

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2001
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell (Chair), Stephanie Young, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie; Church Representatives: John McHugh; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative Alasdair MacQueen.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Graham Short, Head of Schools; Allan MacDougall, Head of Resource Support; Robin Gourlay, Contracts Manager; Euan Couperwhite, Financial Services Manager (Educational and Social Services); Ken Hathaway, Principal Officer, Homes and Technical Services; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Margaret Meechan, Property Development Manager; Graham Kerr, Public Relations; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillors Brian McNeil, William Coffey, Iain Linton, Robert McDill and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2001/2002

1. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of recommendations for awards in respect of the allocation of Education Voluntary Sector Grant for the year 2001/2002.

The Committee made the following decisions:-

(i) **Applications Approved:-**

Organisation	Amount
Kilmarnock Community Education Team Base	£2,000
Childline Scotland	£500
Community Learning Scotland	£500
Dyslexia Scotwest	£100
Ayrshire Schools Football Association	£500
Scottish Council for Research and Education	£200
National Youth Orchestra of Scotland	£100
Cumnock Community Education Team Base	£3,000
Workers' Educational Association	£1,000
Lead Scotland	£200
Avonlea Youth Centre	£4,200

Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association	£100
East Ayrshire District Scouts	£300
The Caledonian Award	£300
Learning and Teaching Scotland	£100
Youthlink Ayrshire	£100
Irvine Valley Community Education Team Base	£1,500
SPTTE (for provision of travel passes for playschemes and other groups)	£2,000

(ii) **Applications Deferred as a result of receipt of a consortium award from the New Opportunity Fund:-**

Name of Organisation

Onthank After School Care Project;
BASICS; and
Bellfield After School Care

It was also noted that as a result of the establishment of the Consortium, a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Education Committee regarding out of school care.

(iii) **Applications Refused:-**

Name of Organisation

West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum;

(iv) **Application withdrawn from consideration:-**

Arthritis Care in Scotland

(v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2001/2002 and which sought approval to progress with the programme.

It was reported and noted that there were three amendments to the report, viz:-

<u>Report Section</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Appendix I, Minor Capital Works	Darvel Primary should read Barshare Primary.
Appendix I, Disabled Provision SEN Adaptations	Delete reference to parking bays for people with a disability at Ochiltree Community Education Centre as the works were being undertaken by the Department of Community Services.
Paragraph 4.1	conformation should read confirmation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Capital Programme for 2001/2002 as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report as amended be approved; and

- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services continue to monitor closely the Capital Programme throughout the year, reporting periodically to the Education Committee.

Councillor Weir joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATED BY THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

- 3. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the increased expenditure available from the Scottish Executive and which advised on how this finance would be spent.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the details contained in the report be approved as a basis for the use of the additional funding amounting to £3,468,907 that had been allocated by the Scottish Executive for the financial year 2001/2002;
- (ii) to note that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Education Committee regarding the various initiatives which had been resourced through the Excellence Fund; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 26 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which proposed charges for school meals for implementation from Monday 23 April 2001.

It was agreed to approve the value of a set meal for pupils and staff and the free meals equivalent values be set at £1.33 with effect from Monday 23 April 2001.

REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 13 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of proposals to review the charges for accommodation used by Community Groups for implementation by August 2001.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) to approve the revised charges detailed in Appendix 1 of the report for the Letting Policy;
- (ii) that the revised charges be implemented with effect from 12 August 2001; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor F McLean, seconded by Councillor Weir moved as an amendment to remit the report to a future meeting to allow a full re-assessment of the letting charges and the implications for commercial events and parents/community groups.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 5.

**SUPPORT FOR THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING PUBLIC PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIP PROJECT**

6. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the outcome of the recent bid submitted for costs to develop an early investigation and feasibility study into a schools Public Private Partnership Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the successful outcome of the bid to the Scottish Executive for funding amounting to £320,000 to support a feasibility study into developing Public Private Partnerships in school buildings;
- (ii) to invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the feasibility study;
- (iii) to establish a Member/Officer Working Group comprising four Elected Members; and
- (iv) to remit to the Council to determine Elected Member representation on the Member/Officer Working Group.

The meeting terminated at 1038 hours.