

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1996 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Stirling (Chair), Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, John Knapp, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, Jimmy Kelly, David Sneller, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Douglas Bulloch, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Support Unit (Margaret McManus and Anne Marie Carr); Bill Walkinshaw, Kilmarnock & Loudoun District Council.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid, Alan Campbell, Daniel Coffey and Robert McDill

CONVENERS REMARKS

The Convener took the opportunity to put on record his personal sadness and the sadness of the Council at the untimely death of Mr Bill Aitken, MBE, JP, DL. The Convener indicated to the meeting that Bill's service to the people of the area was well known:-

- Councillor and Provost of the Stewarton Town Council;
- Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council's first Chairman;
- representing Stewarton and the Irvine Valley on Strathclyde Regional Council;
- a full-time Union official of the AUEW, latterly the AEU, and
- a member of the Scottish Development Agency.

Bill had also been given the honour of the position of Depute Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran and represented the Queen on numerous occasions throughout the county over the years.

Bill was, above all, a friend to many Members of East Ayrshire Council. He was a man to be trusted and a man who tried, with all his energy and commitment to better the lives of the people of this area.

The Convener then requested that the Council convey its deepest condolences to his widow, Annie, and his family and this was agreed.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. There were submitted and adopted the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee.
 - 1.1 Finance and Property Sub-Committee of 12 October 1995.
 - 1.2 Decentralisation Sub-Committee of 20 October 1995.
 - 1.3 Publicity and Publications Sub-Committee of 7 November 1995.
 - 1.3.1 **Staff News Letter (Pg 374)**

Arising from a query by Councillor McCredie regarding the circulation to Members of the Council's Staff Newsletter, the Chief Executive advised of the particular arrangements which were in place in relation to publications and publicity and he confirmed that steps would be taken for all Members to be issued with a copy of any future Newsletters prior to their wider circulation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

2. There were submitted Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 November 1995.

It was agreed to approve the Minutes of 28 November 1995 subject to adding Councillor Cree to the sederunt.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3. There was submitted the following Minutes of Committee meetings, viz:-

Social Work Committee of 7 December 1995

Housing Committee of 12 December 1995

Education Committee of 14 December 1995

Special Policy & Resources Committee of 18 December 1995

Community Services Committee of 21 December 1995

Special Policy & Resources Committee of 8 January 1996

Development Services Committee of 9 January 1996

Commercial Operations Committee of 11 January 1996

Policy and Resources Committee of 23 January 1996

3.1 Matters arising from the foregoing Minutes.

3.1.1 Housing Committee of 12 December 1995

It was agreed to amend the sederunt and record Councillor McCredie as present at the meeting.

3.1.2 Remit from Community Services Committee of 21 December 1995 - Nuclear Free Local Authorities - Scotland - Appointment Of Members

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved that Councillors Beattie and J Smith be nominated to serve as East Ayrshire Council's representatives.

Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Brailsford moved as an amendment that Councillors McCredie and Campbell be nominated to serve as East Ayrshire Council's representatives.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 22 votes to 4.

3.1.3 Development Services Committee of 9 January 1996

Arising from a query from Councillor McCredie regarding the erection of East Ayrshire boundary signs, it was noted that the appropriate Officers would investigate if alternative materials could be used for the manufacture of boundary signs in an effort to prevent theft and also the question of possible further signage for towns and villages would be looked at in due course.

3.1.4 Policy And Resources Committee of 23 January 1996

Arising from a query from Councillor Nicoll regarding the inclusion of appendices to minutes, the Chief Executive advised that this matter had already been taken on board and that all committee minutes should be as self-explanatory as possible supplemented by appendices wherever appropriate.

3.2 Approval of Minutes

The recommendations contained in the aforementioned Minutes were otherwise approved.

SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE - CUSTOMERS COUNCIL

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 December 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services requesting the Council to consider nominating a representative to the Area Committee of the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council.

Councillor Sneller seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved that Councillor J Smith be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Area Committee of the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Brailsford moved as an amendment that Councillor McCredie be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Area Committee of the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 22 votes to 4.

It was also agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Community Services advise the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities accordingly; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services act as the Liaison Officer between the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council and East Ayrshire Council.

THE CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive recommending that the Council appoint three members to represent the Council on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

Councillor Sneller seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved that Councillors Sneller, McIntyre and Farrell be nominated to represent the Council on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor McCredie moved as an amendment that Councillor Coffey be nominated to represent the Council on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 22 votes to 4.

DRAFT EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS LIST

FOR 1 APRIL 1996 - 31 MARCH 1997

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services containing a draft meetings list and identifying issues requiring Council approval.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved:-

- (i) that with the undernoted amendments only the first cycle of meetings up to and inclusive of 16 May 1996;
- (ii) that the Council meeting scheduled for 1 April 1996 at 1000 hours be re-scheduled for 2 April 1996 at 1000 hours;
- (iii) that the Community Care Sub-Committee scheduled for 2 April 1996 at 1000 hours be re-scheduled for 1400 hours on that day;
- (iv) that the Planning Sub-Committee and the Personnel Sub-Committee scheduled for 15 and 22 April 1996 respectively at 1000 hours be re-scheduled for 1400 hours on each of those dates;
- (v) that following consultation with Chairs the Director of Support Services submit a further meetings list to the Council meeting on 2 April 1996 covering the period from 17 May 1996 to 31 March 1997;
- (vi) that dates and times of meetings of outside bodies such as the Licensing Board and Police, Fire and Passenger Transport Joint Boards etc be included in the Council's meeting list; and
- (vii) that following the current public consultation on decentralisation Local Committee meeting dates be included.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Nicoll moved as an amendment:

- (i) that full Council meetings be held after 1700 hours;
- (ii) that all meetings scheduled for 1000 hours be rescheduled for 0900 hours;
- (iii) that all meetings scheduled for 1400 hours be rescheduled for 1600 hours.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 22 votes to 4.

**COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE IT SOFTWARE LICENCES
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
CENTRAL LEDGER SYSTEMS**

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authorisation to commit £20,000 of 1996/97 revenue expenditure in respect of extensions to existing software licences, and advance purchase of additional software licences, for the implementation of a finance ledger system for East Ayrshire Council.

Having heard the Director of Support Services, it was agreed to approve an expenditure commitment of £20,000 from the 1996/97 revenue budget in respect of software licences, to enable the development and implementation of the finance ledger system for East Ayrshire Council.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours