

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL 2002 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Ann Hay, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Stephanie Young.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair intimated that Item 13 on the Agenda (Review of Grants to Bands Scheme) had been withdrawn.

The Chair also intimated an amendment to the purpose of the report and the recommendation in respect of Item 10: Pavilion at Morton Park, Kilmaurs. The report now invited the Committee to consider the demolition of the Pavilion.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - CEMETERY LODGE, NEWMILNS

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Committee to declare the Cemetery Lodge at Newmilns surplus to requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the Cemetery Lodge at Newmilns surplus to requirements;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to advise the Director of Development Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FIRE DAMAGE - BELLFIELD PAVILION

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of significant fire damage to the Bellfield Pavilion.

CAPRINGTON GOLF COURSE

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of an approach made to the Council by Caprington Golf Club to consider the Club taking management responsibility for the course.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the continuation of discussions with Caprington Golf Club; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report back on progress in due course.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AWARD PROGRAMME: 2002/2003

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of the funding arrangements by the Scottish Executive in respect of the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme.

EXPANSION OF KERBSIDE RECYCLING

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the proposed expansion of the current kerbside recycling service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the figure shown in paragraph 4.3 of the report should be £84,156.00 and not £34,536.00;
- (ii) to note that the Council had to increase the level of material which was diverted from landfill for recycling;
- (iii) to approve the implementation of an extension to the kerbside collection of recyclable materials;
- (iv) to refer the appointment of additional employees to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in respect of the Sub-Committee's interest; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AUTOMATIC PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the possible removal of the automatic public conveniences at The Cross, Galston and Queen Street, Kilmarnock.

Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, moved that the recommendations as contained within the report be approved.

Councillor Daniel Coffey, seconded by Councillor John Weir, moved as an amendment that the report be continued for further information.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 8.

DISPOSAL OF REFRIGERATORS - PROGRESS REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of an intimation of financial assistance to allow the Council to comply with new legislation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the additional costs falling to the Department from 1 January 2002 had been recognised by the Scottish Executive and a grant of £39,802.00 had been awarded; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY: PROGRESS REPORT

9. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 March 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Community Services and of Development Services which advised and updated the Committee on a number of meetings concerning the progression of a National Waste Strategy and the intention of the SEPA West Co-ordinator to publish a draft plan for consultation.

PAVILION AT MORTON PARK, KILMAURS

10. There was submitted a report, as amended, dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the current condition of the Pavilion at Morton Park, Kilmaurs and which asked the Committee to consider its demolition.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the report to the next meeting of this Committee to allow the Local Member to discuss the matter with her constituents and relevant Officers of the Council.

CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR EAST AYRSHIRE

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the progress being made in developing a Cultural Strategy for East Ayrshire to replace the existing Leisure Strategy produced in 1997.

LOCAL OFFICE AND REGISTRATION SERVICES

12. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval for a number of changes in the delivery of Local Office and Registration Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the appointment of additional staff as outlined in the report;
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee in so far as the remit of that Sub-Committee was concerned;
- (iii) to approve the additional expenditure of £54,000.00 on Local Offices and Registration Services;
- (iv) to approve the reduced hours of opening of offices; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PILOT PARK WARDEN SCHEME

13. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the introduction of a Pilot Park Warden Scheme in Kilmarnock's larger town parks.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of the Pilot Park Warden Scheme;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Community Services to report back on the effectiveness of the Scheme; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted in respect of contracts as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Economic Appraisal - River Ayr Walkway	Land Use Consultants Ltd, Glasgow	£11,883.74
Supply and Delivery of 3 Cemetery Mowers	McNulty Mowers, Ayr	£8,477.25
Supply and Delivery of 3 Grave Excavators	SGM Industrial, Inverkeithing	£46,910.00
Supply of Playpark equipment - 3 Junior Playparks	Jupiter Play and Leisure Ltd, Muireston	£77,913.00
Supply and Delivery of 1 Mobile Library	Lex Commercials, Glasgow	£80,136.00
Supply and Delivery of 1 Citroen Berlingo Van	Arnold Clark Automobiles, Kilmarnock	£8,498.00

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT INITIATIVE

15. There was submitted a joint report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Community Services and of Educational and Social Services which advised of the recently launched Initiative for PE and Sport and outlined the implications for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the Initiative to develop PE and Sports within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to establish a planning group including key partners from Community Services, Sports Co-ordinators, Arts Links Officer and representation of Health Boards to prepare plans to take forward the Initiative in East Ayrshire;
- (iii) to advise the Committee of progress being made; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.

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