

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2002 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

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 Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Tim Baulk, Financial Services Manager; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Assistant; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre and Robert Taylor.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Vice-Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2002/2003 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 1, Page 2352, 99/02)**

There was submitted for information only and noted a report dated 1 February 2002 (circulated under separate cover as Item 1 of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 1 February 2002) by the Director of Finance which advised the Policy and Resources Committee of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Estimates for 2002/2003 and which recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees and which requested those Committees to note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocation for 2002/2003 and align service plans with these taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's Public Consultation Exercise.

1.2 EXCERPT FROM SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2002 (Item 1, Page 2352, 99/02)

There was submitted for information and noted an excerpt from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 1 February 2002 (circulated) which requested that the Community Services Committee note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocations for 2002/2003 and align service delivery plans with these as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 1 February 2002.

1.3 REVENUE ESTIMATES 2002/2003

There was submitted a report dated 1 February 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the allocation of resources to this Committee for 2002/2003 by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved that Members note the Resource Allocation for 2002/2003.

Councillor Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Darnbrough, moved as an amendment that Members confirm acceptance of the Resource Allocation notified by the Policy and Resources Committee and approve the distribution of this as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, there were 8 votes for the motion and 8 votes for the amendment. There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

**BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 18
NOVEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 8)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 17 January 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Community Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Services Department for the period ended 18 November 2001 (Period 8).

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3 (1 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER
2001)**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 January 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 October to 31 December 2001.

**DRONGAN MINERS' WELFARE BOWLING CLUB, MILLMANNOCH AVENUE,
DRONGAN**

4. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested the Committee to declare the land forming Drongan Miners' Welfare Bowling Club, Millmannoch Avenue, Drongan.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this item to allow clarification of the legal implications.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY: BOTHY/TOOLSHED, PLAYINGFIELDS, CROSSHOUSE,
KILMARNOCK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare the former Grounds Maintenance DSO Bothy and Toolshed, sited at the Playingfields, Crosshouse, surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the former DSO Bothy/Toolshed at the Playingfield, Crosshouse, surplus to the department's requirements;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services advise the Director of Development Services in accordance with agreed procedure; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested the Committee to adopt the Ayrshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the Ayrshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STORAGE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the legal background and issues relating to the storage and sale of fireworks and which suggested recommendations for possible improvements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work already undertaken to implement the statutory and voluntary controls on the storage and sale of fireworks;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to write to CoSLA, Local MP's and MSP's recommending the introduction of a ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public and the introduction of a licensing scheme for public fireworks displays; and
- (iii) to ask the Council to support the proposal of the Committee:-
 - (a) that the existing legislation covering the storage and sale of fireworks should be amended or new legislation promulgated to ban the open sale of fireworks to the general public; and
 - (b) that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, be amended to make public fireworks displays a mandatory licensable activity.

Councillor Eric Ross joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY SCOTLAND: AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of a recent audit of the Council's Food Law Enforcement Services undertaken by the Food Standards Agency.

QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the current situation in relation to Her Majesty The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services provides information and assistance, where possible, to external organisations wishing to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CLEANSING - VEHICLE TENDERS

10. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested the Committee to approve the acceptance of tenders for the provision of one Precinct street sweeping vehicle.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acceptance of the tender from Applied Sweepers, being the lowest bid which fully meets the award criteria at a capital cost of £48,159.00; and
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Finance to secure an appropriate operating lease over a seven year term in respect of this vehicle acquisition.

GALLEON LEISURE CENTRE - PROGRESS REPORT

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided a progress report on the Galleon Leisure Centre for the current financial year, in line with Following the Public Pound guidance issued by Audit Scotland.

OUTDOOR ACCESS UNIT

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which informed and updated the Committee on the progress of the Outdoor Access Unit.

CUMNOCK SWIMMING POOL PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided a progress report on the work of the Cumnock and District Leisure Group towards the provision of a new swimming pool in Cumnock.

INVESTMENT IN DRAMA - SOCIAL INCLUSION

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the award for funding for the establishment of 2 Drama Development Posts, for 2 years, funded by the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and the Scottish Arts Council (SAC).

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: AWARDS TO BANDS

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for financial assistance under the Awards to Bands Scheme for the Committee's consideration.

It was agreed to award £400 to Cumnock and District Pipe Band.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - DALMELLINGTON BAND

16. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a request from the Dalmellington Band towards the production of a CD of popular works.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the application to allow additional information to be sought.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 January 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 contracts as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Erection and Dismantling of Seasonal Street and Tree Lighting.	John Girvan & Son Ltd, Ayr.	£34,456.91
Burns Mall Toilet - Female Public Toilet Refurbishment.	Fullwood Holdings Ltd, T/A CT & CF Ltd, Stewarton.	£74,697.60
Supply and Delivery of two 1CU metre gritters.	Econ Engineering, Ripon.	£13,698.02

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

18. 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 ground that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT OUTDOOR AMENITIES AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT TO 18 NOVEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 8)

19. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 17 January 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Community Services which advised on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Outdoor Amenities and Leisure Management for the period ended 18 November 2001 (Period 8).

BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT REFUSE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING TO 18 NOVEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 8)

20. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 30 October 2001 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Community Services which advised on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing for the period ended 18 November 2001 (Period 8).

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.

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