

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2002 AT
1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabel Macrae, Jane Darnbrough, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, 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 Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Robin Baker, Treasury Services Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian McNeil, Ann Hay, Harry Wilson, Alan Campbell and John Knapp.

CHAIR: Provost Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

1. The Provost informed Members of the Council's recent success in achieving the Gold Standard within the Scotland's Health at Work Scheme (SHAW), the first Local Authority to do so.

The Provost intimated that the award was a great credit to the group of employees who had led the development of the health promotion activities, taking the Council through the earlier Bronze and Silver Award levels of the Scheme.

He further commented that the employees' commitment, together with the objectives of the SHAW Scheme itself, had enabled the Council to demonstrate a long-term commitment to improving health within the Council's workplaces and had helped develop a specific occupational health strategy for the future.

The Provost reported that one of the key objectives of the Scheme in promoting employees taking a message of good health home to their families, would have the additional benefit of improving health across East Ayrshire and in the wider community and that the employees concerned should be congratulated on their achievement.

The Provost also mentioned that the Dalmellington Area Centre had recently picked up its third UK national award in a year at the prestigious Health Service Journal Management Awards 2002 in London. A record 270 entries had been submitted for the Awards with Dalmellington being one of 42 initiatives shortlisted and the only Scottish project to reach this stage. He stated that this Award, which was presented by NHS Chief Executive Nigel Crisp, followed the Office for Public Management prize

which the Centre had won in June of this year and the "Building Better Health Care Award 2002" which the Centre had been awarded in September.

The Provost advised that the comments made by the Award judges about the Centre demonstrated the success of this approach the quote being "This is an innovative, successful model with excellent initial results. It is a one stop shop that really meets the needs of all clients. It should be replicated throughout the UK."

The Provost concluded his remarks by inviting Members to support him in congratulating all the staff involved with this project for their hard work in making this project such a success.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 24 October 2002 which were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

3. **AN EAST AYRSHIRE EMERGENCY RELIEF TRUST (Item 5, Page 2862, 99/03)**

It was noted that the three nominations from the Opposition, submitted to the Administration Section, were Councillors Reid, D Coffey and Linton.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

4. There were submitted (circulated) and approved both as correct records and in respect of the recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings, viz:-
 - 4.1 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 22 OCTOBER 2002 (pages 2849-2857).**
 - 4.2 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 25 OCTOBER 2002 (pages 2865-2868).**
 - 4.3 **KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 2002 (pages 2869-2873).**
 - 4.4 **NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 30 OCTOBER 2002 (pages 2874-2877).**
 - 4.5 **SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 1 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2878-2882).**
 - 4.6 **DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 5 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2883-2885).**
 - 4.7 **HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 6 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2886-2891).**
 - 4.8 **KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 6 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2892-2893).**
 - 4.9 **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 7 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2894-2896).**
 - 4.10 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 7 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2897-2900).**
 - 4.11 **CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 8 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2901-2903).**
 - 4.12 **EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 12 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2904-2908).**

(i) REMIT FROM COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY CENTRES (Item 2, Page 2904, 99/03)

It was agreed to appoint seven Members (five from the Administration and two from the Opposition) to the Member/Officer Group, Members being Chair of the Education Committee, Chair of the Housing Committee, Chair of the Community Services Committee and Councillors Macrae, Walsh, F MacLean and L MacLean.

4.13 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2909-2913).

4.14 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2914-2917).

4.15 KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2918-2922).

4.16 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SITTING AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE) OF 19 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2923-2924).

Councillor Ross left the meeting at this point.

4.17 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 21 NOVEMBER 2002 (page 2925).

4.18 SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 21 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2926-2930).

Councillor Ross rejoined the meeting at this point.

4.19 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 22 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2931-2934).

4.20 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 28 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2935-2952).

4.21 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 29 NOVEMBER 2002 (pages 2953-2954).

AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2001/02

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which presented to Members the Audited Abstract of Accounts and the Competitive Services Annual Report and Accounts for 2001/02 together with the External Auditor's report on these.

DRAFT EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR JANUARY TO 8 MAY 2003

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which submitted for consideration of Council, a draft East Ayrshire Council Meetings Calendar for January to 8 May 2003.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Meetings Calendar enclosed with the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

APPOINTMENT TO THE GLAISNOCK TRUST

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 November 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to consider a request received for the Council to nominate a Member as a Director to the Glaisnock Trust.

It was agreed to appoint Councillor Farrell as a Director to the Glaisnock Trust subject to the Trust ensuring that appropriate insurance was in place.

KILMARNOCK 400 WHISKY TALENTPLUS SCHEME

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which submitted to Council proposals for the establishment of a judging panel to determine, in respect of the Kilmarnock 400 Whisky Talentplus Scheme, the successful applicants and the amount of award to be made.

It was agreed:

- (i) to nominate the Provost, the Chair of the Education Committee and Councillor D Coffey to form the judging panel for the Kilmarnock 400 Whisky Talentplus Scheme, with two representatives from John Walker & Sons Ltd; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. The Council 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

PANEL OF SAFEGUARDERS/LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (Item 19, Page 2047, 99/03)

10. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which reported on the annual review of the Council's Panel of Safeguarders which considered the appropriateness of the membership level, any operational issues in respect of the Panel and the related matter of legal representatives.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the current Panel of Safeguarders and Legal Representatives as detailed in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) that, subject to there being no adverse comment from the external agencies detailed in Section 4 of the report, to appoint as new Safeguarders/Legal Representatives until 31 December 2004, those applicants detailed in Appendix II of the report and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make the necessary arrangements for appointment; and
- (iii) to note that the Depute Chief Executive/ Director of Corporate Resources would continue to review the need for any further appointments and training of Safeguarders and Legal Representatives in the light of operational requirements.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hrs.