

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2003  
AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Willie Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie; Church Representative John McHugh; and Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Euan Couperwhite; Head of Resource Support; Graham Short, Head of Schools; Avril Forrest, Solicitor; and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brian McNeil, Robert McDill, Julie Faulds and Eric Ross; and Church Representative Rev John Paterson.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

**RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT  
AND EXTENSION OF MAUCHLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL INCORPORATING NEW  
BUILD PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION AND INCLUDING COMMUNITY LEARNING  
PROVISION AND INTEGRATED SERVICES (Item 2.3, Page 2928, 99/03)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposals for the aforementioned schools.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved that the Education Committee agree that Mauchline Primary School be refurbished and extended to include a Pre-School centre and incorporate enhanced community learning and integrated services with a proposed date for completion of the new build of June 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment that, whilst wholly supportive of the proposals, given the need to rebuild or renovate our schools, the Council should consider alternative methods of funding these improvements, with particular reference to the "Not For Profit" Trust Model.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 11 votes to 4.

Councillor Willie Coffey joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

**RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A NEW BUILD ON THE PRESENT SITE OF GRANGE ACADEMY INCORPORATING A NEW BUILD FOR GRANGE ACADEMY, INCLUDING THE NEW GAELIC MEDIUM UNIT, THE HEARING IMPAIRMENT UNIT AND THE VISUAL IMPAIRMENT BASE/A NEW BUILD FOR ANNANHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL/A RELOCATED AND NEW BUILD PARK SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEARNING FACILITIES  
(Item 2.4, Page 2928, 99/03)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposals for the aforementioned schools.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) that a new build Grange Academy be provided on an identified site on the existing campus of Grange Academy and incorporating a new build Annanhill Primary School and new build Park School including purpose built facilities for the new Gaelic Medium Unit, the Hearing Impairment Unit and the Visual Impairment Base and Community Learning and a greater opportunity for the integration of pupils with special educational needs;
- (ii) that the existing Grange Academy building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006, subject to the satisfactory progress of the project, with pupils transferring to the new build Grange Academy in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iii) that the existing Annanhill Primary School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006, with pupils transferring to the new build Annanhill Primary School within the new build Education Centre at the present Grange Academy campus in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iv) that the existing Park School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006, with pupils transferring to the new build Park School within the new build Education Centre at the present Grange Academy in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (v) that enhanced community learning facilities be incorporated in the new build;
- (vi) to note, in terms of the Education (Publication, Consultation Etc) Scotland Regulations, the implementation of the proposal regarding the relocation of Park School would, if approved, require referral to the Scottish Executive for their consideration; and
- (vii) that the Education Committee be advised of the outcome of this referral in due course.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment that, whilst wholly supportive of the proposals, given the need to rebuild or renovate our schools, the Council should consider alternative methods of funding these improvements, with particular reference to the "Not For Profit" Trust Model.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 11 votes to 5.

**RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A NEW BUILD ON THE PRESENT SITE OF ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY INCORPORATING RATIONALISATION OF THE TWIN CAMPUS OF ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY IN KILMARNOCK AND CUMNOCK/INCORPORATING A NEW BUILD DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL INVOLVING THE AMALGAMATION OF ST COLUMBA'S AND ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS/INCLUDING NEW BUILD FOR PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION AND ENHANCED COMMUNITY LEARNING FACILITIES (Item 2.5, Page 2929, 99/03)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposals for the aforementioned schools.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) that a new build St Joseph's Academy be provided on an identified site on the existing campus at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock which would incorporate a new build denominational Primary School resulting from the amalgamation of St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary Schools, with early years facilities and enhanced community learning opportunities;
- (ii) that the existing buildings of St Joseph's Academy, at Kilmarnock and Cumnock, be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006 with pupils transferring to the new build St Joseph's Academy in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iii) that the existing St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary School buildings be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006, with pupils transferring to a new build denominational Primary School within the new build Education Centre at the present St Joseph's Academy Kilmarnock Campus in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (iv) that enhanced community learning facilities be incorporated in the new build;
- (v) to note, in terms of the Education (Publication, Consultation Etc) (Scotland) Regulations, the implementation of the proposal to close St Matthew's Primary School would, if approved, require referral to the Scottish Executive (80% rule) along with the implementation of the rationalisation of the Cumnock Campus of St Joseph's Academy because this proposal would provide alternative Secondary provision more than 10 miles from the existing school as measured by the nearest available route; and
- (vi) that the Education Committee be advised of the outcome of this referral in due course

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment:-

- (i) that consideration of this item be continued to allow further consultation on the proposals; and
- (ii) that, whilst wholly supportive of the proposals, given the need to rebuild or renovate our schools, the Council should consider alternative methods of funding these improvements, with particular reference to the "Not For Profit" Trust Model.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 7.

**RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A  
NEW BUILD NON-DENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PROVIDING QUALITY ACCOMMODATION FOR BELLFIELD PRIMARY  
SCHOOL/SHORTLEES PRIMARY SCHOOL, INCORPORATING EARLY  
YEARS PROVISION AND ENHANCED COMMUNITY LEARNING PROVISION  
AND INTEGRATED SERVICES (Item 2.2, Page 2927, 99/03)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposals for the aforementioned schools.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) that the status quo remain for Bellfield Primary School;
- (ii) that a new build Shortlees Primary School be provided on an identified site on the existing campus and incorporating a new build Shortlees Nursery School;
- (iii) to include within the development facilities for the delivery of integrated services and enhanced community learning; and
- (iv) that the existing buildings of Shortlees Primary School, Shortlees Nursery School and community learning facilities be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006, with pupils transferring to the new build Shortlees Primary School and Shortlees Nursery School in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved:-

- (i) that consideration of this item be continued to allow further consultation on the proposals; and
- (ii) that, whilst wholly supportive of the proposals, given the need to rebuild or renovate our schools, the Council should consider alternative methods of funding these improvements, with particular reference to the "Not For Profit" Trust Model.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 11 votes to 5.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

5. Having noted concerns which had been raised by UNISON regarding the development of the Council's PPP model which were detailed in reports, the Chair advised that the next stage of the process would be the preparation of a Full Business Case for submission to the Scottish Executive. As part of this process the Council would be reinforcing its commitment to retaining staff, and the Chair expressed the view that in respect of soft facilities management there was a positive argument to be developed to facilitate affected staff continuing in the employment of the Council. The Chair also stated that he was planning to take further soundings on this matter in preparation for the Outline Business Case being progressed to a Business Case for submission to the Scottish Executive.

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS GROUND AT MILMANNOCH AVENUE,  
DRONGAN**

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to declare surplus ground at Milmannoch Avenue, Drongan.

It was agreed to declare surplus the strip of ground at Milmannoch Avenue, Drongan.

The meeting terminated at 1205 hours