

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2004 AT 0930
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jim O'Neill, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Harry Wilson, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Tommy Farrell, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; David Hewet, Senior Policy Advisor (Strategy/Partnership); and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Brian Reeves.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES BUDGETARY UPDATE

- 1.1 It was reported, and noted, that the balance of the Conferences and Courses budget for the financial year 2003/2004 was £13,823.50 as at 13 January 2004.
- 1.2 It was agreed to vire £1,500 from the Conferences and Courses budget to the Civic Ceremonial budget to meet the costs of any forthcoming civic ceremonial events.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

2.1 APSE BUILDING SERVICES ANNUAL SEMINAR - 4-6 FEBRUARY 2004, PEEBLES

There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the Annual Conference of the Scottish APSE Building Services.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above Conference by one Member of the Administration, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

2.2 ALLIANCE FOR REGIONAL AID - LOBBY OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS IN BRUSSELS

There was submitted a report dated 22 December 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised that the Alliance for Regional Aid had invited the Authority to be involved in a major lobby of the European Institutions in Brussels during March 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Councillor Kelly, as East Ayrshire Council's delegate on the Coalfield Communities Campaign, attend the lobby; and

- (ii) to remit to the Senior Policy Advisor (Strategy/Partnership) to seek clarification that the draft itinerary included discussions with representatives on the Committee of Regions.

Councillors Douglas Reid and Eric Ross joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

2.3 COSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 10-12 MARCH 2004, ST ANDREW'S BAY HOTEL, ST ANDREW'S BAY, FIFE

There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of an invitation received from CoSLA to attend the CoSLA Annual Conference.

It was agreed to authorise attendance by three Members of the Administration, and one of the Opposition, namely Councillors McIntyre, Knapp, Farrell and Reid, the Council's delegates to CoSLA, subject to the availability of the individual Members.

CIVIC CEREMONIAL BUDGETARY UPDATE

- 3. It was reported, and noted, that the balance of the Civic Ceremonial budget for the financial year 2003/2004 was £1,064.36 as at 13 January 2004.

CIVIC CEREMONIAL APPLICATIONS

4.1 SORN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of a contribution of £250.00 made in terms of the delegated authority of the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Chair, to Sorn Community Council towards the cost of refreshments in respect of their event held on 28 November 2003.

4.2 LODGE CENTENARY DINNER - DARVEL

There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested that the Sub-Committee consider an application from the Lodge Darvel 971 for a contribution towards their centenary dinner to be held on Saturday 22 May 2004 at Darvel Town Hall.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request from Lodge Darvel 971 for a contribution towards their centenary celebrations of £180.00; and
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements, including Council representation, to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

4.3 GALSTON PARISH CHURCH

There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which requested that the Sub-Committee

consider an application from Galston Parish Church - Ahrensfelde Partnership for civic hospitality in respect of the visit in October 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request from Galston Parish Church for civic hospitality in respect of their event to take place in October 2004; and
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements, including Council representation, to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

4.4 INVITATION TO VISIT KULMBACH

There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of an invitation received from the Mayoress of Kulmbach inviting East Ayrshire Council to visit Kulmbach from 18-20 June 2004 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the twinning link between Kilmarnock and Kulmbach.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request from Kulmbach for representatives of East Ayrshire Council to attend the 30th anniversary from 18-20 June 2004;
- (ii) that Officers from East Ayrshire liaise with Officers from Kulmbach to discuss the proposed arrangements for the visit; and
- (iii) that a further, more detailed report, be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The meeting terminated at 0950 hours.