item 19, Page 1498, 99/02)**

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the Minutes as a correct record and the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to agree the decision making structure as detailed within the report to the Policy and Resources Committee of 30 November 2000;
- (ii) that the Council adhere to the further development of a scrutiny panel as referred to in the letter dated 30 November 2000 from the Scottish Executive which had been circulated to all Members; and
- (iii) therefore that a scrutiny Committee be implemented and appointed as soon as possible.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 15 votes to 12.

Councillor Raymond left the meeting at this point.

- 4.22 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 1 DECEMBER 2000 (pages 1435-1443).**

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2000/01

- 5.** It was agreed to appoint Councillors Darnbrough, Taylor, Farrell, Lilian MacLean and Finlay MacLean to serve on the Community Representative Forum for the development of the next three year Children's Service Plan.

ACCOUNTS 1999/2000

- 6.1 ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1999/2000 AND COMPETITIVE SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1999/2000**

There was submitted a report dated 28 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which presented to the Council the Audited Abstract of Accounts for 1999/2000 together with audited Annual Report and Accounts for Competitive Services for 1999/2000.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Chief Executive incorporate the revised figures within the Annual Report for 1999/2000; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

6.2 EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT ON 1999/2000 ACCOUNTS

There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which presented the External Auditor's report on the Audit of the Council's accounts for 1999/2000.

NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF YIPWORLD.COM (Item 5, Page 1329, 99/02)

7. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which sought four nominations from the Council to the Board of Yipworld.com.

It was agreed:

- (i) to nominate Councillors Macrae, Dinwoodie, Menzies and Faulds to the Board of Yipworld.com; and
- (ii) that the nominations be subject to confirmation of appropriate insurance being in place as detailed within paragraph 4 of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

8. Following a request for the Council to appoint an SNP Opposition Member to the Board following the resignation of Councillor Linton, it was agreed to appoint Councillor McDill to the East Ayrshire Licensing Board.

PROVOST'S CONCLUDING REMARKS

9. This being the final Council meeting of the year, the Provost offered his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Members and Officers.

The meeting terminated at 1145 hrs.

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