

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 1996 AT
1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Ronald Brailsford, John Knapp, David Fulton, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross, David Sneller, George Smith, Eric Jackson; and Church Representatives, William McConnell, John McHugh and Matthew Sullivan.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing and Margaret McManus and James Lally (Support Unit).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Robert Stirling, Daniel Coffey, George Turnbull, Jimmy Carmichael and Robert Taylor.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

EDUCATION GRANTS

1. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education making recommendations on interim grant payments to voluntary organisations and community groups for 1996/97.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the recommended interim grant payments for the categories of Education Voluntary Sector and Pre-5 Voluntary Sector grants as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to note that the recommended grants are interim awards pending further consideration by Local Committees;
- (iii) that the Director of Education advise applicants of the interim awards in respect of their grant applications; and
- (iv) that the Director of Education report to a future meeting of the Education (Community) Sub-Committee with proposals for a funding formula and guidelines for remittance to Local Committees for the future allocation of grants.

AYRSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education advising of proposals for the future administration of the Ayrshire Educational Trust and seeking agreement on the nomination of five Members of the Education Committee to fill the role of Governors of the Trust.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the background to the Ayrshire Educational Trust;
- (ii) that the future administration of the Trust should be undertaken by East Ayrshire Council; and
- (iii) that Councillors Gordon McCredie, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull and Robert Taylor be nominated to serve as Governors of the Ayrshire Educational Trust.

John McHugh, Church Representative, joined the meeting during discussion of the above item prior to a decision being made.

LETTING OF SCHOOLS AND PLAYINGFIELDS

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Education recommending interim arrangements for the letting of schools and playingfields pending completion of a detailed joint review currently being conducted by the Director of Education and the Director of Community Services.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the letting of school premises and playingfields should continue in the context of the current school charges and conditions of use for the period 1 April 1996 to 30 June 1996 and for occasional summer use;
- (ii) that the Director of Education and the Director of Community Services should complete their review of letting policies, procedures and scale charges and report to a future meeting of the Education Committee with recommendations to be effective from 19 August 1996; and
- (iii) that the Director of Education should advise all current lessees of the interim arrangements for the remainder of the current session.

The meeting terminated at 1405 hours.