

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1000  
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Brian Reeves, Willie Coffey, Lilian MacLean, David Macrae, John Knapp, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd, Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie and Iain Harvey, Teacher Representative.

**ATTENDING:** John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Robin Gourlay, Contracts Manager; Kenneth McKinlay, Principal Quality Development Officer; Alex Fraser, Senior Administrative Officer; Robert Grant, Quality Development Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer and Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Iain Linton and Finlay MacLean.

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Lilian MacLean, to her first meeting of the Education Sub-Committee.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL CATERING - PILOT SCHEME UPDATE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of progress made in relation to the ongoing pilot scheme on Secondary School Catering.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue to support the development of the Metro concept, with a view to extending the Metro brand to Secondary Schools, as funding allows, and future development proposals were found acceptable to schools; and
- (ii) that the operation of the Metro Restaurant at Cumnock Academy continue to be monitored to avoid the build-up of queues and that Local Members be kept informed of progress.

**BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND TODAY**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the forthcoming conference on Bilingual and Immersion Education to be held in East Ayrshire in this schools session.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council host the conference on Bilingual Education; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND RECORDING TECHNOLOGY STREETSMART INITIATIVE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of a proposal to develop a pilot youth workshop on "Forming a Band" to raise awareness of the potential impact of the music business in Ayrshire as part of the SMART (School of Music and Recording Technology) project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve participation in the StreetSMART Initiative;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services report back to the Sub-Committee in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARD**

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Department's recent award from the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery within the Children and Young People Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note this innovative project targeting all educational establishments; and
- (ii) that the Sub-Committee be kept informed of future developments.

**ELECTRONIC MAIL FOR ALL TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of a high profile conference to be held in the Grand Hall on Wednesday 20 September 2000. The conference would launch East Ayrshire Schools access to electronic mail (e-mail) for all students and teachers.

**TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL SESSION 2000/2001 FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS**

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current position regarding contracts to transport children with special and/or medical needs to special, mainstream and nursery schools and to Psychological Services and the Language Unit.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements which had been made to award 100 contracts to transport 331 children with special educational and/or medical problems to educational establishments at a total cost of £537,472.00; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

### **ANTI-VANDALISM INITIATIVE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 July 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Service which sought agreement for a proposal for a scheme to reduce vandalism and litter.

It was reported that Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel had obtained a small grant to promote a positive anti-litter and vandalism project involving Primary 7 pupils in local schools. The initiative, known as "School Watch 7" would be progressed through the Community Involvement Branch of Strathclyde Police.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that schools participate in "School Watch 7";
- (ii) to note that figures on the actual cost of vandalism throughout East Ayrshire would be reported to a future meeting; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES IN EAST AYRSHIRE SCHOOLS**

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of a range of developments in European Activities comprising the award of European Funding through the Socrates Comenius Programme to Annanhill Primary School and Auchinleck Academy and their European partners and the establishment at Grange Academy of a European Enterprise Education Centre.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the initiative outlined in the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services report back to the Sub-Committee in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DRUGS EDUCATION IN EAST AYRSHIRE SCHOOLS**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress of drugs education in schools in East Ayrshire.

### **HEARTSTART**

11. There was submitted a report dated 7 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the participation of East Ayrshire Schools in the Heartstart Initiative which was an initiative co-ordinated by the British Heart Foundation to promote and develop Emergency Life Support (ELS) training.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the participation of East Ayrshire Schools in the Heartstart Scheme;
- (ii) that Heartstart be actively promoted within Schools; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**AYRSHIRE CAREERS PARTNERSHIP LTD - NOMINATION TO BOARD**

12. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which requested confirmation of a nomination for a vacant Director's post on the Ayrshire Careers Partnership Ltd.

It was agreed to appoint Fred Wildridge, Head Teacher of Doon Academy as a Director from East Ayrshire to serve on the Ayrshire Careers Partnership Board.

The meeting terminated at 1045 hours.

**AGENDA**