

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2003
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Brian McNeil, Ann Hay, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Lilian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Isabel Macrae, Harry Wilson, Alex Walsh, Alan Campbell, John Knapp, 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; David Forbes, Accountant; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; David McLelland, Financial Services Manager; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Robin Baker, Treasury Services Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Iain Linton and Jane Darnbrough.

CHAIR: Provost Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

ORDER OF DEBATE AND TIME LIMIT FOR SPEECHES

1. The Provost stated that, in respect of the budget, each item would be debated separately.

It was noted that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the mover of a motion or amendment should speak for no more than 10 minutes with succeeding speakers entitled to speak for no more than 5 minutes and that the original mover shall have the right to speak for no more than 5 minutes in reply.

**GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ESTIMATES
AND COUNCIL TAX 2003/04 (Item 2, page 3074, 99/03)**

2. There was submitted excerpt from Minutes of Special Policy and Resources Committee of 12 February 2003 (except circulated) together with report for background information (circulated under separate cover of Agenda Item No 2 for the Special Policy and Resources Committee held on 12 February 2003).

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved approval of the recommendations of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 12 February 2003 as follows:-

- (i) to approve the service resource allocations for 2003/04 (including the submission of proposals to the Scottish Executive for Quality of Life initiatives) as follows:

Service	Allocation £m
Education	79.848
Social Work	36.686
Community Services	43.622
Development Services	12.174
Policy & Resources - Corporate Resources	6.211
Policy & Resources - Other	46.644
Homes & Technical Services	1.697
Quality of Life	1.169
Insurance Fund	2.224
Trading Services	(0.846)
Better Neighbourhood Services Fund	3.665
Supporting People	0.977
Debt Charges	12.545
Contingencies	0.642
Total Expenditure	247.258

- (ii) that the Band 'D' Council Tax level for 2003/04 should be set at £1,014.30;
- (iii) that the indicative Band 'D' Council Tax levels for 2004/05 and 2005/06 should be £1,064.07 and £1,116.27; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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

- (i) a proposed efficiency saving on the Corporate Development and Communication Department of 40% and the end of the publication of Headlines which would save £242,000.
- (ii) that Best Value should be an integral part of each Department in terms of good basic housekeeping and there was no need for the Best Value Unit, thus saving £100,000;
- (iii) to withdraw from CoSLA which would save £74,000;
- (iv) a proposed saving of £150,000 by utilising unallocated contingencies;
- (v) that there will be no job losses and all affected staff be offered redeployment;
- (vi) that the above efficiency savings be distributed as follows:
 - (a) an additional £50,000 for effective budget consultation and scrutiny;
 - (b) the provision of £100,000 additional funding on economic development to improve partnership working; and
 - (c) provision of £50,000 for seed funding to renovate the Burns Monument in the Kay Park; and

- (vi) utilising the remaining £334,000 to propose a Council Tax increase of 3.9%, and the Council Tax Band 'D' level set at £1,004.87.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 16 votes to 9.

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES AND
ASSOCIATED RENT LEVELS FOR 2003/04 (Item 3, Page 3075, 99/03)**

3. There was submitted an excerpt from the Minutes of the Special Policy and Resources Committee held on 12 February 2003 (excerpt circulated) together with report for background information (circulated under separate cover of Agenda Item No 3 for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 12 February 2003).

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved acceptance of the recommendations contained in the excerpt as follows:

- (i) approval of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2003/04 as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2003; and
- (ii) approval for 2003/04 of a flat-rate increase on all house rents of £1.50 per week over a 48 week period, in order to balance the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor W Coffey, seconded by Councillor F MacLean, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to set the base estimate for employee costs at the out-turn figure for the current year, ie £2,741,470 as the Administration had consistently underspent in this area and the effect of this had simply been to artificially increase the rent and to provide an artificial saving year on year;
- (ii) to set a modest target of a 20% reduction in void levels (some 160 properties) yielding £300,000 used to fund additional repairs and replacement double glazed windows;
- (iii) transfer the Repairs and Renewals Fund of £467,000 to the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (iv) that the remaining balance of £552,020 would represent a rent rise of 0.73p over a 48 week period and 0.67p over a 52 week period.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 16 votes to 10.

**THE LOCAL PROMOTION OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN 2003**

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2003 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought approval for Officers to undertake a limited local promotion exercise to publicise electoral issues in relation to the forthcoming Scottish Parliament and Local Government elections.

It was agreed:

- (i) to a limited local promotion exercise for the Scottish Parliament and Local Government elections as detailed in paragraphs 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 of the report; and
- (ii) to remit to the Chief Executive, in consultation with appropriate Officers, to prepare and distribute appropriate publicity material, copies of which would be

circulated to the political groups within East Ayrshire Council for their information.

**PARLIAMENT, SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS - ORGANISATION OF
POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

5. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which presented for approval lists of polling districts and polling places in respect of the Parliamentary Constituencies of Kilmarnock and Loudoun and Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (part).

It was agreed to approve the list of polling districts and polling places as detailed within the Appendix to this Minute for the purposes of the Parliamentary, Scottish Parliamentary, Local Government and European Elections in respect of the Parliamentary Constituencies for Kilmarnock and Loudoun and Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (part).

The meeting terminated at 1047 hrs.

PARLIAMENT, SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS**LIST OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THE KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY**

<u>POLLING DISTRICT</u>	<u>WARD</u>	<u>POLLING PLACES</u>
KL01 – Dunlop District (Whole District)	1	Dunlop Public Hall, Main Street, Dunlop
KL02 – Bowes Rigg & Stewarton Landward (Whole District)	1	Nether Robertland Primary School, Pokelly Place, Stewarton
KL03 – Nether Robertland (Whole District)	1	Nether Robertland Primary School, Pokelly Place, Stewarton
KL04 – Rigghead and Cocklebee (Whole District)	2	Lainshaw Primary School, Kilwinning Road Stewarton
KL05 – East Central Stewarton (Whole District)	2	John Knox Church Hall, Main Street, Stewarton
KL06 –Lainshaw (Whole District)	2	Lainshaw Primary School, Kilwinning Road, Stewarton
KL07 – South Landward Stewarton (Whole District)	3	Stewarton Annick Community Centre, Standalane Stewarton
KL08 – Kilmaurs District (Whole District)	3	Kilmaurs Primary School, Sunnyside, Kilmaurs

POLLING DISTRICT	WARD	POLLING PLACES
KL09 – Fenwick & Waterside District (Whole District)	4	John Fulton Hall, Fenwick
KL10 – North Kilmarnock District (Whole District)	4	St John’s Parish Church Main Hall, Wardneuk Drive, Kilmarnock
KL11 – Wardneuk (Ailsa Place – Toponthank Lane)	4	St John’s Parish Church Main Hall, Wardneuk Drive, Kilmarnock
KL12 – Knockentiber District (Whole District)	5	Knockentiber Playbarn, Knockentiber
KL13 – Crosshouse District (Whole District)	5	Crosshouse Primary School, Playingfield Road, Crosshouse
KL14 – Gatehead District (Whole District)	5	Gatehead Village Hall, Fairlie View, Gatehead
KL15 – Knockinlaw (Part) & Altonhill District (Whole District)	6	Hillhead Primary School, Kilmaurs Road, Kilmarnock
KL16 –Altonhill, Hillhead & Longpark (Whole District)	6	Longpark Community Centre, Innellan Drive, Kilmarnock
KL17 – Longpark (Part) & Hillhead District (Whole District)	6	Rosebank Old People’s Cabin, Rosebank Place, Kilmarnock
KL18 – Knockinlaw (Part) & Onthank District (Whole District)	7	Onthank Community Education Centre, Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock
KL19 – Craufurdland District (Whole District)	7	Onthank Community Education Centre, Kirkton Road,

		Kilmarnock
<u>POLLING DISTRICT</u>	<u>WARD</u>	<u>POLLING PLACES</u>
KL20 – Bonnyton District (Whole District)	8	Bonnyton Community Centre, Garrier Place, Kilmarnock
KL21 – Witchhill District (Whole District)	8	St. Joseph's Church Hall, Hill Street, Kilmarnock
KL22 – Central West District (Whole District)	8	Woodstock School, North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock
KL23 – Central East (Part) District (Whole District)	9	Woodstock School, North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock
KL24 – Loanhead District (Whole District)	9	Loanhead Primary School, Dick Road, Kilmarnock
KL25 – Piersland Park District (Whole District)	9	Loanhead Primary School, Dick Road, Kilmarnock
KL26 – Wellpark District (Whole District)	9	St. Matthews Primary School MacDonald Drive Kilmarnock
KL27 – Beansburn & Dean District (Whole District)	10	St. Joseph's Church Hall, Hill Street, Kilmarnock
KL28 – South Dean District (Whole District)	10	Silverwood Primary School, Kennedy Drive, Kilmarnock
KL29 – North New Farm Loch District (Whole District)	10	Silverwood Primary School Kennedy Drive Kilmarnock

POLLING DISTRICT	WARD	POLLING PLACES
KL30 – Kay Park (Part) & South New Farm District (Whole District)	11	New Farm Loch Community Centre 2A Fraser Walk, Kilmarnock
KL31 – Kilmarnock North East & Moscow District (Whole District)	12	Mobile Polling Unit Moscow
KL32 – Galston West & Landward North District (Whole District)	12	St Sophia's Primary School, Galston
KL33 – Crookedholm District (Whole District)	12	Crookedholm Community Centre, Grougar Road, Hurlford
KL34 – Hurlford North District (Furnace Court) (Whole District)	12	Hurlford Community Centre, Cessnock Road, Hurlford
KL35 – Newmilns West & Landward North District (Whole District)	13	Newmilns Primary School, Galston Road, Newmilns
KL36 – Gowanbank & Darvel North Landward District (Whole District)	13	Morton Hall, Main Street, Newmilns
KL37 – Newmilns East & Foulpapple (Part) District (Whole District)	13	Morton Hall, Main Street, Newmilns
KL38 – Grange District (Whole District)	14	Annanhill Primary School, Grange Terrace, Kilmarnock
KL39 – Rugby Park District (Whole District)	14	Winton Place EU Church Dundonald Road Kilmarnock
KL40 – Gargieston District (Whole District)	14	Gargieston Primary School, Dundonald road, Kilmarnock

POLLING DISTRICT	WARD	POLLING PLACES
KL41 – Central South (Part) & Holmes Village (Whole District)	15	Winton Place EU Church Hall, Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock
KL42 – Glencairn & Queens Drive District (Whole District)	15	Loanhead Primary School Dick Road Kilmarnock
KL43 – Scott Ellis District (Whole District)	15	Loanhead Primary School, Dick Road, Kilmarnock
KL44 – Riccarton & Caprington District (Whole District)	16	Riccarton Nursery Campbell Street Kilmarnock
KL45 – Bellfield West District (Whole District)	16	Bellfield Community Centre Whattriggs Road Kilmarnock
KL46 – Shortlees (Whole District)	17	Shortlees Primary School, Knockmarloch Drive, Kilmarnock
KL47 – Kirkstyle District (Whole District)	18	Kirkstyle Primary School Carron Avenue, Kilmarnock
KL48 – Bellfield East District (Whole District)	18	Bellfield Community Centre, Whattriggs Road, Kilmarnock
KL49 – Hurlford (Whole District)	19	Hurlford Community Centre, Cessnock Road, Hurlford
KL50 – Galston East (Whole District)	20	Galston Primary School, Glebe Road, Galston

POLLING DISTRICT	WARD	POLLING PLACES
KL51 – Galston East (Whole District)	20	Galston Primary School, Glebe Road, Galston
KL52 – Darvel (Whole District)	21	Darvel Town Hall, West Main Street, Darvel
KL53 – Kay Park District (Whole District)	9	St. Joseph's Church Hall Hill Street Kilmarnock

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LIST OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THE CARRICK, CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY (PART)
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

<u>POLLING DISTRICT</u>	<u>WARD</u>	<u>POLLING PLACES</u>
DV01 – Mauchline (Whole District)	22	Mauchline Primary School Loan Mauchline
DV02 – Sorn District (Whole District)	23	Sorn Primary School Main Street, Sorn
DV03 – East Mauchline & Ballochmyle District (Whole District)	23	Mauchline Primary School Loan Mauchline
DV04 – Catrine District (Whole District)	23	Catrine Nursery School Newton Street, Catrine
DV05 – Muirkirk District (Whole District)	24	Muirkirk Primary School Burns Avenue Muirkirk
DV06 – Lugar District (Whole District)	24	Logan Primary School Logangate Terrace, Logan
DV07 – Logan District (Whole District)	24	Logan Primary School Logangate Terrace, Logan
DV08 – Stair District (Whole District)	25	Stair Old School Stair
DV09 – Drongan District (Whole District)	25	Drongan Community Centre Millmannoch Avenue Drongan

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DV10 – Rankinston District (Whole District)	25	Rankinston Community Centre Rankinston
DV11 – Ochiltree and Skares District (Whole District)	26	Ochiltree Community Centre Main Street Ochiltree
DV12 – Netherthird and Craigens District (Whole District)	26	Netherthird Primary School Craigens Road, Cumnock
DV13 – Auchinleck (Whole District)	27	Auchinleck Community Centre Well Road Auchinleck
DV14 – Cumnock West (Whole District)	28	Greenmill Primary School Barrhill Road, Cumnock
DV15 – Cumnock East (Whole District)	29	Greenmill Primary School Barrhill Road Cumnock
DV16 – Dalrymple & Hollybush District (Whole District)	30	Dalrymple Day Care Centre Seath Drive Dalrymple
DV17 – Patna District (Whole District)	30	Patna Community Centre Doonside Avenue Patna
DV18 – Dalmellington & Waterside District (Whole District)	31	Dalmellington Community Centre Ayr Road Dalmellington
DV19 – Bellsbank District (Whole District)	31	Bellsbank Primary School Craiglea Crescent Dalmellington
DV20 – New Cumnock (Whole District)	32	Castle Primary School The Castle New Cumnock

POLLING DISTRICT	WARD	POLLING PLACES
DV21 – New Cumnock (Whole District)	32	Cairnhill Primary School Lanehead Terrace New Cumnock

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