

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2002 AT
1100 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; John Griffith, Head of Leisure Services; Rosemary Duffy, Trainee Solicitor; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Daniel Coffey and Harry Wilson.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE LOCAL CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME

1. There was submitted a report dated 13 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Committee approval to amend the applications to the Scottish Executive for the Local Capital Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:

- (i) to transfer the Dairy Project to the Council's list for capital grant funding in 2003/04;
- (ii) to urge the Scottish Executive to consider the Dairy Project as in effect a "carry forward" and to reinstate for 2003/04 the level of grant originally allocated for 2002/03, all without prejudice to consideration for funding in 2003/04 of the two projects already prioritised and submitted by the Council for the coming year;
- (iii) to seek to enlist the support of local MSPs for this approach; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. 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 the paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act shown against each item.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL OUTCOME AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (PARA 6)

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of consent being received from the Scottish Executive to transfer funding arrangements for the Supported Tenancies Team to the Supporting People Programme and made recommendations in respect of the funding this would release in respect of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF).

It was agreed:

- (i) subject to the remaining financial package being secured, that the Better Neighbourhood Services funding previously allocated for the Supported Tenancies Team be reallocated towards the costs of acquiring and demolishing the block of shops and dwelling houses at 31-45 Amlaird Road;
- (ii) to amend the BNSF Local Outcome Agreement Implementation Schedule to reflect the proposed reallocation of funding;
- (iii) that Officers continue in their efforts to identify the additional funding which would be required;
- (iv) to note that progress would be reported to the Housing Committee in due course; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

CURRENT POSITION ON STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE SERVICE (PARA 9)

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 December 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that Inframan Ltd, the current service provider for Street Lighting Maintenance Services had gone into administration; sought authority to make contingency arrangements to maintain the street lighting repairs service; and advised of initial conclusions from the current review of options for securing robust and best value arrangements for the future maintenance of street lighting.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the Director of Development Services would monitor the operation by Inframan Ltd of the lighting maintenance contract on a day-to-day basis;
- (ii) to approve the implementation of the contingency arrangements set out in the report if Inframan Ltd went into liquidation or failed to comply with their contractual obligations and no other contractor acceptable to the Council took over the service; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

PROPOSED KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL ACADEMY (PARA 6)

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 16 December 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Development Services and of Community Services which sought authority for the Council to bid on behalf of a consortium with Kilmarnock Football Club and Kilmarnock College for funding from Sportscotland for a Football Academy to be based at Townholm, Kilmarnock; and sought further authority also to agree in

principle to the Council donating or otherwise making available land at Townholm, Kilmarnock and adjacent football pitches, presently managed by the Community Services Department shown on the plan and sketch drawing attached to the report and to a "Not for Profit Trust" to be established to operate the proposed Football Academy subject to appropriate consents from the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:

- (i) to participate in a consortium bid, as highlighted in the report, and that in the event of this being successful, receive further reports on the details of the proposal prior to any agreements being put in place; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1116 hrs.