

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 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, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building Control; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; John Bryson, Area Engineer, Roads; John Spooner, Business Development Manager; John Robertson, Financial Services; Karen McLeod, Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, Tommy Farrell and Julie Faulds.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

MONITORING REPORTS

1.1 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE - OCTOBER 2002

There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on unemployment levels as at October 2002 for East Ayrshire and Scotland and also for East Ayrshire Wards and Local Committee Areas.

1.2 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS: STATUS REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of companies who had received financial support under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Scheme for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 November 2002.

1.3 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3 (2002)

There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of absence rates for the Department of Development Services for the quarterly period ending 30 September 2002.

1.4 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 6)

There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 15 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Development Services Department, for the period ended 22 September 2002 (Period 6).

NEWMILNS TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE: UPDATE (Item 8, Page 1185, 99/03)

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated the Committee on the progress with the Newmilns Townscape Heritage Initiative (NTHI) and which sought support for additional funding.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress that had been made with the Newmilns Townscape Heritage Initiative; and
- (ii) to support the preparation of a further application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funders to build on the success to date.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SK87 AT LANFINE ESTATE

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the result of the formal public advertisement of the Diversion of Public Rights of Way (SK87, Lanfine Estate) Order 2002 and which sought the Committee's views on how the Council should proceed regarding the proposal.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to proceed with the promotion of the Diversion Order in its present form; and
- (ii) that the Head of Planning and Building Control investigate with Land and Forestry Management Limited and in conjunction with Community Services' Access Unit, possible alternative options for a diverted route with a view to resolving the issues detailed in the report and to report back on the options to a future meeting.

FINALISED SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

4. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services presenting for information and comment, the Finalised South Ayrshire Local Plan and to homologate the Officer response on the document already forwarded to South Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to homologate the action taken by the Head of Planning and Building Control in lodging an objection, on behalf of the Council, to the Finalised South Ayrshire Local Plan as detailed in the report.

THE AYRSHIRE WOODLANDS LOCATIONAL PREMIUM

5. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised on the Locational Premium, a new grant being offered by the Scottish Executive to encourage woodland planting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services draw the attention of the Forestry Commission to the planning implications of the Locational Premium as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) to note that a further report would be submitted to this Committee on proposals to establish an Ayrshire Woodlands Forum and a Project Co-ordinator to support the implementation of the Ayrshire Woodlands Strategy.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 6. At the request of the Chair, the Committee agreed in terms of Standing Order 19 to alter the order of business and consider the Minerals Trust Periodic Review as Item 14.

SLIMS CHANGE OF LEGAL STATUS

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the change in legal status of Strathclyde Labour Intelligence and Monitoring Service (SLIMS) and the consequent changes to the relationship between SLIMS and the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the change in status of the Strathclyde Labour Intelligence and Monitoring Service (SLIMS); and
- (ii) that the Council should become a member organisation.

JOBROTATION PROJECT

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) provided the background to the Jobrotation Project; (b) reported the outcome of the recent application to the 3rd round of the Scottish European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme 2000-2006; and (c) requested approval of a funding contribution towards the implementation of the project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the development of a Jobrotation Project within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to approve the funding contribution as detailed within the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

TIMBER TRANSPORT (Item 14, Page 2560, 99/03)

- 9. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) updated the Committee on the latest developments in relation to timber transport in Ayrshire; and (b) which sought approval to enter into a Partnering Charter with the timber industry as part of the Ayrshire Timber Transport Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Timber Transport Route Map as presented to the Committee on 7 May 2002 subject to re-designation of the U41 and U3 as "Severely Restricted";
- (ii) to enter into a Partnering Charter with the timber industry as detailed within the report, subject to detailed changes to the wording being agreed by the Director of Development Services;
- (iii) to note that the Timber Transport Group would give consideration to possible improvements in vehicle design to reduce damage to rural roads and reduce nuisance to other road users;
- (iv) to note the work of SCOTS Timber Transport Working Group to lobby the Scottish Executive for funding to mitigate the effects of timber transport on the public road network; and
- (v) to request the Director of Development Services to explore with the Forestry Commission the scope to build transport considerations explicitly into procedures for granting consents to forestry operations.

Councillors Kelly and Reid joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

ON-STREET PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (Item 6, Page 2561, 99/03)

10. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which (a) advised the Committee on the outcome of further consultations carried out during June and July 2002 on proposals for on-street parking controls in Kilmarnock; (b) sought agreement to promote Traffic Regulation Orders for the town centre on-street parking proposals; and (c) sought approval to carry out further consultations on options to assist residents parking in the surrounding areas if requested to do so by the local communities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the details of the on-street parking strategy;
- (ii) to note that reference made to consultation with "Woodstock" Community Council was in respect of Bonnyton Community Council and that the annual permit for off-street car parking was only available to taxis;
- (iii) to note the results of the public consultation as detailed in the report;
- (iv) to approve the promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed within the report; and
- (v) to undertake further consultations on options for residential parking schemes in the outer areas where there is a significant level of support following the introduction of the Traffic Order proposed for the Central Area.

**NATIONAL PILOT NETWORK OF CHILD PEDESTRIAN TRAINING SCHEMES
(Item 4, Page 2813, 99/03)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the outcome of the Council's application to

the Scottish Executive for funding to recruit a Child Pedestrian Training Co-ordinator for three years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the additional funding from the Scottish Executive to appoint a Child Pedestrian Training Co-ordinator for three years; and
- (ii) to note that further reports on the outcome of the pilot would be submitted to relevant Local Committees and the Development Services Committee in due course.

ILLEGALLY PLACED SIGNS ON THE ROAD NETWORK

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of the increasing level of signs illegally placed in and around the limits of the road network and of the actions being taken by the Head of Roads and Transportation to remedy this situation.

It was agreed to endorse the continued application by the Head of Roads and Transportation of current procedures in relation to the authorisation of roadside signs and the removal of unauthorised signs.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing of the latest trend in road casualties in East Ayrshire.

The Committee were shown a video presentation on "Cameras Cut Crashes" commissioned by the Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the latest road casualty trends in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) to note that a further report would be prepared for the Committee when further statistics became available.

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

MINERALS TRUST - PERIODIC REVIEW

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated on the activities of the Minerals Trust in relation to the Section 75 obligations placed on opencast coal operators to contribute to the Trust.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue the report for further information to the next meeting; and
- (ii) that the Director of Development Services seek clarification on the availability of the Mineral Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for public inspection.

2003/2004 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 13, Page 2283, 99/03)

15. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of the 2003/2004 programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the programme of inescapable schemes for the structural maintenance of roads and footways; and
- (ii) to note the options to be presented to the Local Committees.

M77 PROGRESS UPDATE (Item 11, Page 2445, 99/03)

16. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised on current progress on the M77 project.

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND BID 2002-2004 (Item 15, Page 2561, 99/03)

17. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the outcome of this year's application by East Ayrshire Council to the fifth and final round of the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund.

It was agreed to welcome the capital grant from the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund to assist with the implementation of Quality Bus Corridor measures and Access Measures in Cumnock as detailed within the report.

CASTLE STREET, NEWMILNS - ONE-WAY OPERATION ORDER

18. There was submitted a report dated 2 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought approval for the implementation of a One-Way Operation Order for Castle Street, Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the introduction of a One-Way Order for Castle Street as detailed within the report.

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

SITE OF FORMER WATERWORKS, BARBIESTON ROAD, DALRYMPLE

19. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the site of the former waterworks at Barbieston Road, Dalrymple.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the property surplus to Development Services' requirements; and
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Director of Development Services for disposal or re-allocation in accordance with Council procedures.

INDUSTRIAL UNIT, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK

20. There was submitted a report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the property comprising the industrial unit and associated land located at Well Road, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the property surplus to Development Services' requirements; and
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Director of Development Services for disposal in accordance with Council procedures.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

21. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted. The amounts shown are the actual costs of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees.

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Main Road, Fenwick: Relighting Phase 1	Lymburn Contractors Ltd., Dalrymple	£21,916.60
A76 Route Action Plan - Crossroads Junction Improvement	Barr Ltd., Ayr	£1,435,534.00
Gateway Treatments throughout East Ayrshire	Markon Ltd., Glenboig	£39,811.30

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

22. 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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 6)

23. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 9 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 22 September 2002 (Period 6).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO - TRADING SERVICES TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 6)

24. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 28 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services which advised

of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Vehicle Maintenance DSO - Trading Services for the period ended 28 November 2002 (Period 6).

The meeting terminated at 1150 hours.